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Give your comments through the chat feature during the hearing, via the online comment sheet on the project webpage, in writing by mail to Justin Warfield, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701 or by email to Justin.Warfield@vdot.virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **October 22, 2021** in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a

result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's District 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.

Visit the project webpage for more information: www.virginiadot.org/shelbyRCUT

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VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 29 at Route 662 Madison County Intersection Improvements

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 5-7 p.m.

A meeting link is provided on the project webpage:
www.virginiadot.org/shelbyRCUT

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's virtual design public hearing on the proposed construction of a restricted crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection on Route 29 (Seminole Trail) at Route 662 (Shelby Road) in Madison County.

This virtual 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 VDOT 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 programs affecting them.

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 – \$4.8 million

Purpose – To improve safety at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 662 in Madison County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to construct a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection on Route 29 (Seminole Trail) at Route 662 (Shelby Road) in Madison County.

The RCUT intersection differs from a conventional intersection by eliminating the left turn movement from the cross street. To accommodate this movement, the RCUT intersection requires drivers on Route 662 to turn right onto Route 29 and then make a U-turn maneuver at a one-way median opening about 900 feet past the intersection. The new U-turn crossover location improves sight lines down Route 29.

According to a recent study, the Federal Highway Administration found that RCUTs enhance safety, reducing crashes by 28 to 49 percent when compared to a stop-controlled intersection. Crash severity is reduced by 70 percent in fatal crashes and by 42 percent in crashes resulting in injury.

Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2023.

The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated in this project.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Virtual Public hearing: **October 12, 2021**

Public comment period ends: **October 22, 2021**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

Summer 2022

Project advertised for construction bids: **Summer 2023**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$4,750,000

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$900,000

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$1,050,000

Construction:

\$2,800,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Civil Rights

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

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination 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.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. 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.

Right of Way

The construction of a restricted crossing U-Turn intersection on Route 29 at Route 662 in Madison County will not require the displacement of any business, family or non-profit organization.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits 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 Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the [VDOT website](#).

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Project Design

