

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after tonight's public hearing. A comment sheet is enclosed and can be submitted at tonight's meeting or by mail to VDOT. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the design public hearing.

Comments may be submitted by email to saleminfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days, **December 18, 2016**, of today's meeting in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Subject to the availability of funding and acquisition of right of way, construction on the project could begin in 2017.

During construction, traffic will be maintained at all times throughout the project limits. Motorists should expect some delays.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 220 (Botetourt Road) Safety Improvement Project Botetourt County

Thursday, December 8, 2016 5 – 7 p.m.
Brief presentation at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Eagle Rock Elementary School
145 Eagle's Nest Drive, Eagle Rock, VA 24085

Design Public Hearing

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to Route 220 (Botetourt Road) in Botetourt County. The meeting will be held in an 'open-house' format with a brief presentation taking place at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

This design public hearing is being 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 reviewed by VDOT personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will evaluate questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Route 220 (Eagle Rock to Iron Gate)

Available Allocations – \$79 million

Purpose – Improve safety.

From – 0.129 mile south of the intersection of Route 43 (Narrow Passage Road)

To – Intersection with Route 727 (Fork Farm Road)

Total Length of Improvements – 8.56 miles of a 9.65 section of roadway on Route 220

Improvements – Improve the alignment, widen shoulders, improve intersections and create additional passing zones. The project will incorporate various safety measures including centerline and edge-line rumble strips, raised centerline pavement markers, paved shoulders and turn lanes at various intersections.

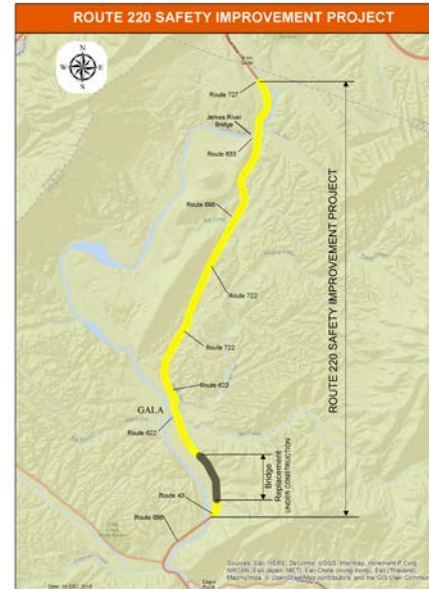
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of the project is to enhance safety between Iron Gate and the James River Bridge near Eagle Rock. The project will enhance safety on 8.56 miles along a 9.65 section of Route 220 (Botetourt Road) by:

- improving vertical and horizontal alignment
- widening shoulders
- improving intersections
- adding turn lanes
- providing additional passing opportunities
- providing raised centerline pavement markers
- providing centerline and edge-line rumble strips

Present average daily traffic count as of 2015: 5,500

Projected average daily traffic count in 2038: 6,200

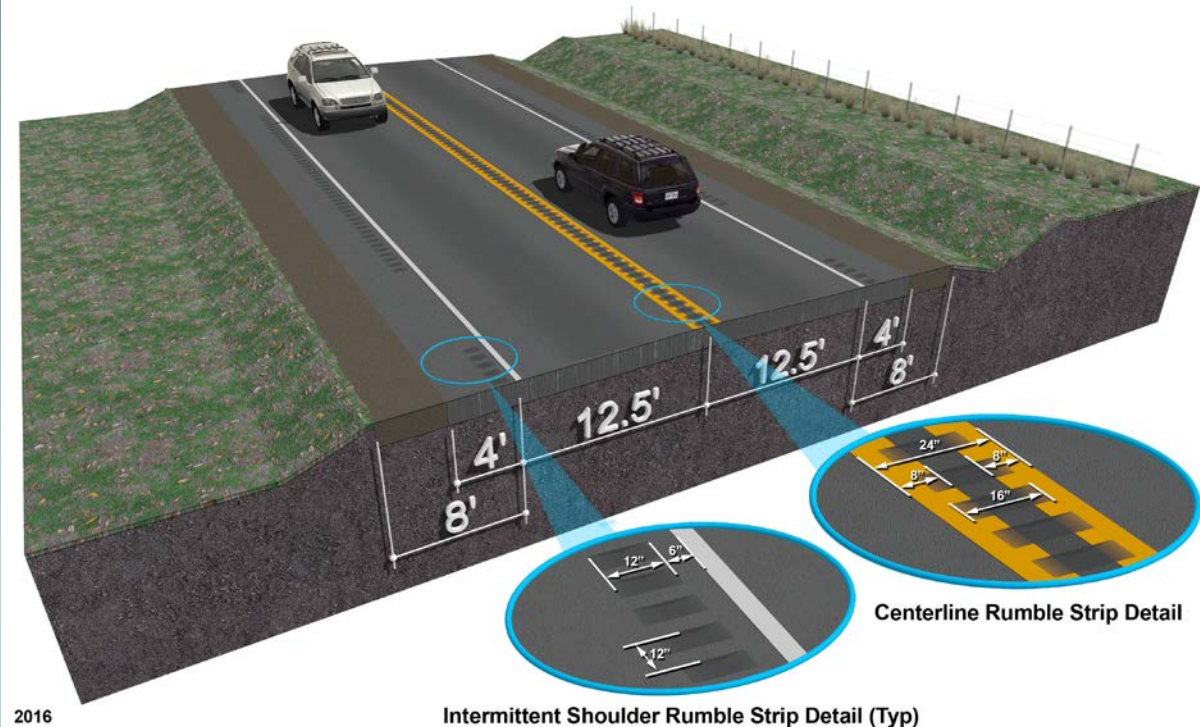


Route 220 Safety Improvement Project

Begins south of the intersection with Route 43 (Narrow Passage Road) and ends near the intersection with Route 727 (Fork Farm Road).

Project Graphic

Route 220 Safety Improvement Project Typical Section



2016

Intermittent Shoulder Rumble Strip Detail (Typ)

Estimated Project Cost

Route 220 Safety Improvement Project

Total Estimated Cost: \$79 million

Estimated Costs

- Right of Way and Utilities: \$4.4 million
- Preliminary Engineering: \$6.3 million
- Final Design and Construction: \$68.3 million

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 in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans.

The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements and right of way limits during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "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.

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 for the project:

- Preliminary Engineering Work – In progress
- Advertisement for Design and Construction (RFP) – September 2016
- Construction Begins – Fall 2017/Spring 2018
- Construction Ends – Summer 2021

Environmental Review

Environmental reviews and coordination are ongoing 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 appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A Written Reevaluation of Previous NEPA Documentation is being developed for this project in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document will include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. A notice of availability of the Written Reevaluation of previous NEPA Documentation will be posted in local newspapers, once the document is finalized by VDOT and approved for public availability by the Federal Highway Administration, to provide the public and opportunity for review and comment. Also, 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 will be provided in the project's environmental documentation.

Environmental clearances and permits will be obtained for individual construction work packages prior to commencement of their 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.