

ROUTE 5 CORRIDOR STUDY – JUNE 8, 2017 OPEN HOUSE SURVEY RESULTS

1. Was there any information provided today which particularly interested you? If so, what was it?

Future Land Use Designations – 26

Major Thoroughfare Plan – 20

Views & Vistas – 16

Recreation & Park Facilities – 12

Zoning – 11

Other – The possibility for some small bike rest/park spots along the bike trail in the corridor.

2. Are there any questions you have about the Study which were not answered today?

No – 29 (71%)

Yes – 11 (29%)

3. If you answered “Yes” to Question 3, tell us what questions you did not get answered. (14 responses)

- Purpose of the meeting
- What exactly are the proposed options for the corridor?
- How will this affect Osborne Turnpike?
- When will we be informed on voting on the different changes (Rezoning for future change of land use.)
- Item 4 of the other handout (showing the Planning Process) is “Finalize the Plan”. Thought this study was a fact collection effort. What is envisioned as a “Final Plan”?
- Why must you destroy what is?
- How to make sure our rural lifestyle is not interrupted by over-housing and business development
- What is the plan to keep the rural aspect to the area as it is allowed to develop?
- How can we improve existing conditions without commercializing the area?
- What are the plans to further develop the bike path?
- Plans for widening Route 5 between S. Laburnum and Rocketts Landing.
- Status of VDOT property located on Route 5 near Rocketts
- How are you going to take care of the people of Henrico and not the big bucks developers?
- What are the connectivity plans to go along with the residential development? Currently there is only Comcast in the area and adding thousands of homes without competitive internet services would not be in the best interest of the existing or new residents of Varina.

Responses fall into the following categories:

- Process – 6
- Character (rural/historic/neighborhood) – 3
- Land Use – 1
- General Transportation – 2

- Capital Trail – 1
- Miscellaneous – 1

4. Is there anything else you would like the County to know related to Route 5 or Marion Hill? (48 responses)

- Need a traffic light at BP station and 7-11 store.
- Consideration for a traffic light on Route 5 near Antioch Baptist Church
- Increased population in an already congested area is only going to increase civil dangers.
- There should be shoulders along Kingsland Road.
- The completed bike trail was just wasting money.
- We love the Cap Trail.
- I'm a fan of the bike lanes and the new lights at the Route 5 crossings but many cyclists don't follow cycling rule or use the lights. A sign indicating cycling rules may help prevent accidents between motorists and cyclists.
- We need a flashing light on Doran Road to signal the bike path and for bikers to cross. Cars can't see bikers on the western side of the path heading north on Doran because there is a blind curve just prior to the bike path.
- I would like a bike trail in the Darbytown and Elko Road area due to the high volume of bikers using the area.
- As traffic grows, parallel roads should be improved to handle it; connectivity of roads in the study area and throughout Varina should be emphasized.
- Reduce the speed limit to 45 mph starting at Marion Hill to Laburnum Avenue.
- Traffic and speed limit concerns.
- Watch out for the bike trail; what an amazing asset.
- We need shoulders along Route 5 and a guardrail near Capital Trail from Marion Hill up past McCoul Street.
- Need a guardrail opposite Marion Hill.
- Need to preserve historic areas
- We would like to preserve the rural feel of the area not create another area with lots of shopping and character.
- Want to keep rural nature and historic community.
- Preserving the rural look and feel of Route 5 is very important.
- Route 5 is a great asset for tourism, recreation, history, a relaxing drive in the country and farm-to-table agriculture.
- Do not change this area; we need open areas and farm land.
- Preserve the rural character of Varina and promote its rich agricultural history.
- We love the ruralness of the Route 5 area and the Capital Trail; we want it to remain as is.
- Keep Varina beautiful
- Best location. Preserve country feel.
- Leave the Marion Hill neighborhood alone; it's fine the way it is.
- Route 5 past Strath should be preserved.
- Marion Hill to remain as it is; it's a wonderful neighborhood.

- Varina to remain rural and keep the view a country view.
- Growth is inevitable but we can strive to do it in such a way as to honor the rural integrity of the county.
- Don't destroy the beauty/country.
- Keep the scenic atmosphere
- Leave Varina alone.
- Consult local residents before development plans are made and/or finalized.
- Please keep the residents in mind with implementing future plans.
- A study of the Varina Village area should be done after this study.
- Good job providing the maps. Will there be more meetings after this one to address more questions?
- Don't make exceptions for county regulations on signs.
- Commercial uses along Route 5 should be local; regional commercial uses should be on the other roads like Route 60.
- Like to see appropriate businesses come to this area that keep with the historic charm (Example: Sycamore Square and Merchant's Square)
- The area should be preserved from development.
- Encourage mom and pop shops and keep big commercial development around Laburnum.
- My concerns focus on unfettered development in the form of single-family subdivisions and the widening of Route 5.
- Don't want this area to look like Short Pump in 20 years; would prefer any development to move at a snail's pace.
- Know change is inevitable but would urge the Planning Department to let these changes occur as naturally and as indirectly as possible.
- Do not allow housing developments on less than one-acre; this will also add time consideration for traffic and decrease congestion.
- Top marks for the bike path and also for new library and landscape plantings.
- The Rec/Par land next to the Dairy Queen should not house a community college; it is better suited to Route 60/Technology Blvd due to the fact the land is a battlefield – it should not be developed. However, if it must it should be a science and environmental center for county schools.

Responses fall into the following categories:

- Process – 5
- Character (rural/historic/neighborhood) – 19
- Land Use – 8
- General Transportation – 8
- Capital Trail – 6
- Miscellaneous – 2