



Abingdon Residency - Washington County Report

October 2021

Washington County | General Information

Public Hearing: I-81 Southbound Widening (Washington Co.) was held on Thursday October 21, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites – Bristol Convention Center. Proposed widening to three lanes of Interstate 81 southbound between mile markers 8.1 and 9.7 and extension of the northbound I-81 merge lane. This project will involve a change and/or break in limited access control. Public comment may be submitted online from the survey on VDOT's website by **November 7, 2021**, to Mr. Gene Holley, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 2111 Bonham Road, Bristol, VA 24201. You may also e-mail your comments to bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Interstate 81 southbound widening (Washington County) PH Comment" in the subject line.

Secondary Six Year Plan - SSYP FY27/28: VDOT Abingdon Residency is requesting the Washington County BOS schedule a committee meeting in January 2022 to discuss proposed routes for the upcoming SSYP FY27/28. A public hearing on the proposed plan (2022/2023) through 2027/2028) as well as the construction priority list (2022/2023 will be scheduled in the spring 2022).

SSYP FY20/21 Completed Projects: Route 783 – Fairhaven Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111419, Route 796 – Benfield Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC 111420, Route 907 – Piper Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111770, Route 626 – Large Hollow Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111475.

Resolution 2020-8: Request for safety study to be conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation on Route 611 (Garrett Creek Road) by the Washington County Board of Supervisors dated October 12, 2021. Please see the attached letter report. The sign installation project is complete.

SMART Scale Round 5: Kickoff meeting for SMART scale round 5 were held October 20, 2021. For all resources pertaining to SMART Scale, please visit the SMART Scale website at the following link: <http://smartscale.org/resources/default.asp>. These resources cover everything you should know in regards to SMART Scale, including VTrans and the SMART Scale Technical Guide. Please download the latest version of the Technical Guide and be very familiar with this document as I cannot stress enough how important it is to the successfulness of your SMART Scale applications, especially the project readiness component. This site is technically dedicated to Round 4 SMART Scale Resources as the current round does not have an official section at this time. However, please monitor the site for any and all updates for Round 5.

Maintenance Activities

VDOT Area Headquarters crews are currently engaged in the following activities. For specific route activities, please contact the Abingdon Residency Office.

Abingdon & North Bristol Area Headquarters

10/22/21 - Mowing: Abingdon Residency: 3rd Cycle – 50% primary highways, 50% secondary highways. Hired Equipment crews completed a pipe replacement on Route 626 Large Hollow Road. 10/15/21 - Mowing: Abingdon Residency: 3rd Cycle – 50% primary highways, 35% secondary highways. Area Headquarters have completed 100% of the pre-season snow equipment inspections and dry runs. Hired Equipment crews have completed 100% of the Saltville red light removal and side walk project. Hired equipment crews completed asphalt patching on Lake Road in Washington County. 10/08/21 - Mowing: Abingdon Residency: 3rd Cycle – 50% primary highways, 30% secondary highways (No change due to rain). Area Headquarters are working to prepare their snow equipment for the upcoming Bristol District snow inspections.

Bridge/Culvert Maintenance Projects

The following are planned work location for the Bristol District Bridge Crew for pipe and bridge slab replacements in Washington County. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2021. The roadway will be closed at each specific location for approximately two - three weeks.

- **Rt. 613 Poor Valley Rd. | Jefferson District**
The project will last around two week and will being in summer 2022.
Location: 36°51'53.3"N 81°52'45.8"W
- **Rt. 694 | Stonybrook Rd. | Harrison District & Monroe District**
The project will last two to three weeks and will begin in spring 2022.
Location: 36°44'53.4"N 81°53'11.9"W
- **Sweet Hollow Rd. Rt. 710** – The pipes are located along Rockhouse Run at the following location: 36°37'44.4"N 81°53'05.3"W.
- **Sweet Hollow Rd. Rt. 710** – The pipes are located along Rockhouse Run at the following location: 36°38'18.5"N 81°53'05.5"W.

Abingdon Bridge Crew will be closing Route 710 Sweet Hollow Road to thru traffic starting November the 8th at 9:00 am to December the 19th to replace a triple set of metal pipes with a triple set of concrete pipes plus concrete headwalls on both ends structure number 6445.the pipes are located 0.4 from Route 711 and 1.90 to the Tennessee line. Abingdon Bridge Crew will then open up that section and move up Route 710 to close structure 6446 to replace that set of pipes same as the previous set replaced. This set is located 1.10 from route 711 and 1.20 from the Tennessee line. We are asking for 6 weeks closure for this project allowing 3 weeks for each set of pipes. All detours will be in place with message boards set up a week ahead of time to alert the public. All detours will be in place and adjusted for each project. The Schools, Post Office and E.M.S. will be included in the notice ahead of the start date.

