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WHAT'S NEW

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Now Available

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now available on the study website. The Draft EIS documents the purpose and need, alternatives evaluated and potential impacts for the Route 220 corridor between the North Carolina state line and the Route 220/Route 58 interchange. Comments on the Draft EIS and supporting technical documentation are currently being accepted.

[VIEW DRAFT EIS](#)

PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONED

The public hearing originally scheduled for March 26 has been postponed in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In the interest of public safety, VDOT is exploring options to solicit public input and will provide updates as they become available.

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIS

Comment Period Now Open



Submit comments online:
virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector



Text Route220 to 77948 to have the survey sent directly to your phone



Email comments to:
martinsville220@vdot.virginia.gov



Provide oral comments by phone:
(276) 821-8425



Mail written comments to:
Angel Aymond
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Richmond, VA 23219

WHAT'S NEXT

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How will my comments be addressed?
All substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS, which is scheduled to be issued later this year.

Q. Why are permits being issued?
Water quality permits from US Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Virginia Marine Resources Commission are necessary due to potential impacts to wetlands and streams. These permits are required under One Federal Decision (OFD), which sets timelines and requirements to obtain a NEPA decision and related federal permits. VDOT will advance permit applications for the preferred alternative to meet OFD requirements.

Q. Could the preferred alternative change?
The Commonwealth Transportation Board directed VDOT to evaluate whether the preferred alternative (Alternative C) can be refined to reduce property impacts while not increasing impacts to other resources. Any refinements to the preferred alternative will be documented in the Final EIS, Record of Decision and permits.

Q. When will the road be built?
As of March 2020, there is no identified funding to implement the project beyond this study. If/when funding is identified, the project could advance to detailed design and construction. There is no timeline for the identification of this funding.

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