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Design Public Hearing

U.S. Route 460 Safety Improvements in Bluefield

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m.

Inclement Weather Date: May 2, same time, location

Bluefield Town Hall

112 Huffard Drive

Bluefield, VA 24605

<https://www.virginiadot.org/Route460CommerceToLeatherwoodBluefield>

Public Meeting

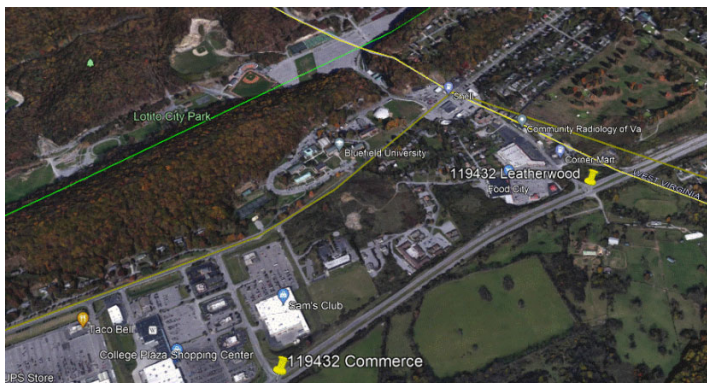
The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing for the proposed improvements for U.S. Route 460 in Bluefield. These improvements will be between Commerce Drive and Leatherwood Lane.

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

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Project Overview



Route 460 between Commerce Drive and Leatherwood Lane.

Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$5 million

Purpose – Improve safety

From – 0.194-mile west of Commerce Street

To – 0.147-mile east of Leatherwood Lane

Total length – 0.772 mile

Anticipated Schedule – Right of Way – no right of way purchases required; advertise for construction bids – February 2024.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety on a portion of Route 460, located between Commerce Drive and Leatherwood Lane in Bluefield.

At both the Commerce Drive and Leatherwood Lane intersections, offset left turn lanes will be added as well as new traffic signals. Offset left turn lanes shift left-turning traffic closer to oncoming traffic to increase sight distance.

Minor drainage modifications will also be performed during the project.

Through VDOT's SMART SCALE program, the project was allocated approximately \$5 million District Grant program funds.

Once the public involvement opportunity and location and design of the project wraps up, the project will be advertised for construction bids in early 2024. This portion of Route 460 carries approximately 16,000 vehicles per day.

Environmental Review

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR 771, and the 2022 Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration and VDOT, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was prepared for this project and is available for review. All subsequent environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals will be adhered to during project construction.

Right of Way

No right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The project will be performed within the current right of way.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT

within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (May 5, 2023) in order to be included in the citizen information meeting record.

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