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US 460/COLLEGE AVENUE Corridor Improvements Study (Tazewell County)

Thursday, October 24, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Town of Bluefield - Town Hall
112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield VA

Public Meeting

Welcome to a public information meeting to discuss proposed improvements to US 460 and College Avenue in the Town of Bluefield. This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for community members and organizations to give the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) comments and/or suggestions on the study. A second public information meeting will be held in Spring 2020 to discuss proposed improvement concepts developed based on public input and analysis.

Help shape future improvements to US 460 and College Avenue >>

Civil Rights

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Take Survey by November 20th

<https://sgiz.mobi/s3/US460CollegeAveStudy>

VDOT is seeking public input on ways to improve US 460 and College Avenue. Take a short survey to help shape future improvements.



Project Overview



Intersection: College Avenue and Bluefield College Drive



Intersection: US 460 and Commerce Drive

Phase – Study

Purpose – To enhance safety, accessibility, and travel on US 460 and College Avenue in the Town of Bluefield

Study Area – Vicinity of the US 460 and College Avenue intersections with S. College Avenue to the vicinity of US 460 and College Avenue intersections with Leatherwood Lane (*Please refer to Study Area Map*)

Anticipated Study Schedule

Summer 2019: Begin study

Fall 2019/Winter 2020: Data collection, technical analysis, Public Information Meeting #1, preliminary design concepts

Spring 2020: Public Information Meeting #2, refined design concepts, complete study

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT, in partnership with the Town of Bluefield, is studying ways to enhance safety, accessibility, and travel on US 460 and College Avenue in the Town of Bluefield.

US 460 is a four-lane divided highway that runs west-east through the Town of Bluefield. The road provides access to schools, shopping, services, and regional destinations in Virginia and West Virginia.

College Avenue is a two-lane road that provides access to Bluefield College, Lotito City Park, shopping, and other community destinations. College Avenue runs parallel to US 460.

The area currently presents transportation challenges that impact mobility for all users:

- Motorists experience travel delays due to congestion and operational issues
- Driveways are closely spaced with inadequate turn lanes
- Intersections have poor sight distances for motorists
- There are high rates of motorist collisions
- Gaps in the sidewalk network and limited crosswalks make walking and biking challenging

Environmental Review

>> This project is in the study phase. Environmental review is not being completed for the study.

Environmental Review (Future Phase for Potential Projects)

VDOT may develop projects based on the study results for further analysis. As projects are identified and designs are developed, VDOT will complete environmental review in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements. Environmental analysis for future projects will be documented in an environmental report, which would be made available to the public.

Right of Way

>> This project is in the study phase. Right of way acquisition is not being completed for the study.

Right of Way (Future Phase for Potential Projects)

VDOT may develop projects based on the study results for further analysis. As projects are identified and designs are developed, VDOT will determine right of way and easements that are needed for proposed transportation improvements. Property owners affected by a project will be notified during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction.

Get Involved

Submit your comments by **November 20, 2019**

- **Tonight:** Place in the comment box tonight
- **E-mail:** bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov
- **Mail/Delivery:** Mr. Blake Ailor, Bristol District Planner, 870 Bonham Rd, Bristol VA 24201

>> Please reference: **US 460/College Avenue Study** in your comments.

- **Survey:** Take the survey by **November 20, 2019** at <https://sgiz.mobi/s3/US460CollegeAveStudy>

Comments must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT by November 20, 2019 to be included in the public information meeting record.

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