

Location Public Hearing Report

UPC: 113323
Route: Route 632 (Fairground Road)
Project: 0632-037-R83
County: Goochland County
From: 0.076 Miles West of Route 522
To: Route 6
Public Hearing Date: September 12, 2019
Venue: Goochland County Admin. Building
1800 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
Location Public Hearing
Route 632 Fairground Rd Extension
Goochland County

UPC: 113323
Project: 0632-037-R83, P101, R201, C501
From: 0.076 Miles West of Route 522 (Sandy Hook Rd)
To: Route 6 (River Rd West)
Length: 0.2400 Miles

PURPOSE AND NEED

The primary purpose of the project is to extend Route 632 (Fairground Road) from the existing terminus at Route 522 (Sandy Hook Road) to a new intersection at Route 6 (River Road). This proposed extension will serve as the eastbound approach to the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Route 632 and Route 522. The extension will allow for future development north and south of the road and improve traffic operations along Sandy Hook Road.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Virginia Department of Transportation proposes two 11' through lanes and a 13' two-way left turn lane (striped) as a typical section along the Route 632 extension. Approaching the intersection with Route 6, the two-way left turn lane tapers down to an 11' left turn lane, and the two through lanes become 12'. The proposed typical section of Route 6 will consist of two 11' through lanes and a 12' eastbound left turn lane at the intersection with Route 632. Sidewalk (5' wide) is proposed to the east of the Route 632 extension. Four-foot buffer strips have been provided between the curb and gutter and the sidewalk along with varying side slopes (3:1 mostly with some 2:1) to tie into the existing ground. Curb and gutter is proposed on the Route 632 extension. A 2' paved shoulder is proposed on each side of Route 6 within the widening limits.

PUBLIC HEARING

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DATE September 12, 2019
TIME 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
PLACE Goochland County Administration Building
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ATTENDANCE

Twenty-four (24) citizens attended the public hearing. Citizens were provided the following information in the form of a project brochure:

- Display of the different alternative alignments and the recommended alternative. A display with the pros and cons of each alternative. This info was also on the brochure each attendee received when they signed-in.
- The construction of the project will require Right of Way from Goochland County.
- The project cost is estimated at \$500,000 for preliminary engineering, \$400,000 for right-of-way and utilities and \$2,900,000 for construction. The total estimated cost is \$3,800,000.
- The project is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2023.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

There were six (6) written comments and two (2) oral comments received at the hearing. Two (2) comments were received by e-mail. Of the ten (10) comments:

- Six (6) respondents stated that they support the recommended alignment.
- One (1) did not support having an extension unless there is a reduction of speed on all Fairground Rd to 45 mph.
- One (1) citizen provided an e-mail and oral comment that had numerous questions about bike and pedestrian safety.

The following is a summary of the comments and the project team's responses:

One (1) respondent was opposed to the extension unless there is a reduction in the speed limit to all of Fairgrounds road to 45 mph.

Response: A speed study was done in 2014 & 2017 that examined Route 632 for speed reduction. The data did not support reducing the speed along Fairground Road. No speed reduction was recommended. Another speed study is not recommended at this time.

One (1) respondent commented to include signage on the roundabout to encourage WB traffic on Route 6 to use the new road and EB traffic to continue to the existing light in front of the County Admin.

Response: There is already significant route signage proposed at the roundabout, and adding additional route finding signs for Route 6 could create confusion and distract from other signage that is critical to safely navigating the roundabout. Therefore, additional route signs for Route 6 are not recommended at this time.

One (1) respondent had concern for school track team that jogs along present pathway. They will need to cross the new roadway at a stop sign.

Response: Due to the proximity of the schools, high visibility crosswalks are proposed at this crossing location in order to provide increased conspicuity for pedestrians.

One (1) respondent suggested to combine the roundabout and extension under one contract.

Response: That is the goal; however, the projects are about a year apart since funding for the extension project came in over a year after the roundabout project.

Two (2) respondents appreciated the public meeting.

One (1) respondent suggested to involve the students if any opportunities for learning present themselves.

