

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 **December 19, 2020**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

At This Meeting

Please leave your comments in the chat feature as part of the online meeting, and/or submit comments by using the online comment form on the project page.

By Email

fred.comments@vdot.virginia.gov

Please reference "Route 17 Intersection Improvements" in the subject line.

By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:
Mr. Curtis Holloway, Project Manager
Virginia Department of Transportation
87 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT's website at

<http://www.virginiadot.org/Route17Gloucester>

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT's Project Development Engineer for consideration.

If approval of the major design features is received, the project will move forward to the final design phase.

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Virtual/Online Design Public Hearing Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) at Route 216 (Guinea Road) Intersection Improvements Gloucester County

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5 p.m.

Backup Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 5 p.m.

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) virtual/online Design Public Hearing on intersection improvements at Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) and Route 216 (Guinea Road) in Gloucester County.

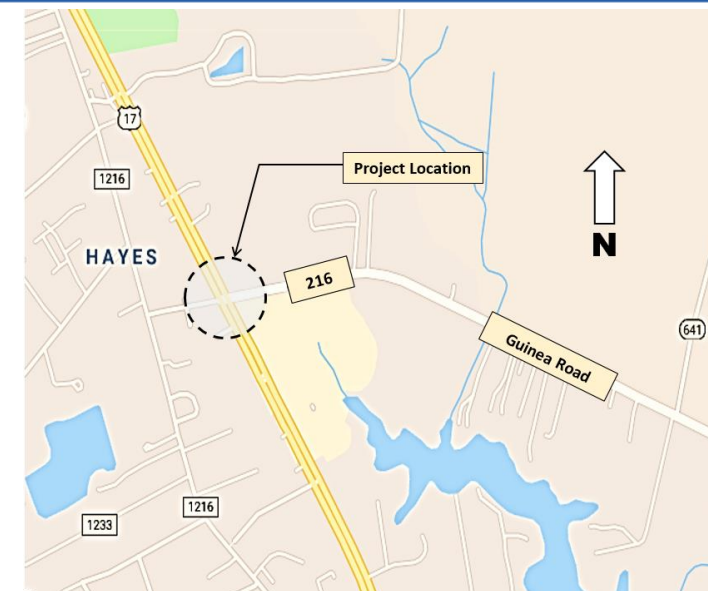
This virtual/online Design Public Hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project during the virtual/online hearing, and to answer your questions.

A comment sheet is available online at the project page at www.virginiadot.org/Route17Gloucester and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's Project Development Engineer for approval.

Project Overview



Cost - \$977,900

Purpose -

This project will improve safety by reducing congestion at the intersection

Improvements -

Repurposing existing lanes to provide dedicated left turn, thru, and right turn lanes from Route 216 onto Route 17 and provide access management improvements on Route 17.

State Project - 0017-036-617, P101, R201, M501 UPC 113413

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project seeks to improve safety and operations in the area of the intersection of George Washington Memorial Highway (U.S. Route 17) and Guinea Road/Hook Road (Route 216/1219) in Gloucester County.

In the project area, Route 17 is a 4 lane divided facility with a posted speed limit of 45 mph.

Each approach at the existing signalized intersection of Route 17 with Routes 216 & 1219 provides dedicated left and right turn lanes, with the exception of the Guinea Road (eastern) leg, which has a shared thru-left turn lane and a right turn lane.

Existing pavement on Guinea Road (Route 216) will be repurposed to provide dedicated left turn, thru, and right turn lanes at the intersection with George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17). This will allow the intersection to function more efficiently.

