ROUTE 58 (GILLEY AVENUE) IN BIG STONE GAP

Virtual Public Meeting Presentation

Project Manager: James Bullins, VDOT Location and Design

January 2021

Virtual Design Public Hearing in Response to Public Health

The virtual public hearing and VDOT website provides the same information as an in-person hearing:

- ✓ Project Information
- ✓ Estimated timeline
- ✓ Process for submitting comments
- ✓ Key contacts

Overview

- **Widen shoulder along approximately .25-mile of eastbound Gilley Avenue near Hamblen Street**

- **Pave and improve sight distance from Hamblen Street to Ridge Point.**
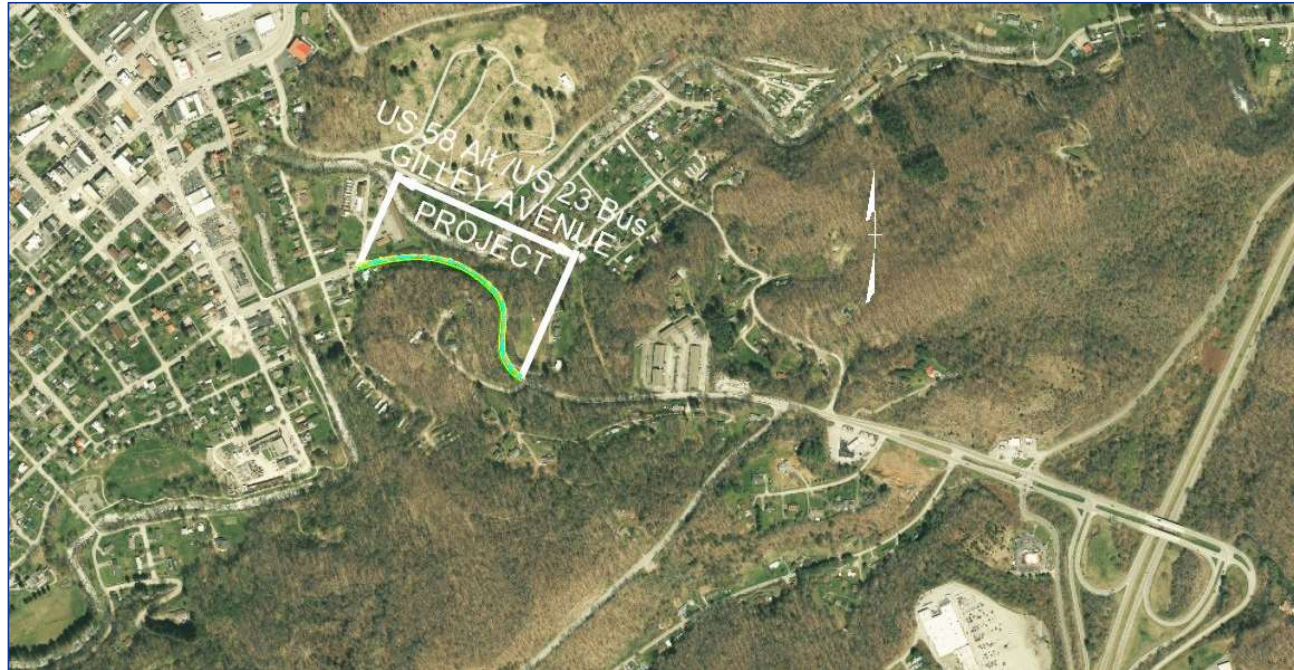
Overview

Recent crash data indicates a number of severe crashes along this section of Gilley Avenue due to the existing geometry. The project will increase shoulder width along the eastbound lanes to 8 feet, providing an area for departure/recovery.

Purpose

The Gilley Avenue project will:

- Increase shoulder width along the eastbound lane to 8 feet, with 6-feet paved for pedestrian use

- Current roadway will be planed, paved

- Increase sight distance between Hamblen Street and Ridge Point

Right of Way

- As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate construction.

- Property owners will be notified prior to construction.

- Right of way acquisition will begin Spring 2022.

- All right of way acquisitions will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation and Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended in 1987.