Response: The Public Hearings are great opportunities for the students to learn about road projects and how they are developed. VDOT will let the County know of any future opportunities that may arise. A list of all VDOT Public Meetings can be found at <https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/publicinvolvement.asp>

One (1) respondent commented that the middle and high school students will probably not follow existing walkways to access sidewalks on south side of extension. They will find the shortest path possible to the shopping areas and end up walking on the north side of the new road.

Response: Relocation of the proposed sidewalk to the north side of the proposed roadway will be considered as part of the design in order to address this concern. A significant factor that will influence whether this can be achieved is the provision of safe locations for pedestrians to cross Fairground Road Extension, as well as cost and land impacts.

One (1) respondent wanted to make sure that there is safe passage for pedestrians and possibly bicycles along the area between the high school and middle school and the YMCA, the library, parks and rec center and the shopping districts.

Response: The project limits only extend from Route 6 to approximately 400 feet west of Sandy Hook Road (Route 522). Additional sidewalks are also being provided at the adjacent roundabout project at the intersection of Sandy Hook Road and Fairground Road, which will provide sidewalk accessibility across Sandy Hook Road at that intersection.

We need to be respectful of the wetlands in the area that will be impacted by the project.

Response: The recommended alignment has the least amount of wetland impacts.

I think we need to make sure that pedestrians are safe, not just along Route 6 but along the proposed area. And crosswalks appropriate for disabled and abled-bodied persons.

Response: The crosswalks and sidewalks for this project will all be designed and constructed according to the American Disabilities Act standards, and will provide accommodation for disabled and abled-bodied persons.

One (1) respondent asked if the roundabout was large enough to accommodate current and future fire and rescue equipment as well as large commercial vehicles that traverse the area.

Response: The roundabout project is designed to accommodate current and future fire and rescue equipment, as well as large tractor-trailer trucks.

The following questions and comments were made by one respondent by e-mail:

Asked if the new intersection of Fairground Rd (extended) and Route 6 include a stop light? If the new intersection is serviced by a stop sign on Fairgrounds Road, and traffic on Route 6 is not stopped to facilitate left hand turns, are we not moving the current traffic problem at the proposed traffic circle south by 0.076 miles to the yet to be constructed intersection?

Response: The intersection of Fairground Road Extension with Route 6 (River Road) was evaluated in "Fairground Road/Sandy Hook Road Alternatives Analysis" performed by Kittelson for VDOT in June of 2017 to determine if a traffic signal would be warranted. That study determined that there is not a sufficient amount of traffic at the intersection to warrant the installation of a traffic signal. It should be noted that, in order to install a traffic signal (that may result in an increase in rear-end crashes on Route 6), federal traffic signal warrants must be met as part of VDOT policy. In this case, all four major warrants are not projected to be met at the intersection.

With regards to the second part of the question, the delay and safety problem at the current intersection of Fairground Road/Sandy Hook Road is not anticipated at the intersection of Fairground Road Extension/Route 6. This is because motorists from Fairground Road that are destined to use EB Route 6 will use the Sandy Hook Road and not the new intersection to be constructed.

Asked if the residential community located south of the proposed new intersection receive any protections from increased traffic at the single entrance to their neighborhood?

Response: There are no roadway improvements proposed for the current residential neighborhood intersection with Route 6. This intersection is located over 450 feet to the east of the new proposed intersection of Fairground Road Extension with Route 6. Therefore, the limits of the project construction will end to the west of the intersection and it will not be physically impacted.

Asked if the exit at Goochland Elementary School and Goochland Tech be facilitated with increased traffic movement at their entrance/exits?

Response: The traffic study performed in June of 2017 by Kittelson projects a significant decrease in peak hour traffic volumes on Route 6 between Sandy Hook Road and the proposed Fairground Road Extension due to the expected diversion of traffic onto Fairground Road Extension. Therefore, the elementary school and Goochland Tech are expected to see decreases in traffic at their respective driveway locations, facilitating turning movements into and out of their properties.

Asked about bike accommodations.

Response: Accommodations for bicyclists was considered as part of this project in the early stages of development. Goochland County and VDOT determined that the provision of separate bicycle accommodations on Fairground Road Extension was not appropriate for this specific project, as those facilities would not be able to be continued beyond the intersections with Route 522 or Route 6.

Asked about wetland protection.

Response: As part of the project development process, VDOT Environmental division is addressing the impacts to the streams and wetlands per state and federal requirements.

