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Design Public Hearing

Intersection Improvements:

Route 17 Business (Main Street) & TC Walker Road

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Route 17 Business (Main Street) & Sutton Road

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 5 – 7 p.m.

Gloucester County Public Library, Main Street Branch

6920 Main Street

Gloucester, VA 23061

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on projects seeking to improve safety at two intersections on Route 17B in Gloucester County. Improvements would be made to the Route 17B and TC Walker Road Intersection and to the Route 17B and Sutton Road Intersection

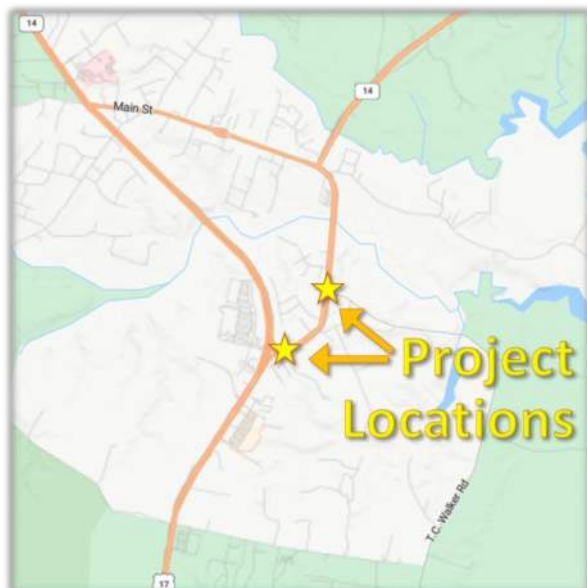
This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for members of the public or organizations to learn more about the proposed project and provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation

projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be available for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties. Concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be evaluated by staff prior to consideration for approval of the project by the VDOT Fredericksburg District project development engineer.

Project Overview



Cost – \$4 million (estimated total)

Purpose – Improve safety at two intersections on Route 17B

Improvements – Construct a dedicated right turn lane at Route 17B and TC Walker Road. Modify access at Route 17B and Sutton Road; construct new directional crossover with left turn lane north of Sutton Road intersection.

State Project: 0017-036-645 Federal Project: NHPP-5111(423) UPC: 120645
State Project: 0017-036-616 Federal Project: TAP-036-6(026) UPC: 113412

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project at **Route 17B and Sutton Road** would:

