



City of Charlottesville | Virtual (via Zoom) Design Public Hearing

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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BARRACKS ROAD & EMMET STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

www.barracksemmetimprovements.com

VDOT Project Number: 0029-104-336, P101, R201, C501

UPC 111796

PROJECT GOALS

IMPROVE OPERATIONS AT THE BARRACKS ROAD/EMMET STREET INTERSECTION WHILE ALSO ENHANCING BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT FACILITIES

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

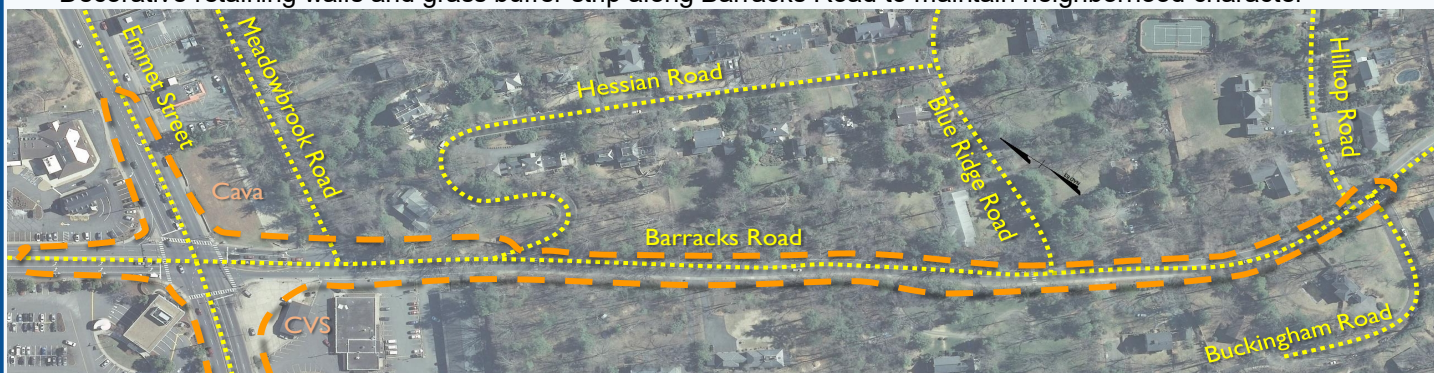
Welcome to the Barracks Road & Emmet Street Improvements Design Public Hearing. This meeting provides an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her behalf or representing a group or government agency, to review the displayed project exhibits and give the City of Charlottesville comments and/or suggestions on this project. Verbal comments will be accepted during the Design Public Hearing. Written statements may be submitted via comment forms, on the project website or in writing to the City (address on the last sheet) on or before July 23, 2021.

All comments will be reviewed by the City of Charlottesville and the project design team. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this public meeting will be considered by the City of Charlottesville before the project is approved for right-of-way acquisition and construction. A transcript of all comments will be available to the public after the public hearing comment period closes. Your input is encouraged and appreciated.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project includes the reconstruction of the Barracks Road/Emmet Street intersection to improve traffic operations, as well as improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the intersection. The project also includes bike, pedestrian and transit upgrades along Barracks Road to the Buckingham/Hilltop Road intersection. The corridor has received state and federal funding for improvements described herein through the VDOT Smartscale process. Key components of the project include:

- Additional northbound right turn lane on Emmet Street with pedestrian refuge island
- Additional westbound left turn lane on Barracks Road to provide concurrent left turns
- Improved bike and pedestrian crossings, including wider refuge medians and signal improvements
- 10' Shared Use Path extended up Barracks Road to Buckingham/Hilltop Road
- Decorative retaining walls and grass buffer strip along Barracks Road to maintain neighborhood character





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PROJECT BACKGROUND

City Staff established the scope of this project as part of a SMART SCALE application that was submitted to VDOT and awarded funding based on the scope and potential value that this project would bring to the corridor and the community. The scope and elements of the project were established by staff utilizing a variety of initiatives within the City of Charlottesville that are focused on enhancing vibrancy and quality of life, including the City of Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and Streets That Work Plan. With a firm grasp of background information, the project team engaged a robust public involvement campaign to create a conceptual design that is in agreement with the project's purpose and need.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

To help guide the project, the City appointed and held multiple meetings with a project Steering Committee. The process also involved coordination with City Council appointed stakeholder groups, as well as provided multiple ways for the public to provide input into the plan development process via the following opportunities:

- A project website
- Individual property owner meetings
- Public Workshop
- Open House meeting
- Three Steering Committee Meetings
- Two meetings with the PLACE Design Task Force
- Coordination with the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Coordination with the Tree Commission
- Planning Commission Meeting
- City Council Meeting

Feedback from each of these sessions has been incorporated into the design as it continues to evolve. The feedback received from this meeting will also be used to update the documents prior to right-of-way acquisition and construction.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

Improvements will require the acquisition of land for right-of-way and easements. The right-of-way and easements, depicted on the meeting displays, are preliminary. As the City of Charlottesville further develops the design of the project, additional easements or right-of-way may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the preliminary plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of right-of-way and easements during the formal right-of-way acquisition process. Information about right-of-way acquisitions is provided in VDOT's brochure entitled Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants, which is available at the right-of-way table at the public hearing or online at https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the City of Charlottesville Neighborhood and Development Services, located at City Hall, 610 E Market St. Charlottesville, VA

CIVIL RIGHTS

It is the responsibility of the City of Charlottesville to ensure that all members of the community are afforded an opportunity to participate in public decisions about transportation systems and project affecting them, which is why your input is greatly encouraged.