Asked why the current intersection of Route 522 and Route 6 has not been made part of the traffic flow improvement plan in the Courthouse area.

Response: Due to limited funding, improvements at this intersection were not included as part of this project and therefore pedestrian safety could not be funded and addressed at this location.

Asked why VDOT and County officials did not have open conversations with students.

Response: The Location Public Hearing held on September 12, 2019 for this project are held in order to gain public feedback from all stakeholders interested in the project, including students at the nearby schools.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

VDOT's Richmond 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 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 VDOT's specifications and standard best practices will protect the environment during construction.

ESTIMATED COST

Preliminary Engineering:	\$ 506,700
Right of Way Acquisitions:	\$ 363,917
<u>Project Construction:</u>	<u>\$2,927,383</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$3,798,000

DESIGN WAIVERS AND EXCEPTIONS

The new road design may need the following waivers:

1. A design waiver for the substandard centerline to centerline spacing between the proposed intersection and the intersection immediately south is required as per RDM F-26. The project currently has approximately 300 feet of centerline to centerline spacing, but the RDM requires a minimum of 440 feet.
2. A design waiver for the substandard lane width on Route 6 (River Road) as per GS-2. The project proposes maintaining the existing lane width of 11 feet, but the GS-2 standard requires 12 feet.
3. A design waiver for the substandard paved shoulder width on Route 6 (River Road) as per GS-2. The project proposes 2 feet paved and 8 feet graded (10 feet total), but the GS-2 standard requires 8 feet paved shoulder. Existing conditions has no paved shoulders.
4. A design waiver for maintaining existing superelevation exceeding 8% max. on Route 6 (River Road) per VDOT R&B Section 800. There are locations within the widening around the curve with existing superelevations exceeding 8% cross slopes.

ADVERTISEMENT

The project is scheduled for a construction advertisement in May 2023.

RIGHT OF WAY

The rehabilitation of this bridge will require Right of Way acquisition from Goochland County. The County plans to donate this property.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS

Approval of the recommended road alignment as presented at the public hearing without modifications.



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Public Meeting

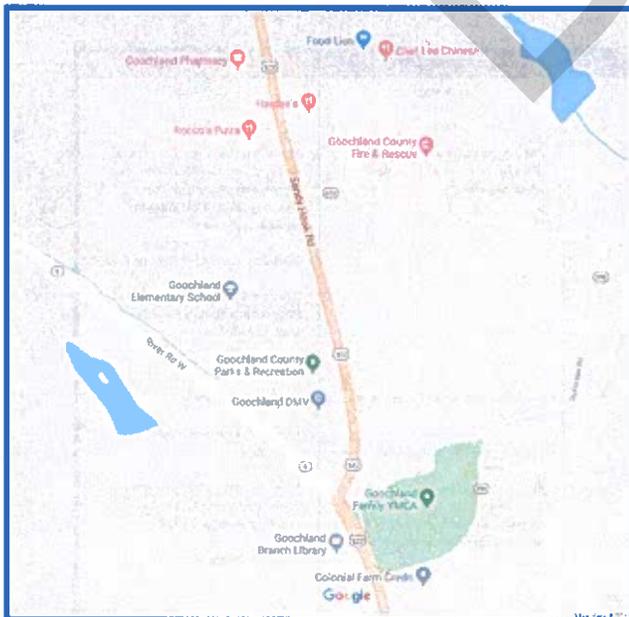
Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) location public hearing on the proposed extension of Fairground Road (Route 632) in Goochland County.

This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations 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 handouts for this meeting 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



Total Estimated Cost (Preferred Option) – \$3.8 million

Purpose – Extend Fairground Road (Route 632) from the proposed roundabout at Sandy Hook Road (Route 522) to a new intersection at River Road W. (Route 6).

Location – From 0.076 miles west of Sandy Hook Road (Route 522) to River Road W. (Route 6)

Total Length – 1,160 ft.

State Project – 0632-037-R83, P101, R201, C501;
UPC 113323

Project Description

The primary purpose of this project is to extend Fairground Road (Route 632) from the proposed roundabout at Sandy Hook Road (Route 522) to a new intersection at River Road W. (Route 6). The preferred extension (in yellow) provides more

direct access to areas north of the project, as well as greater development space to the east and south. Additionally, the preferred extension is the second lowest cost alternative compared to others pictured below and it minimizes wetland impacts.

