



Henrico County Public Works

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Bethlehem Road Improvements

Public Hearing

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Libbie Mill Library

2100 Libbie Lake East Street

Henrico, VA 23230

The Henrico County Department of Public Works welcomes you to the public hearing for the proposed Bethlehem Road Improvements Project. The purpose of this meeting is to give an opportunity for citizens or organizations to provide comments on the proposed project.

The County wants all members of the community to have the opportunity to participate in public involvement on projects affecting them. County representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. Comments can either be submitted using the form included in this handout or via [the County's website](#).

County staff will address all questions and concerns raised as a result of this public hearing.

Project Overview

The Bethlehem Road Improvements project entails 0.35 miles of improvements to Bethlehem Road from Staples Mill Road to Libbie Avenue. The proposed roadway will consist of two lanes, one in each direction with a center turn lane to provide left turn access throughout the corridor. New curb and gutter and improved drainage will be provided. In addition, a shared use path, providing access to pedestrians and bicyclists, will be constructed on the south side of the new roadway throughout the project and a sidewalk will be added along the north side. Proposed intersection improvements at Libbie Avenue include a single lane roundabout.

Current construction is being performed by Gumenick Properties. This project will tie in and match the road section and shared use path on the south side of Bethlehem Road. Gumenick's portion is scheduled for completion in August 2020.

Location:

Bethlehem Road from Staples Mill Road to Libbie Avenue

Purpose:





Right of Way

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that will be needed as the project is currently proposed. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Environmental Review

The County 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 NEPA document has been developed in cooperation with VDOT and 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, noise, etc.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the 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 the County's specifications and standard best 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 the County are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Civil Rights

Representatives from the County are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the County to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to provide comments and participate in public decisions on projects affecting them. The County ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close on August 13, 2020, following the public hearing. County representatives will review and evaluate any information received. Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at the Department of Public Works located at 4305 E. Parham Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228 or on the project webpage. Comments can also be submitted at the contact address below. However, information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to the County of Henrico by August 13, 2020, to be included in the public information meeting record.

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