



NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020

The Martinsville Southern Connector Study newsletter shifted to a bi-monthly distribution in March 2020.

WHAT'S NEW

Public Hearing Held on September 1, 2020

VDOT held a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at Jack Dalton Park. VDOT held the public hearing outdoors under a picnic shelter with social distancing guidelines in place. More than 50 citizens attended during the course of the four-hour public hearing.



Martinsville Southern Connector Study Public Hearing on the Draft EIS was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

The Comment Period Has Ended

The comment period for the Draft EIS concluded on September 11, 2020, after several extensions due to the pandemic to allow the public opportunity to submit input. Thank you to everyone who took the time to comment on the Draft EIS and supporting technical documents. VDOT received more than 150 comments from the public since the comment period began in March 2020.

WHAT'S NEXT

Final EIS to be Issued Later This Year

All comments received on the Draft EIS, as well as input received during the 2019 comment period on VDOT's recommended preferred alternative, will be documented in the Final EIS. All substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS. The Final EIS is in development and is scheduled to be published later this year. Permitting agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, are proceeding with their public notice processes. Water quality permits from these agencies are expected to be issued at the conclusion of the study in accordance with One Federal Decision requirements.

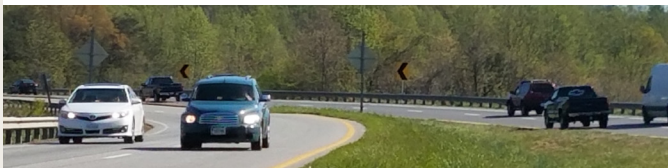
Upcoming Study Milestones



Final EIS Available for Public Review



FHWA Issues Record of Decision and Water Quality Permits Obtained



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