Project Graphic

Preferred Extension (Yellow), Alternative 1 (Blue), Alternative 2 (Green) and Alternative 3 (Orange) and Cost Alternatives



	PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE 1	ALTERNATIVE 2	ALTERNATIVE 3
Cost	\$3,800,000	\$3,700,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,300,000
Length (ft.)	1,160	1,085	1,080	955
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very near lowest cost alternative • Provides more direct access to northern parcels than other alternatives • Provides greater development space on the east/south side of the Fairground Rd Extension than the other alternatives • Minimizes wetland impacts • Fairground Rd Extension Intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest cost alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairground Rd Extension Intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns new roadway further to the east/south in order to provide more developable property on the western portion of the impacted parcels/properties • Consolidates access points on River Rd • Fairground Rd Extension Intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly longer alignment • Does not consolidate access points on River Rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneconomical remnant of land remaining on east/south side of impacted parcel • Proposed new Intersection with River Rd is not at a 90-degree angle, which is not preferable • Does not consolidate access points on River Rd • Limited development opportunities due to wetland and stream features on the properties to the east of the new road alignment and north of River Rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not consolidate access points on River Rd • Slight increased cost due to excavation • Limited development opportunities due to wetland and stream features on the properties to the east of the new road alignment and north of River Rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest cost alternative • Significant increased costs due to excavation • Road widening will impact mobile home community driveway, increasing cost and lengthening schedule • Greatest wetland impacts

Estimated Project Cost - Preferred Option

Total cost:

\$3.8 million

Engineering of roadway plans:

\$500,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

\$400,000

Construction:

\$2.9 million

This cost is subject to change as design progresses.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. Concept right of way and easement information will be available at the public meeting. Additional easements not shown on plans may be required for utility relocation. The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule is proposed:

Design approval – Spring 2020

Begin right of way acquisition – Spring 2021

Begin construction – Spring 2023

Estimated completion – Winter 2023

Environmental Review

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Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to answer questions.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after this public hearing (September 22, 2019). VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Richmond District Office located at 2430 Pine Forest Drive, South Chesterfield, VA 23834.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Anthony.Haverly@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (September 22, 2019) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Contact Information

Primary Contact: Anthony Haverly, PE, PMP	Project Manager	2430 Pine Forest Dr. Colonial Heights, VA 23834	804-524-6000
Pam Rodgers, SRWA	Right of Way	2430 Pine Forest Dr. Colonial Heights, VA 23834	804-524-6321
Ferrell Solomon	Civil Rights	2430 Pine Forest Dr. Colonial Heights, VA 23834	804-524-6091
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Public Hearing: Fairground Road (Route 632) Extension, Goochland County

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Richmond District

Name	Affiliation	Address / Email
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| 1 Patricia Folk | Resident | |
| 2 Erica Jeter | VDOT Environmental | Richmond District |
| 3 E. G. T. - O. K. i. | Planning | |
| 4 Bill Cleveland | Resident | Sandy Hook, VA |
| 5 FERRIS/SONO | VDOT | Richmond Dist. |
| 6 Katherine Aldon | Resident | Maidens, VA |
| 7 Louis Aldon | Resident | Maidens, VA |
| 8 Linda Weistoffer | Resident | Maidens VA |
| 9 Tom DeWeerd | Resident | Maidens, VA |
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Richmond District

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5 TORD KILDUFF	GOOCHLAND COUNTY	TKILDUFF@goochlandva.us
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7 HOWARD KALMAN	RESIDENT	HKALMAN@HUGHES.NET
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Richmond District

	Name	Affiliation	Address / Email
1	Judy Thompson	Goochland residents	3370 North Rd, Sandy Hook, 23153
2	John Lumpkins	Goochland BOS	3282 Eysberg Lane 23063
3	Brennan Collier	ATCS + Resident	3085 ROCKCRESS Lane bcollier@atcspic.com SANDY HOOK VA 23153
4	Quellon Smith	Teacher Va	2280 Eysberg Rd. Sandy Hook Va
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LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING

Fairground Road (Route 632) Extension Goochland County

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Goochland County Administration Building
1800 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063