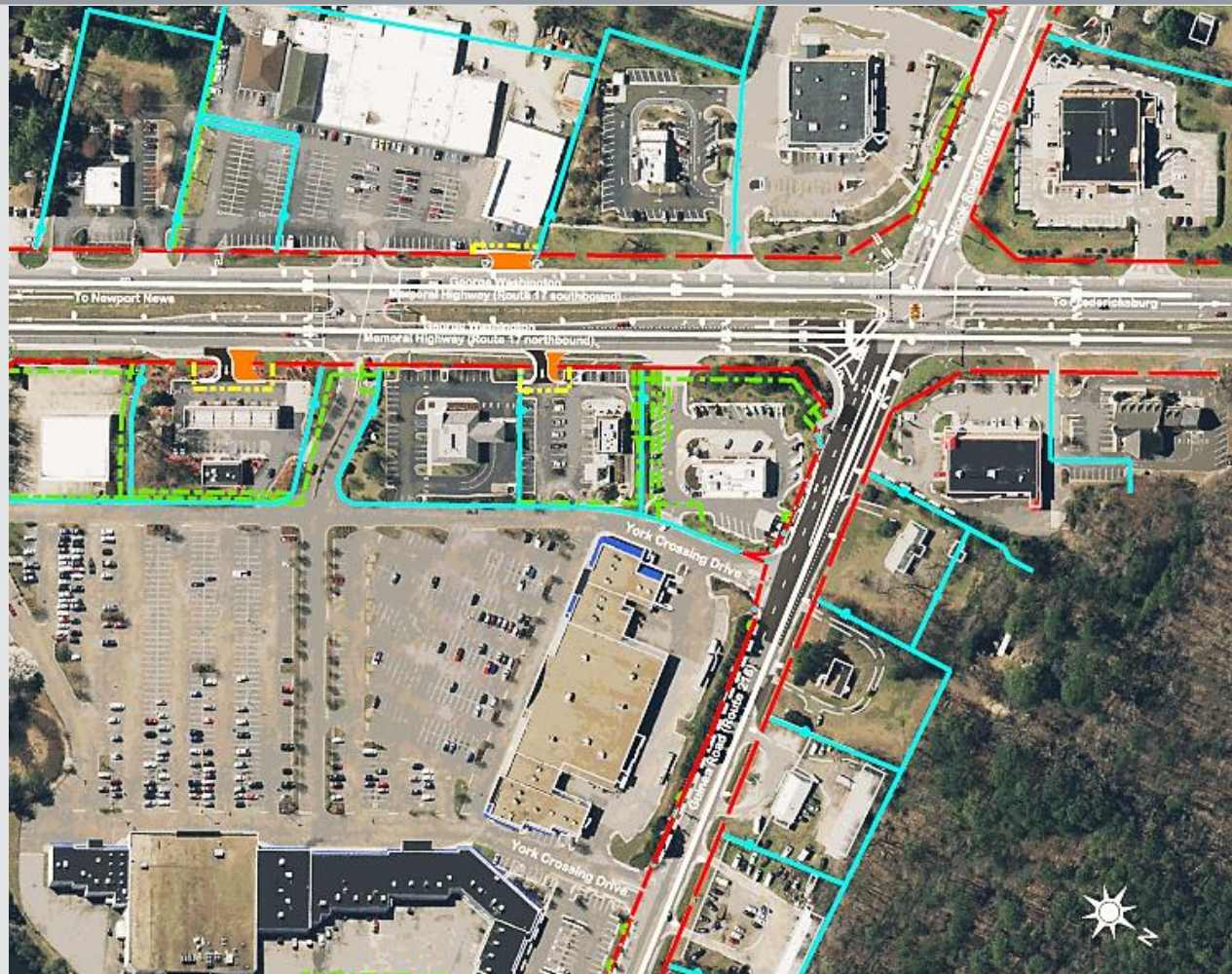
There will also be access management improvements which include modifications to two commercial entrances on Route 17 northbound, converting them to right-in access only; and the closure of one commercial entrance on Route 17 southbound.

This project 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 roads.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Project Cost: **\$977,900**

Preliminary Engineering: \$207,953

Right of Way: \$93,147

Construction: \$676,800

Civil Rights

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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 – December 9, 2020

Comment Period – December 9–19, 2020

Acquire Right of Way – January–July 2022

Advertise for Construction – February 2023

Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinities; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the projects during their 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 (PCE) has been developed in accordance 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, 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 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 management practices will protect the environment during construction.