Right of Way

- **Approximately 3.5 acres of proposed right of way and easements**
  - **Right of way will be acquired from five properties**
  - **One utility easement**
  - **One displaced resident**

Public meeting documents available on project page

- **Project Plans**
- **Project Display**
- **Typical Sections**
- **Construction Plan Sheet**
- **Cross Sections**
- **Project Brochure**
- **Comment Sheet (PDF and online survey**
- **Meeting Advertisement**
- **Environmental Documentation**
- **Civil Rights Survey**

Funding and Estimate

Preliminary Engineering: **$215,000**

Right of Way: **$540,000**

Construction: <u>**$2,575,000**</u>

                      $3.33 million

Timeline

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January 2021
Design Public Hearing

March 2, 2021
Approved Design Public Hearing

Spring 2022 – Spring 2023
Right of Way Acquisition

Fall 2023
Begin Construction

Summer 2024
End Construction

Ongoing Communication and Public Involvement
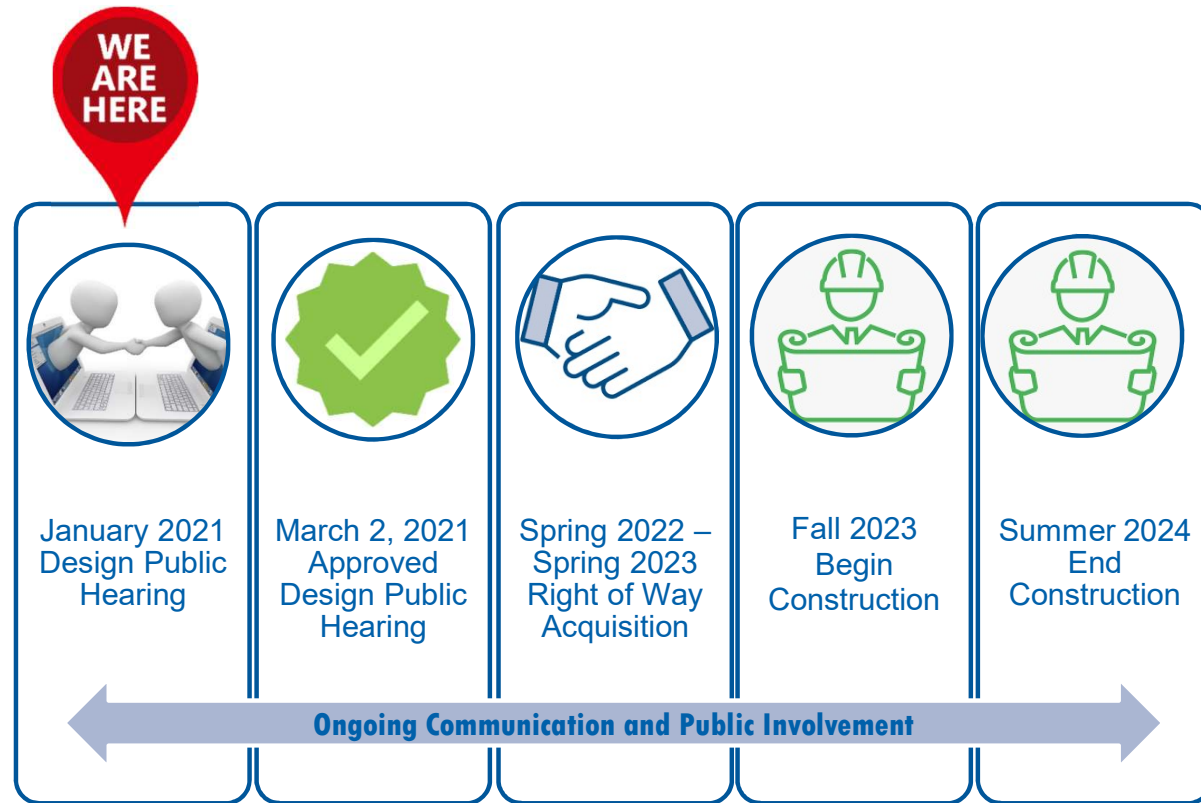
How to submit comments

Please submit your comments using any of the four methods below by
January 30, 2021.

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