COMMENT SHEET

State Project: 0632-037-R83, P101, R201, C501
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Name (optional): Kathleen Kimmel

Address:

1. Does the project meet the needs for this area?

yes

2. Are there any specific proposed features of this project that you do or do not favor? What are they? Why?

3. Do you agree with selection of the preferred alternative?

yes

4. Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions? If not, were you offered further assistance?

yes

5. Do you believe this meeting helped you understand the project better? What other information would you like to see, if any?

yes

4. How did you hear about this meeting? Newspaper ___ Direct Mail ___ VDOT roadway signs ___ Social media
Other

5. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.

include signage on the roundabout to encourage WB traffic on Hwy 6 to use the new road and EB traffic to continue to the existing light in front of the county admin.

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or mail your comments within 10 days (postmarked by September 22, 2019) to the addressee on the reverse side.



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Name (optional): **HOWARD KALLMAN**

Address: **1987 HASKIN RD. GOOCHLAND 23063**

1. Does the project meet the needs for this area?

YES

2. Are there any specific proposed features of this project that you do or do not favor? What are they? Why?

CONCERN FOR SCHOOL TRACK TEAM THAT JOGS ALONG PRESENT PATHWAY. THEY WILL

3. Do you agree with selection of the preferred alternative?

NEED TO CROSS THE NEW ROADWAY AT A STOP SIGN.

YES

4. Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions? If not, were you offered further assistance?

YES

5. Do you believe this meeting helped you understand the project better? What other information would you like to see, if any?

GOOD PRESENTATION

4. How did you hear about this meeting? Newspaper ___ Direct Mail ___ VDOT roadway signs ___ Social media
Other

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SUGGESTION COMBINING ROUND-A-BOUT & EXTENSION UNDER ONE CONTRACT.

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Name (optional): *Karen Horn*
 Address: *PO Box 4 Goochland, VA 23063*

- Does the project meet the needs for this area? *Yes - in combination w/ traffic circle*
- Are there any specific proposed features of this project that you do or do not favor? What are they? Why?
I appreciate the impact on people (trailer homes) was considered.
- Do you agree with selection of the preferred alternative? *Yes - it appears that many people and depts have been consulted.* *path*
- Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions? If not, were you offered further assistance?
Yes - Very informative.
- Do you believe this meeting helped you understand the project better? What other information would you like to see, if any?
Yes - Please involve our students if any opportunities for learning present themselves!
- How did you hear about this meeting? Newspaper Direct Mail VDOT roadway signs Social media
 Other *Board of Supervisors meeting*
- Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.
Stay in touch with the community.

Thank you!

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Name (optional): *Brennan Collier*
 Address: *3085 Rock Cress Lane Sandy Hook 23153*

1. Does the project meet the needs for this area?
Yes.
2. Are there any specific proposed features of this project that you do or do not favor? What are they? Why?
I'm in favor of the project and look forward to it being built.
3. Do you agree with selection of the preferred alternative?
Yes
4. Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions? If not, were you offered further assistance?
Yes
5. Do you believe this meeting helped you understand the project better? What other information would you like to see, if any?
Yes
4. How did you hear about this meeting? Newspaper Direct Mail VDOT roadway signs Social media
Other *word of mouth*
5. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.
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Middle + High school students will probably not follow existing walkways to access sidewalks on south side of extension, they will find the shortest path possible to the shopping area + end up walking on the north side of the new road.

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Name (optional):

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1. Does the project meet the needs for this area? *yes*
2. Are there any specific proposed features of this project that you do or do not favor? What are they? Why? *none*
3. Do you agree with selection of the preferred alternative? *yes*
4. Were VDOT representatives able to answer your questions? If not, were you offered further assistance? *yes*
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IN RE: LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING
HEARD BEFORE: ANTHONY HAVERLY, PE, PMP
PROJECT MANAGER

IN RE: FAIRGROUND ROAD (ROUTE 632) EXTENSION,
GOOCHLAND COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

GOOCHLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1800 SANDY HOOK ROAD
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5:00 P.M.

