



County of Henrico

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Citizen Information Meeting

Richmond-Henrico Turnpike Project 70% Plan

Welcome to the County of Henrico Citizen Information Meeting on the proposed improvements to Richmond-Henrico Turnpike 70% Plan. 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 or a survey on the County's website at:

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

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 shared use path, providing access to 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.

The project will begin at Laburnum Avenue, mostly follows the existing roadway and ends at Hummingbird Road. Right of way will be needed along the corridor due to roadway widening and stormwater management facilities required with areas of permanent easement required on both sides of the roadway.

The project continues from Hummingbird Road to approximately the CSX railroad crossing. This segment of the project will closely follow the existing roadway alignment. Signal improvements at Azalea Avenue are proposed with this segment as well as entrance improvements to the shopping center. Through this portion of the project, new right of way will be acquired to allow construction of the proposed improvements.

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.

Wednesday,
November 13, 2019

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Laburnum Elementary
School (Cafeteria)

500 Meriwether Avenue,
Henrico VA 23222

Project Overview

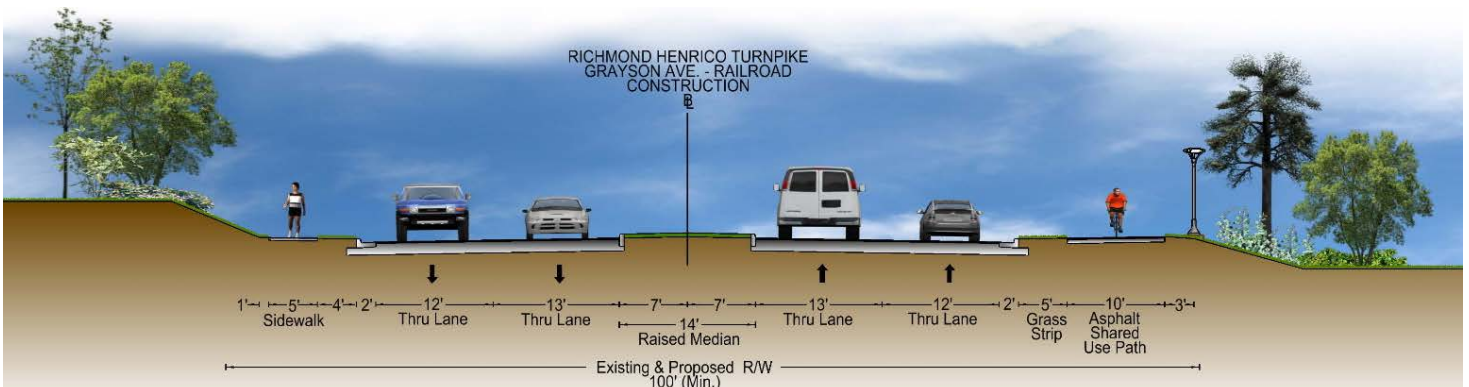
Location: From Laburnum Avenue to 0.7 miles north of Azalea Avenue (Near CSX railroad crossing)

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:
Total: \$30,000,000

Anticipated Schedule:
Public Hearing: August 2020
Right-of-Way Acquisition: January 2021
Utility Relocation: November 2021
Advertise for Construction: November 2022
Begin Construction: April 2023
Project Completion: April 2025



Environmental Review

The County has hired consultants to review the social, economic, and environmental impacts, including noise abatement, of the project on the local community and surrounding area. The project is being coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. As a result of this review, a determination will be made concerning the construction impacts of the project.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36CFR 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 environmental documentation. We anticipate this will result in a categorical exclusion.

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.

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.

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 70% 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, please contact Michael Aust, Capital Projects Manager, via aus019@henrico.us or (804) 501-4019.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close on December 13, 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 23273. Comments can be submitted to Michael Aust (aus019@henrico.us) or at the contact address below. However, information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to the County of Henrico by December 13, 2019 to be included in the citizens information meeting record. Comments can also be submitted using the form or a survey on the County's website at: <https://henrico.us/projects/richmond-henrico-turnpike-improvements/>

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