



GEORGETOWN ROAD ROUTE 656 ALBEMARLE COUNTY

Project: 0656-002-254, C501

Citizen Information Meeting



Tuesday, March 28, 2006
Any time between 5 and 7 p.m.
Albemarle High School
2775 Hydraulic Road
Albemarle County, Virginia

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to provide a safer more efficient transportation corridor between two major roadways, Barracks Road and Hydraulic Road.

The corridor is well developed with an existing high volume blend of pedestrian, vehicular and bus traffic. In the past, there has been a number of separate improvements constructed consisting of turn lanes and intermittent pedestrian facilities. This project would revamp the existing facilities, add dedicated bicycle facilities and improve the overall operation of the roadway.

Three concepts are presented tonight to offer you examples of how individual design elements can be integrated together to provide a safer environment for the public, especially pedestrians.

Introduction

Albemarle County and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcome you to a Citizens' Information Meeting for proposed improvements to Georgetown Road.

The County of Albemarle, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) have all recognized the need for improvements to this roadway corridor for bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles. This meeting is the beginning of the design process for these improvements.

Interested citizens will have the opportunity to review multi-modal concepts for transportation improvements that were created with the intent to generate comments about what type of pedestrian and bicycle facilities the citizens want added along the roadway.

Representatives from the County and VDOT are present to discuss the project, answer your questions and to solicit your feedback. A comment sheet is included and your input is strongly encouraged.

Environmental Considerations

This project has been coordinated through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). Field surveys were conducted and state resource agencies contacted to obtain input regarding the potential impacts of the project to the environment. The SERP provides State environmental resource agencies an opportunity to comment on the highway improvements at the project initiation stage. A Preliminary Environmental Inventory which includes the information, views, and interests received from the resource agencies has been prepared for this project and is available for review at this meeting. In anticipation of federal funding on this project an environmental document will be prepared by VDOT and approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

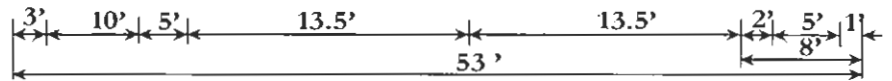
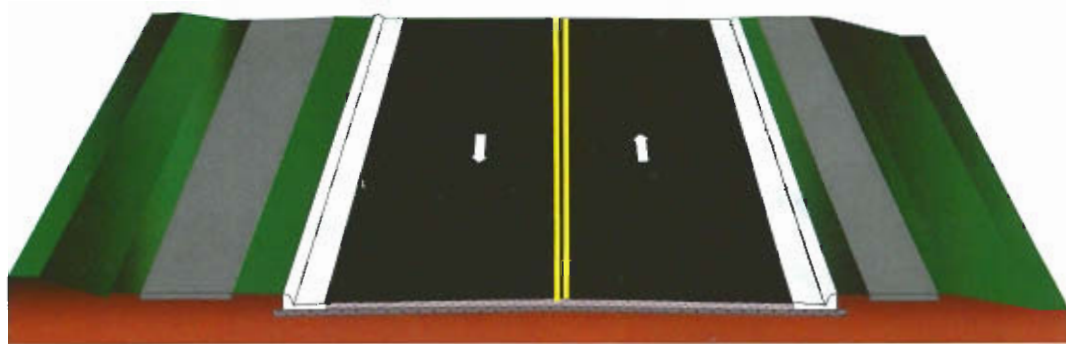
Concept Description

The following typical sections diagrams illustrate how individual design elements can be integrated together. These sections are overlaid onto the aerial views of the existing roadway posted tonight for your review.

Concept 1

2-Lane Roadway w/minimum Buffers

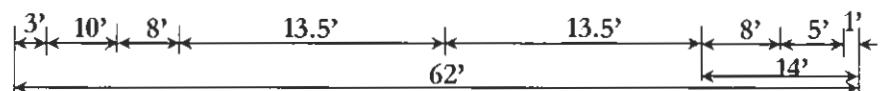
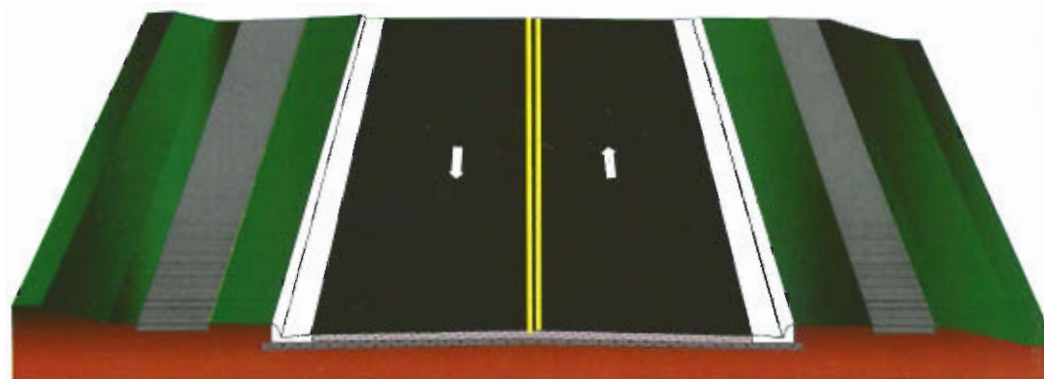
53' Wide Right of Way