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1 (The location public hearing commenced at
2 5:00 p.m. 22 members of the community signed in and
3 oral comment was given as follows:)

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5 MR. DEWEERD: It's Tom Deweerd,
6 D-E, capital W-E-E-R-E. 1837 Blackwood
7 Drive, Maidens, Virginia 23102. I really
8 like the roundabout idea. I think that's
9 going to make life a lot easier coming off
10 Fairground Road.

11 And the alternative, too, that
12 they described seems to be the safest. And
13 so I would support the safest road that they
14 can have. And I'm very supportive of the
15 plan.

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17 MS. THOMPSON: Judy Thompson, 3370
18 Forest Road, Sandy Hook, 23153. My main
19 concerns are maintaining a community in
20 Goochland with the advent of a large
21 thoroughfare cutting it in half.

22 I would like to make sure that
23 there is safe passage for pedestrians and
24 possibly bicycles along the area between the
25 high school and middle school and the YMCA,

1 the library, parks and rec center and the
2 shopping districts. I also think we need to
3 be respectful of the wetlands in the area
4 that will be impacted by the project.

5 I think we need to make sure
6 that pedestrians are safe, not just along
7 Route 6 but along the proposed area. And
8 crosswalks appropriate for disabled and
9 abled-bodied persons.

10 What else do I have here? The
11 relocation of vehicular traffic for existing
12 businesses is warranted and will be a
13 welcome relief for traffic morning and
14 evenings.

15 And I wanted to be sure that
16 the roundabout was indeed large enough to
17 accommodate current and future fire and
18 rescue equipment as well as large commercial
19 vehicles that traverse the area. I think
20 that's it.

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22 (The location public hearing concluded at
23 7:00 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE OF THE COURT REPORTER

I, Debroah Carter, hereby certify that I was the Court Reporter at the LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING regarding FAIRGROUND ROAD (ROUTE 632) EXTENSION, GOOCHLAND COUNTY, heard in Goochland, Virginia, on September 12th, 2019, at the time of the location public hearing herein.

I further certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the testimony and other incidents of the location public hearing herein.

Given under my hand this 12th of September, 2019.



Debroah Carter, CMRS, CCR
Virginia Certified
Court Reporter

My certification expires June 30, 2020.



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Fairgrounds road extension

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Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 7:21 AM

Mr. Haverly

I would like to state my opposition to any extension unless there is a reduction in the speed limit to all of Fairgrounds road to 45 mph. I live in the Somerset subdivision at the opposite end of Fairgrounds where the speed limit is 55 mph. The turn lane heading down fairgrounds from 250 is too narrow to support 55 mph traffic. Many days I am concerned about entering my neighborhood due to cars/trucks behind me when traffic meets me heading to 250. The speed is excessive in this area and there are 3 existing subdivisions and 2 new ones in the 55 mph zones. With school bus traffic this is really becoming a critical issue. Poultry and log trucks use this route as a cut through from 64 to route 6 and a traffic study needs to be put into place for the areas affected at the 55 mph zones. With the proposed extension this will encourage even more traffic to use this route instead of traveling through the town of Goochland. Either limit the speed and request Goochland County enforce/patrol for speeders, or limit truck traffic. This road is too narrow in some spots to allow for the speed. There are no safety zones for the amount of cars that use this road at that rate of speed.

Please advise how we can petition VDOT to do a traffic study from 250 to the current 45 mph area of Fairgrounds, to see if a reduction in the speed limit is needed.

Thanks

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Comments: Fairground Road Extension, Goochland County

1 message

Judy Thompson <thompsonjudy5@gmail.com>
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Sun, Sep 22, 2019 at 12:23 AM

Dear Mr. Haverly,

Thank you for accepting comments and concerns regarding the Fairground Road, Route 632, Extension in Goochland County.

I have resided in Goochland County for more than 20 years and witnessed many changes. I have been a frequent visitor the area of proposed improvements most school days and many weekend days for 20 years. My oldest child attended Goochland High School the year it opened in its current location. I have had a child in attendance at Goochland Elementary, Middle and High Schools since, affording me the opportunity to spend many hours walking and driving in the proposed construction area. My children have run cross country during their high school years, traveling Route 6 many miles and hours without adequate pedestrian access or safety accommodations along Route 6 until recently, and at the intersection of Route 6 and Route 522.

