



www.VirginiaDOT.org  
CulpeperInfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov

## LOCATION AND DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

# 5<sup>th</sup> Street Station Trail and Hub, Construction of Shared-Use Path, Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

Albemarle County 5<sup>th</sup> Street Office Building, Room A  
1600 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

*Incident weather date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023*

## Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's location and design public hearing for a proposed project to construct a shared-use path between Wegmans Way and 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Albemarle County.

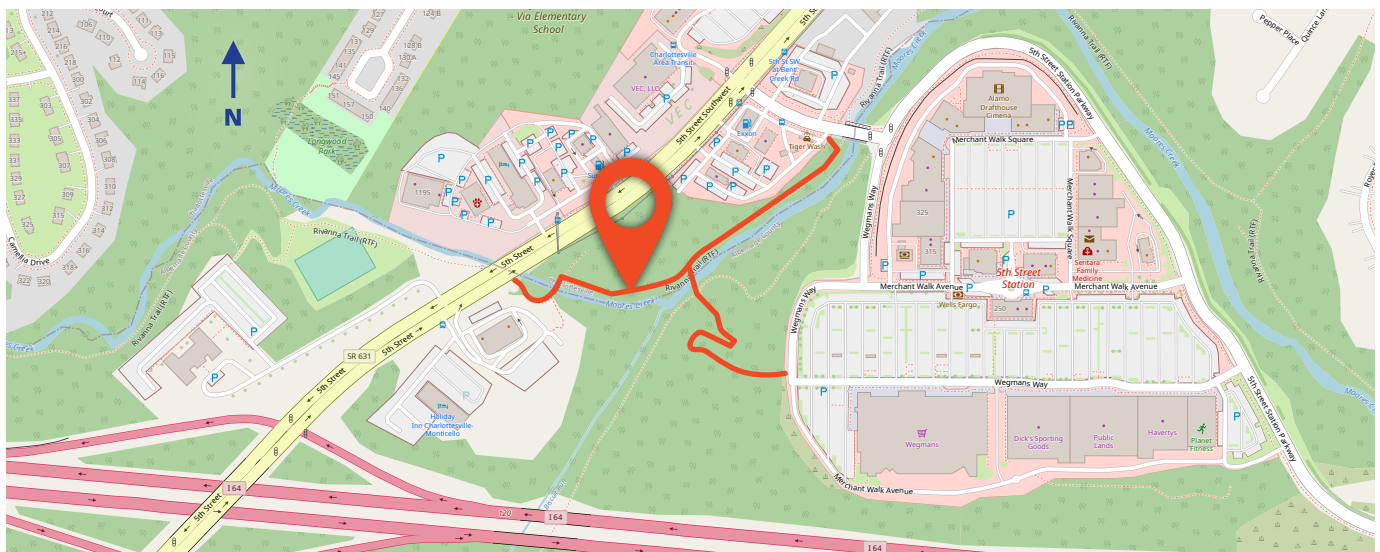
This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community

have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handout for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on the project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

## Project Location and Overview



**Anticipated cost:** \$11.3 million

**Improvements:** Construct a 10-foot-wide shared use path and pedestrian bridges over Moores Creek and Biscuit Run

**Purpose:** To improve multimodal connectivity in the Charlottesville-Albemarle metropolitan area

**Project limits:** Between Wegmans Way and 5<sup>th</sup> Street landing

## Project Description

This SMART SCALE project will construct a 10-foot-wide shared-use path from Wegmans Way to Fifth Street in Albemarle County and the city of Charlottesville.

The project will reconstruct the existing hiking trail on the west side of Biscuit Run to a 10-foot-wide shared-use path. This will connect 5<sup>th</sup> Street with 5<sup>th</sup> Street Station. A new bridge is proposed to replace the existing bridge over Moores Creek.

The project also proposes to construct a new 10-foot-wide shared-use path from Wegmans Way to the reconstructed path. This section will include a bridge over Biscuit Run.

The project will improve multimodal connectivity in the

Charlottesville-Albemarle metropolitan area with the addition of a 10-foot-wide shared-use path from Wegmans Way to 5<sup>th</sup> Street Landing and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Station.

This trail will connect to the proposed Biscuit Run trail system and serve as a hub for the greater pedestrian and bike trail system in both the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated in this project.

Construction is anticipated to take about one year.

## Project Display



## Estimated Project Cost

Estimated total cost:

**\$11,300,000**

Engineering of roadway plans:

**\$1,500,000**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

**\$2,400,000**

Construction:

**\$7,400,000**

*Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) forms have been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 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 is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

## Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

**Public hearing:** Dec. 12, 2023

**Public comment period ends:** Dec. 29, 2023

**Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:** Fall 2024

**Construction advertisement:** Fall 2025

**Construction start:** Spring 2026

**Construction completion:** Winter 2027

*Project schedule is subject to change.*

## Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If you need more information with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

## Right of Way

The construction of this project in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

## Get Involved

Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Mr. John Rose, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701 or by email to [John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **Friday, December 29, 2023** in order to be included in the public hearing record. After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing.

This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the

information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Culpeper District's Project Development Engineer for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for the project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, [@VaDOT\\_Culp](#) on X (formerly Twitter), the [VDOT Culpeper Facebook Group](#), and the [511 Virginia web site](#) and mobile app.

More information about the project is available on VDOT's website: [www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/fifth-street-station-trail.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/fifth-street-station-trail.asp)

## Contact Information

**Primary Contact:**  
**John Rose, P.E.**  
*Project Manager*

Culpeper District  
Location and Design

1601 Orange Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701

540-829-7429  
800-367-7623

[John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

**Scott Strickland**  
*Right of Way  
Manager*

Culpeper District  
Right of Way

1601 Orange Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701

540-829-7606  
800-367-7623

[Scott.Strickland@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Scott.Strickland@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

**Judy Page**  
*Civil Rights Manager*

Culpeper District  
Office of  
Civil Rights

1601 Orange Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701

540-829-7391  
800-367-7623

[Judy.Page@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Judy.Page@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

**Lou Hatter**  
*Communications  
Manager*

Culpeper District  
Office of  
Communications

1601 Orange Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701

540-727-3201  
800-367-7623

[Louis.Hatter@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Louis.Hatter@VDOT.Virginia.gov)