Concept 2

2-Lane Roadway w/8' Buffers

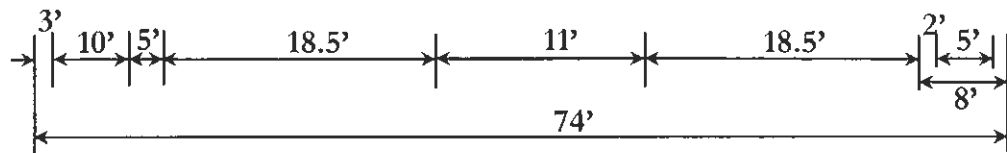
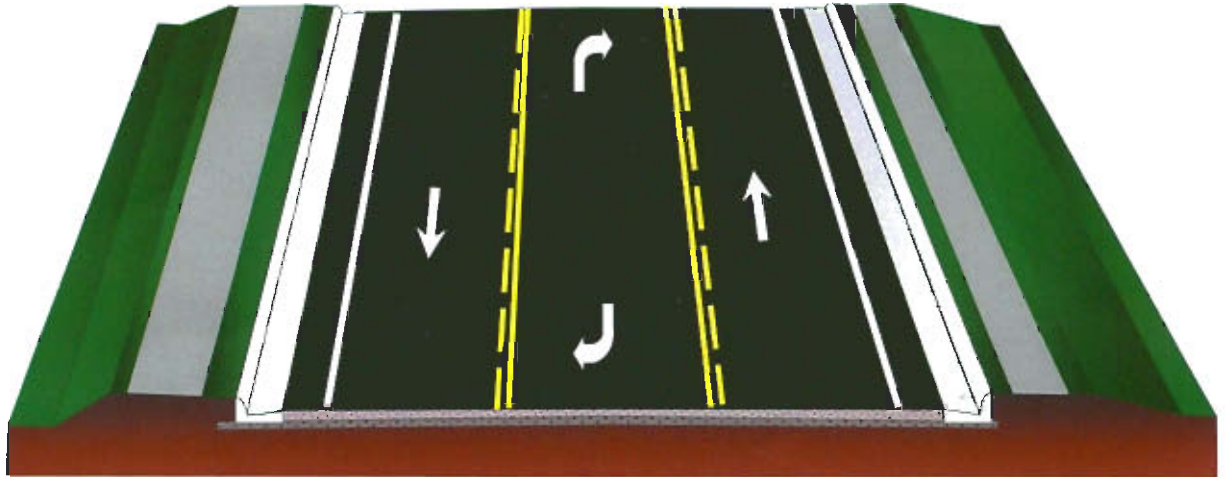
62' Wide Right of Way



Concept 3

3-Lane Roadway (center turn lane)

74' Wide Right of Way



Concept Cost Estimate (2006 Dollars) Comparison

	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept3
Preliminary engineering:	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Right of way acquisition:	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000
Utility relocations:	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Construction (w/in plan utilities):	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,900,000

What's Next

Public comments and responses from today's meeting will be reviewed and compiled. Based upon a favorable response to the project, a formal design public hearing will be scheduled after development of preliminary design plans. The results and feedback from today's meeting and future project developments will be posted to the County's webpage at:

<http://www.albemarle.org/georgetown>



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Additional Information

Your comments made as a result of this meeting, will be considered and used to further develop the preliminary design concepts. A comment sheet has been provided in this brochure to assist you in making your comments. A collection box is by the door for your convenience or they may be mailed/dropped off up to thirty days after the meeting (**April 26, 2006**) at the following address:

Mr. James Utterback, PMP
Charlottesville Resident Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
701 VDOT Way
Charlottesville Virginia

Right of Way Requirements

Questions concerning VDOT's policy of obtaining right of way should be directed to:

The costs are preliminary and assume maximum impacts before any detailed design has been performed. Additional right of way and permanent easements will be required for drainage, potential storm-water management (SWM) features and utilities. These items will be determined and presented at the formal design public hearing for this project.

Ms. F. M. Printz
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