I have multiple questions concerning this project even after extended discussion with VDOT and Goochland County Staff hosting the Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

The intersection of Fairground Road and Route 522 undoubtedly needs to be improved. I understand the safety and efficiencies that a traffic circle affords this intersection. Upon further reflection I am not fully understanding the gains our community will see with the proposed extension of Fairground Road to Route 6.

1. Will the new intersection of Fairgrounds Road (extended) and Route 6 include a stop light? If the new intersection is serviced by a stop sign on Fairgrounds Road, and traffic on Route 6 is not stopped to facilitate left hand turns, are we not moving the current traffic problem at the proposed traffic circle south by 0.076 miles to the yet to be constructed intersection?

2. Will the residential community located south of the proposed new intersection receive any protections from increased traffic at the single entrance to their neighborhood?

3. How will entrance and exit at Goochland Elementary School and Goochland Tech be facilitated with increased traffic movement at their entrance/exits? I understand these facilities may move in the future; we need to ensure safe and efficient service to these facilities in their current capacities.

After viewing all proposed options for the extension of Fairground Road, several features struck me as consistent.

1. Sidewalks are located on the east side of the extension. This is not the side of the road where the majority of potential pedestrians are located. With the location of the Middle and High School complex on the west side of the extension, the majority of potential pedestrians are on the west side of the extension.

2. The proposed track of sidewalk following traditional edge-of-road location along the extension does not appear to be located in a natural use pattern for the targeted audience, currently Middle and High School students. People of all ages will routinely find and follow the shortest route from point A to Point B. With this pattern of behavior, students will likely intersect the extension between Route 522 and Route 6, not at the new intersection, and will need a safe way to cross the extension to reach the sidewalk on the far (east) side of the road. These same young pedestrians will then be expected to cross the extension again at the traffic circle in order to access businesses on the east side of Route 522. I understand looking forward 20 years to accommodate business development in the area to construct sidewalk suited to individual business desires on the west side of the extension, but I do not understand not servicing the current population that will be using the sidewalks today and for the next 20 years as development emerges.

3. The lack of accommodation for bicycle traffic as an area is improved for a 20 year life is amazing. By extending Fairground Road to the entrance of a neighborhood on the south side of Route 6, bicycle transportation to and from businesses in the area would be a logical movement pattern for these residents. By installing curb and gutter sides to the extension, bicycle safety is severely compromised. I understand further residential development in the courthouse area has been proposed, thus the potential for bicycle travel in the Courthouse area will grow.

The three above proposed features leave me questioning the proposed project's goals for resident use and continuity of community. Development in our county seat should encourage inclusion and interaction. By excluding bicycle accommodation, the proposed extension and related improvements nearly demand the use of a motor vehicle to traverse

our small Goochland Courthouse center of community. By not locating sidewalks where pedestrians are most likely to intersect the proposed road extension, de facto pedestrian patterns will likely be established, not necessarily in the safest location.

Lastly, the wetlands located in the proposed extension path are an area gem. The environmental importance of the wetlands should not be underestimated. The area also affords students at three schools the opportunity to walk to a unique environmental area for exploration and deeper understanding of natural processes. Please ensure the smallest inhabitants of this precious area are respected and preserved.

In addition to the above concerns, I wonder why the current intersection of Route 522 and Route 6 has not been made part of the traffic flow improvement plan in the Courthouse area. Pedestrian safety at this intersection is abysmal. To many residents there does not appear to be continuity in planning improvements for overall movement --motor vehicle, man powered vehicle, and pedestrian in the Route 522/Fairground Road/Route 6 area. Construction of the Fairground Road extension fails to service current areas in need of safety improvements.

My high school senior and I just discussed my letter above. He is amazed that construction with a 20 year life does not include bicycle safety as a priority given the proposed and imminent residential development in the area. He is also confused why pedestrian safety at the intersection of Route 6 and Route 522 is not prioritized over an extension of Fairground Road for future economic development. He noted that walking from school to the library and YMCA is a dangerous endeavor. He confirms that cross country runners still routinely cross said intersection daily. My son confirmed that students were not likely to traverse the proposed sidewalk configuration when exiting school. His last question for me was why did VDOT and County officials not have open conversations with students to learn their specific concerns about development in an area they know well and use daily. I thought his insights were well thought out and valuable.

Thank you for considering my questions and comments.

Judy Thompson
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