



## County of Henrico

Department of Public Works

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## Richmond-Henrico Turnpike Citizen Information Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### Laburnum Elementary School

(Cafeteria)

500 Meriwether Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23222

Welcome to the County of Henrico citizen information meeting on the proposed Richmond-Henrico Turnpike Improvements Project. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give comments on the proposed project. The County wants all members of the community to have the opportunity to participate in public involvement on projects affecting them. The County representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Comments can either be submitted using the form included in this handout or via County's website at:

<https://henrico.us/projects/richmond-henrico-turnpike-improvements/>

County staff will address all questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting.

### Project Description

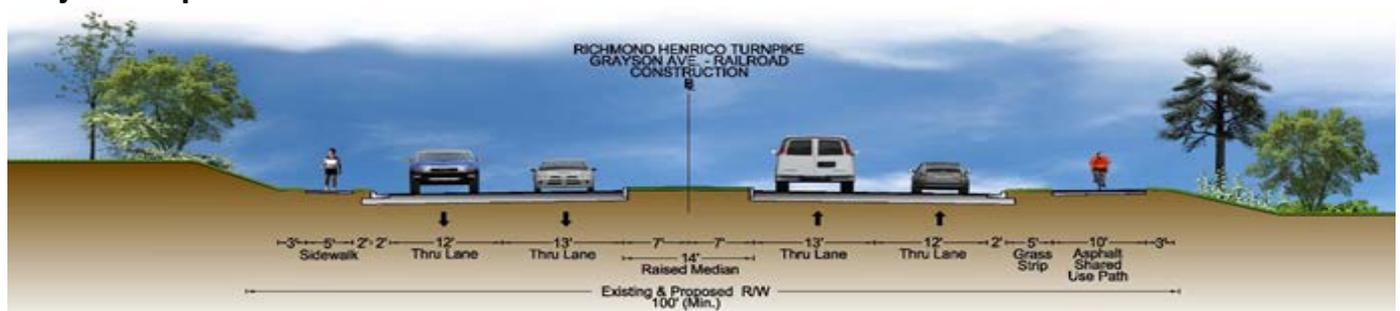
This project consists of 1.94 miles of improvements from Laburnum Avenue to just south of the CSX railroad crossing. The proposed roadway will consist of four lanes, two in each direction with a center turning lane providing left turn access or a raised 14-foot median throughout the corridor. New curb and gutter, enclosed drainage systems, and stormwater management facilities will be provided. In addition, a paved path, providing access for pedestrians and bicyclists, will be constructed on the east side and a sidewalk on the west side of the new roadway throughout the project. The project is being designed as a Minor Arterial roadway with a posted speed of 35-mph (35-mph design speed) from Laburnum Avenue to Azalea Avenue and a posted speed of 45-mph (50-mph design speed) from Azalea Avenue to the CSX railroad crossing.

Due to federal and state funding the project consists of two parts but will be combined into one construction package. The first part, which begins at Laburnum Avenue mostly follows the existing roadway and ends at Hummingbird Road. Property will be needed along the east side of the corridor due to roadway widening and stormwater management facilities required with areas of permanent easement required on both sides of the roadway.

The second part of the project extends from Hummingbird Road to approximately the CSX railroad crossing. This part of the project will closely follow the existing roadway. The traffic signal at Azalea Avenue and entrance to the shopping center will be improved. Through this portion of the project, new property will be acquired to improve the roadway.

Improvements to the intersections of Pinalto Drive, Oronoco Avenue, Greenbrier Avenue, Fayette Avenue, Grayson Avenue, Pulaski Avenue, Meriwether Avenue, Lark Drive, Hummingbird Road and Azalea Avenue are included in the project as well as private and commercial entrance improvements.

### Project Graphic





## Environmental Review

The County has hired consultants to review the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project on the local community and surrounding area. As a result of this review, a determination will be made concerning the construction impacts of the project. We anticipate this will result in finding of no significant impact. During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Construction will conform to the County's specifications and special provisions and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water Conservation regulations.

## Right of Way

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As the design is further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the preliminary plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed easement or right of way, please contact Sharon Smidler, Transportation Development Division Director, via [smi20@henrico.us](mailto:smi20@henrico.us) or (804) 501-4621.

## Civil Rights

Representatives from the County are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the County to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to provide comments and participate in public decisions on projects affecting them. The County ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

## Project Overview

### Location:

From Laburnum Avenue to 0.7 Miles North of Azalea Avenue (Near CSX railroad crossing)

**Length:** 1.94 miles

### Purpose:

To improve safety and access along Richmond-Henrico Turnpike for motorists, while accommodating the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.

**Anticipated Cost:** \$30,500,000

### Anticipated Schedule:

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Right of Way Acquisition: | September 2021 |
| Utility Relocation:       | October 2022   |
| Begin Construction:       | March 2023     |
| Project Completion:       | March 2025     |

## Get Involved

The public comment period will close on July 5, 2019, following the citizen information meeting. County representatives will review and evaluate any information received. Project information shared here is available for review after the citizens information meeting at the County of Henrico Department of Public Works located at 4301 East Parham Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228. Comments can also be submitted to Sharon Smidler at [smi20@henrico.us](mailto:smi20@henrico.us) or at the contact address below. However, information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to the County of Henrico by July 5, 2019 to be included in the citizens information meeting record.

## Contact Information

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