LOGMILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ROUTE 701 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA

Citizen Information Meeting

Welcome!

Thank you for attending tonight’s Citizen Information Meeting to discuss the preliminary design for the proposed improvements to Logmill Road (Route 701). Tonight is your opportunity to review and comment on the plans for this improvement.

Citizen Information Meetings are beneficial to both citizens and Prince William County (PWC) alike. Citizens are provided the opportunity to review and comment on the plans being developed for the project. Engineers can report specifics details on preliminary plans, describe the project and answer your questions. PWC will obtain citizen’s comments on these plans and these comments will be addressed. Comment sheets are included with this information packet and available at tonight’s meeting.

All comments received will be compiled in a record document and made available for public review at PWC’s Department of Transportation office in Prince William, Virginia. Comments will be considered in the final design as approved by the PWC Department of Transportation and VDOT.

Land Acquisition and Utilities

The improvements to Logmill Road will require easements and/or minor acquisition of property from parcels adjacent to the proposed project. No commercial, residential, or non-profit organization relocations are required. As the project further develops and is finalized, easements for maintenance, construction, drainage, and utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed easements shown on the project plans presented tonight. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of these easements during the land acquisition process prior to construction.

If right of way is required for the project, the land acquisition program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation and Real Estate Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended. This project has been developed in accordance with Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations. No low income or minority populations have been identified in the study area thus none will be disproportionately impacted by this project.

Information about property purchases is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled, “A guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this brochure are available tonight.

For questions about right of way please contact:

Mr. Scott Hatten
Prince William County Department of Transportation
5 County Complex Court, Suite 290
Prince William, VA 22192
(703) 792-7441, shatten@pwc.gov.org.

Project Comments

The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist you in making your comments. You may leave this sheet or any other written comments in the comment box. Also, you may mail or email comments. Written comments should be postmarked by January 16, 2013 and should be directed to:

Ms. Gladis Arboleda
Prince William County
Department of Transportation
5 County Complex Court, Suite 290
Prince William, Virginia 22192
garboleda@pwc.gov.org

Email comments can be sent to above referenced address. Please reference “Logmill Road Comments” in the subject line.

What’s Next

On January 16, 2013, the public comment period will close. PWC staff will then review and evaluate all comments received as a result of the citizen information meeting. Once public input has been reviewed, the project will be presented to the PWC Department of Transportation who will consider approval of the project’s major design features. Upon approval of the major design features, the project will proceed to the final design phase, and given to VDOT for final approval.

Evaluation of Public Comments and Design Approval

Early 2013
Begin Final Design
Early 2013
Estimated Construction Start
Summer 2013
Estimated Construction Completion
Early 2014

Project plans and other information will remain available for review at the PWC Department of Transportation office located in Prince William, Virginia.

Please call prior to visiting to ensure the availability of staff to assist you.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This project is being coordinated through the NEPA process. Through on-site inspection, coordination and correspondence with federal, state, and local resource agencies, the VDOT Northern Virginia District Environmental Section has determined that this project will not significantly impact streams or wetlands, will not impact any endangered species, natural, cultural, historic or recreational resources, and will not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts.

No significant environmental impacts were identified during this review.

Pursuant to the requirements of NEPA, Environmental Documentation is being prepared; it appears the project will qualify for either a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion or a Categorical Exclusion. Design for the least environmentally damaging, practical, and feasible option has been incorporated in the development of the project. A summary of anticipated environmental impacts is available for your review at this Citizen Information Meeting.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is available tonight at the meeting. The State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that the project will have no effect on historic properties.

Purpose and Need
The Prince William County Department of Transportation is proposing to reconstruct a portion of Logmill Road just west of Hickory Grove, beginning 1,200 feet west of Parnell Court and ending 200 feet east of Meander Creek Lane. The proposed project will increase the existing sight distance by improving the vertical geometry of the roadway, meeting AASHTO standards. The purpose of this project is to improve the safety of this section of Logmill Road. Prince William County is receiving federal funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) through the Highway Safety Improvement Program for the construction of the project, and thus National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation is required.

Design Features
- 12 foot wide travel lanes in each direction on Logmill Road;
- 11 foot to 16 foot wide lanes on Parnell Court and Meander Creek Lane;
- 8 foot wide shoulders (4 foot paved, 4 foot graded);
- increased sight distance;
- drainage improvements;
- bioretention filters and grass swales to treat stormwater.

Maintenance of Traffic
Closure of Logmill Road between Meander Creek Lane and just east of Mountain Road will be required during construction. Access to all local residents will be maintained at all times, but through traffic will be restricted. Alternate routes will be provided at all times depending on the location of the road closure.

Project Costs
The project is being funded with a combination of funding from the Federal Highway Administration through their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and state and local funds.

Preliminary Engineering - $488,000
Right of Way and Utility Relocations - $200,000
Construction - $2.5 million

Preliminary Profile

From Parnell Court looking west at Logmill Road
CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING
LOGMILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Evergreen Volunteer Fire and Rescue Social Hall
3510 James Madison Highway
Haymarket, VA 20169

All comments submitted will become a part of a record document and will be made available to the public.

Name (optional): 
Address: 

The proposed project will reconstruct a portion of Logmill Road, 1,200 feet east of Parnell Court to 200 feet west of Meander Creek Lane. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety by increasing the existing sight distance and improving the vertical geometry to meet AASHTO standards on this segment of the roadway.

Do you support this project? YES NO
YES, with modifications (please describe the modifications)

Do you have any specific concerns regarding the proposed project? YES NO
YES, with modifications (please describe the modifications)

Please provide us with any additional information that you believe will assist Prince William County in developing the final design of this project:

How did you hear about this meeting? Newspaper _______ Direct Mail _______ Other: ________________________________

Were County representatives able to answer your questions? YES NO
If not, were you offered additional assistance?

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location, mail, or email your comments by January 16, 2012 to the addresses listed above.