The City of Charlottesville and VDOT ensures non-discrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. If you feel you have been denied participation in, or denied benefits of, or been subjected to discrimination, in regard to this project or otherwise discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, you may contact the Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1401 E. Broad Street,



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Charlottesville has prepared environmental reviews and performed coordination efforts to obtain information about environmental resources within the project vicinity. Natural and historic resource agencies have been provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development. Opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of environmental impacts have been identified. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document (Programmatic Categorical Exclusion) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in accordance with federal guidelines.

The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, water resources, threatened and endangered species, and other quantifiable impacts. 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 also has been evaluated.

The draft environmental document is available for review at this meeting and on the project website. At this time, the project has received a ruling of no adverse effect from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) due to little or no impact on historic resources.

PROJECT BUDGET

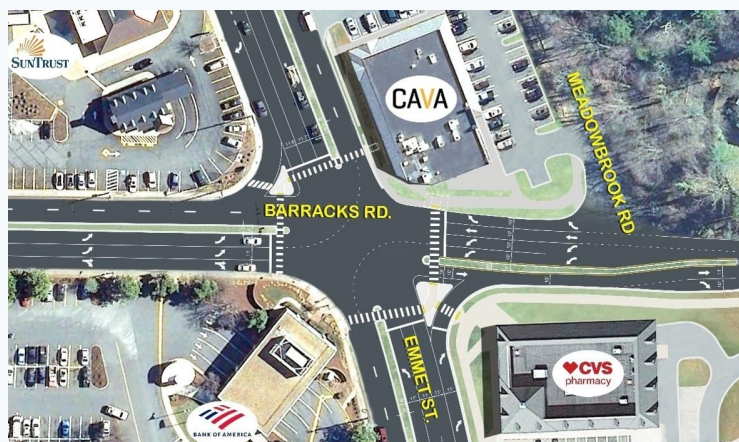
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| PE (Survey, Environmental, Design) | \$1.0M |
| RW (Right of Way and Easement Acquisition, Utility Relocation) | \$3.0M |
| CN (Construction, Oversight, Inspection, Contingencies) | \$4.6M |
| TOTAL PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING | \$8.6M |



Project is fully funded through SmartScale

FEDERAL AID

This is a federal aid project; FHWA must approve the need for the proposed highway improvements as well as the environmental documents, plans, specifications, cost estimates, right-of-way acquisitions, and construction procedures. This process provides additional assurance that federal, state, and local goals and objectives are met and that opportunity for public participation is provided. Federal and state regulations require that a wide range of factors and impacts are considered and that the final decisions are made in the best overall public interest.





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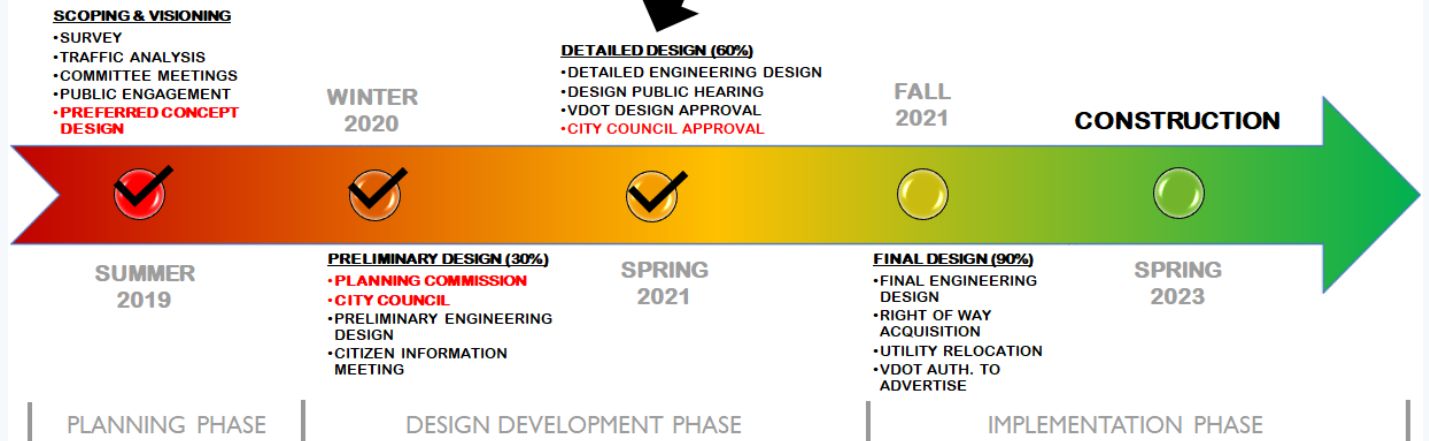
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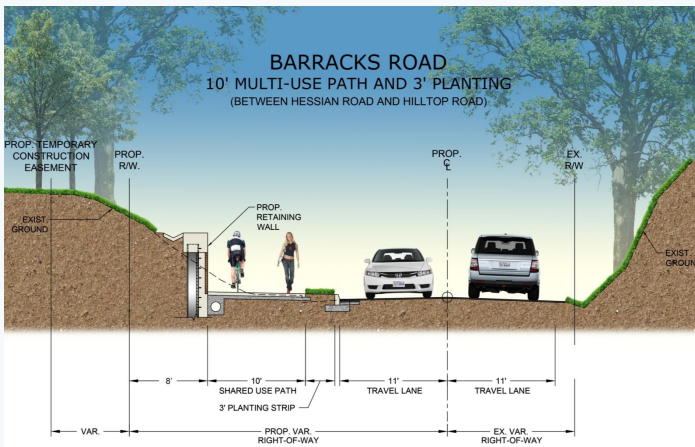
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

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PROJECT RENDERINGS



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