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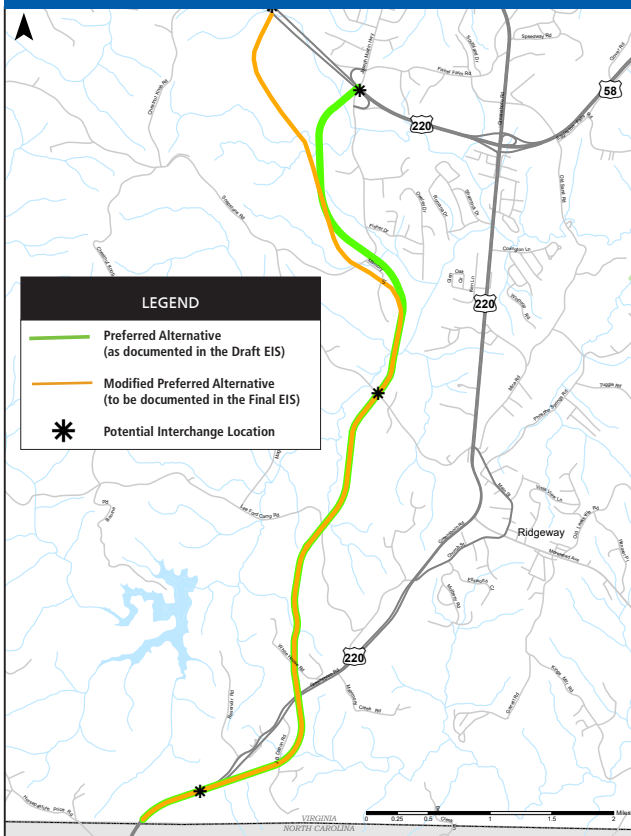
The Martinsville Southern Connector newsletter shifted to a bi-monthly distribution in March 2020.

WHAT'S NEW

VDOT Refines Preferred Alternative

In January 2020, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved Alternative C as the preferred alternative. The CTB resolution further directed VDOT to evaluate whether the preferred alternative could be refined to reduce property impacts while not increasing impacts to other resources. VDOT has modified the Preferred Alternative to be consistent with the CTB's direction. The modified preferred alternative will be fully analyzed and documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Modified Preferred Alternative



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Upcoming Study Milestones



Comment Period on Draft EIS



Final EIS



FHWA Issues Record of Decision and Water Quality Permits Obtained

Public Hearing Postponed

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing originally scheduled for March 26, 2020 was postponed. VDOT continues to coordinate with federal, state and local agencies, as well as stakeholders, to navigate the current situation. VDOT will continue to provide updates and inform the public via the newsletter, study website and social media when VDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determine a date for the public hearing or the conclusion of the public comment period.

The Draft EIS is Available Online

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) remains available for review on the study website. FHWA and VDOT have extended the comment period for the Draft EIS until further notice. VDOT will consider and respond to substantive comments, which will be included in the Final EIS to be issued in late 2020.

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COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIS



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