



Virtual Design Public Hearing

Route 311 Connector Road Pittsylvania County

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 4-6 pm

<http://www.virginia-dot.org/projects/lynchburg/route-311.asp>

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the Virtual Design Public Hearing for the Route 311 Connector Road project. The project limits are from Oak Ridge Farms Road to Berry Hill Road, an approximate length of 2.0 miles.

This virtual design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the meeting materials and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$33.5 million

Purpose – to construct a connector road extending from the existing interchange of Oak Ridge Farms Road and the Danville Expressway to tie in with Berry Hill Road

From – Oak Ridge Farms Road (Route 1260) & Danville Expressway (US 58)

To – Berry Hill Road (US 311)

Total length – 2.0 miles

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the construction of a connector road from the existing interchange of Oak Ridge Farms Road (Route 1260) and the Danville Expressway (US Route 58) west to tie in with Berry Hill Road (US 311) in Pittsylvania County.

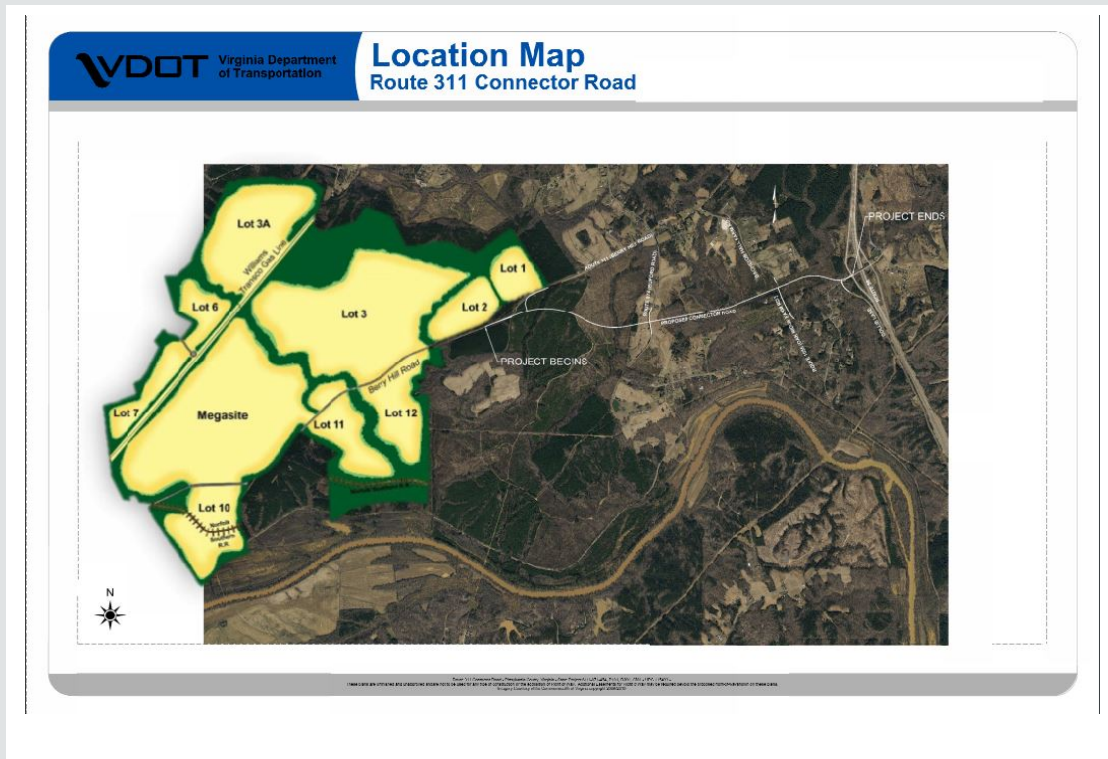
This project will improve mobility, safety, functionality and connectivity primarily along the US Route 58 Corridor, and will reduce travel times for both employees and freight associated with the developing Berry Hill Industrial Park. The Berry Hill Industrial Park, currently under development on 3,528 acres in southwestern Pittsylvania County, will be a major regional employment center and this road will help to boost economic development and streamline access to this facility.

Following extensive study, a connector road was determined to be the preferred alternative to access this facility. The Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is proposing the construction of a connector road approximately 2.0 miles in length. The project will include grading and the construction of two (2) 12 ft. lanes of paved roadway and shoulders as Phase 1 of a multi-phased project. The connector road will extend through largely undeveloped agricultural land and woodlands, zoned residential and agricultural. The connector road will replace Berry Hill Road as Route 311 along new alignment and a new T-configured intersection will result in the abandonment of a small portion of Berry Hill Road between the southern point of the connector road north to the new intersection. The Connector Road will have a minimum proposed design speed of 60 mph.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications, special provisions, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Regulations. Also, during construction every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion.

The project is anticipated to be delivered through the Design Bid Build procurement process.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$33.5 million

Preliminary Engineering:

\$3.7 million

Right of Way:

\$3.7 million

Construction:

\$26 million

All costs are approximate.

The project will be financed using state funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Lynchburg District Environmental Office has initiated environmental reviews and coordination through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity, to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development, and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

Also, in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the project's environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes; and all required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design hearing comment period – ends August 14, 2020

Adopt design – September 24, 2020

Authorize Right of Way – October 20, 2021

Advertise for Construction – September 13, 2022

Construction complete – May 2025

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the Route 311 Connector Road will require the displacement of no businesses, no families, and no non-profit organizations.

As we further develop the design of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing, on August 14, 2020, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this virtual design hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public

hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Comments can be submitted online or in writing to raina.rosado@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 311 Virtual Design Public Hearing Comments" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting, on August 14, 2020, in order to be included in the virtual design public hearing record.

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