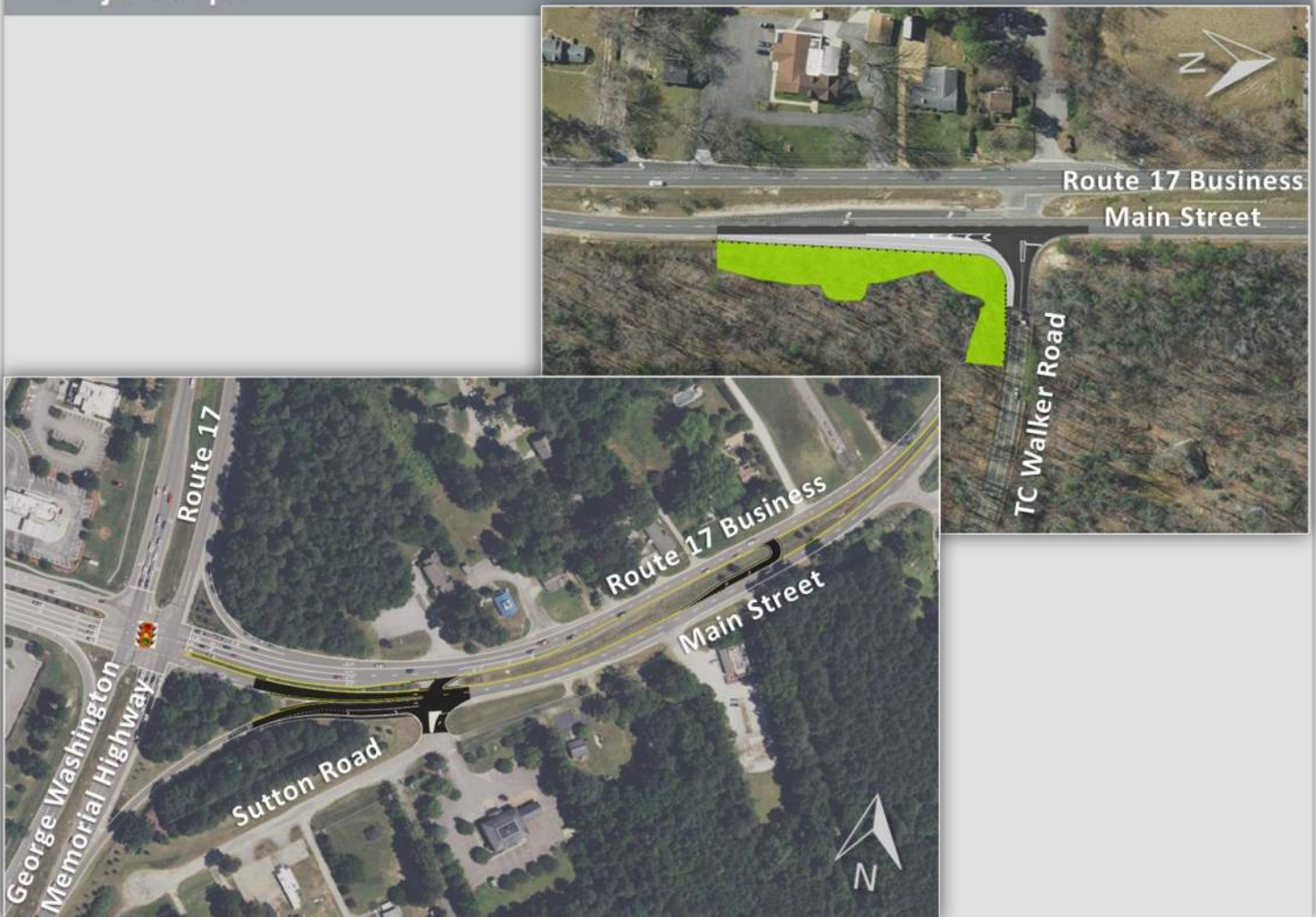
- Modify the crossover on Route 17B at Sutton Road to allow right turns from the Route 17/17B NB ramp and left turns from Route 17B southbound onto Sutton Road
- Median separate Route 17/17B NB ramp and Route 17B NB traffic approx. 200 ft.
- Install a directional island for traffic turning from Sutton Road to direct them to Route 17B northbound
- Construct a new left turn lane and directional crossover on Route 17B northbound to facilitate U-turns

The proposed project at **Route 17B and TC Walker Road** would:

- Provide a dedicated right turn lane from Route 17B northbound onto TC Walker Road
- Offset the proposed right turn lane to provide increased sight distance for vehicles turning from TC Walker Road

These projects will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety. The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public. After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the road.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Intersection of Route 17B & TC Walker Rd

Preliminary Engineering	\$550K (estimated)
Right of Way	\$460K (estimated)
Construction	\$1.6M (estimated)
Total	\$2.6M (estimated)

Intersection of Route 17B & Sutton Rd

Preliminary Engineering	\$380K (estimated)
Right of Way	\$15K (estimated)
Construction	\$1.02M (estimated)
Total	\$1.4M (estimated)

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 or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4288, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing – June 27, 2023

Comment Period – June 27 - July 7, 2023

Right of Way – May 2024

Advertised for Construction – January 2026

Begin Construction – Summer 2026

Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination for both projects 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 these projects and Programmatic Categorical Exclusions have been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA documents include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The projects 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 management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period. Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **July 7, 2023**.

You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

Elyas Jalalzai, VDOT Project Manager
87 Deacon Road
Virginia Department of Transportation
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

By Email

fred.comments@vdot.virginia.gov

Please reference "Route 17 Business Safety Projects PH Comment" in the subject line.

Online Survey Form

Comments can be submitted using an online form:

<https://publicinput.com/Rt17BusSafetyImprovements>

For more information, see the **Project Website**

<https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/route-17-business-safety-improvement-projects.asp> to review meeting materials or **scan the QR Code at the bottom of this sheet.**

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