Construction Activity Update:

Project	Recent / Upcoming Events	Estimate	Completion Date
Route 725 - Taylor Valley Rd Bridge Bridge Project UPC 104828	Construction Underway	\$ 1,740,394	Fall 2022
Exit 17 Interchange Improvements Smart Scale Project UPC 109419	Construction Underway	\$31,787,540	Fall 2022
Exit 19 Interchange Improvements Smart Scale Project UPC 109440	Construction Complete	\$5,737,833	-
I-81 Exit 17 Extend SB On Ramp I-81 Project UPC 116171	Construction Underway	\$ 3,704,108	Fall 2022

Upcoming Design Projects in Development:

Project	Recent / Upcoming Events	Estimate	Ad Date
US 11 - Sinking Creek Bridge Project UPC 112750	PAC – July 29, 2021	\$ 1,461,446	Aug 2022
US 58 Phase 3 Widening Design Project UPC 16382	Project Awarded	\$ 48,807,000	May 2021
Route 1203 - Water St Damascus Bridge Project UPC 104994	PAC – Summer 2021	\$ 2,177,781	Dec 2021
Route 11 & 140 Improvements SmartScale Project UPC 110794	Field Inspection – August 09, 2021	\$ 1,113,000	Dec 2021

I-81 Corridor Project Status:

Project	Recent / Upcoming Events	Estimate	Ad Date
I-81 SB MM 8.1 Widen to 3 Lanes I-81 Project UPC 116170	Public Hearing – October 2021	\$ 37,116,200	Mar 2024
I-81 Exit 19 Extend NB Off Ramp I-81 Project UPC 116155	Construction Underway	\$ 2,546,030	May 2021
I-81 NB MM 32 Truck Climbing Lane I-81 Project UPC 116156	Public Hearing - April 2021	\$ 23,916,180	Jun 2023

Upcoming Rural Rustic Projects in Development:

Project	Recent / Upcoming Events	Estimate	Ad Date
Route 783 – Fairhaven Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111419	Construction Complete	\$ 220,000	Summer 2021
Route 796 – Benfield Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC 111420	Construction Complete	\$ 75,000	Summer 2021
Route 907 – Piper Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111770	Construction Complete	\$ 110,000	Summer 2021
Route 626 – Large Hollow Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111475	Construction Complete	\$ 120,000	Summer 2021
Route 770 – Hillendale Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111477	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 100,000	Summer 2022
Route 686 – Moore Creek Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 111478	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 200,000	Summer 2022
Route 686 – Moore Creek Rd Phase 2 Rural Rustic Project UPC 113758	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 190,000	Summer 2022
Route 755 – Rhymer Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC 113874	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 177,000	Summer 2022
Route 780 – McCulloch Dr Rural Rustic Project UPC 113757	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 102,000	Summer 2022
Route 782 – Shaffertown Rd Rural Rustic Project UPC T21828	Scoping to begin Spring 2021	\$ 142,000	Summer 2022
Route 620 – Anderson Dr Rural Rustic Project UPC 113756	Scoping to begin Spring 2022	\$ 227,000	Summer 2023
Route 855 Mary’s Chapel Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 115849	Scoping to begin Spring 2022	\$ 140,000	Summer 2023
Route 777 Buckeye Hollow Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 115857	Scoping to begin Spring 2022	\$ 90,000	Summer 2023
Route 684 Rattle Creek Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 115858	Scoping to begin Spring 2022	\$ 50,000	Summer 2023
Route 892 Condor Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC 115859	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 110,000	Summer 2024

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Route 733 Rush Creek Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118330	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 134,000	Summer 2024
Route 800 Hiawatha Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118331	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 45,000	Summer 2024
Route 822 Ivanhoe Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118332	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 112,500	Summer 2024
Route 623 Wooden Gap Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118322	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 99,000	Summer 2024
Route 610 Cathedral Hill Street Rural Rustic Project UPC 118333	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 28,887	Summer 2024
Route 688 Scott Ridge Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118334	Scoping to begin Spring 2023	\$ 101,250	Summer 2024
Route 828 Earth Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118321	Scoping to begin Spring 2024	\$ 117,000	Summer 2025
Route 616 Little Wolf Run Road Rural Rustic Project UPC 118320	Scoping to begin Spring 2024	\$ 384,119	Summer 2025
Route 733 Rush Creek Road Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25319	Scoping to begin Spring 2024	\$ 133,000	Summer 2025
Route 849 Arrowhead Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25320	Scoping to begin Spring 2025	\$ 221,000	Summer 2026
Route 768 Brandy Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25321	Scoping to begin Spring 2025	\$ 133,000	Summer 2026
Route 870 Tree Top Drive Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25333	Scoping to begin Spring 2025	\$ 161,288	Summer 2026
Route 759 Horizon Drive Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25334	Scoping to begin Spring 2025	\$ 33,750	Summer 2026
Route 616 Little Wolf Run Road Rural Rustic Project UPC T-25335	Scoping to begin Spring 2025	\$ 110,500	Summer 2026



Route 796 – Benfield Lane Rural Rustic Project UPC 111420



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Re: Rt. 611 Garrett Creek Rd.
Speed Study Request

The following comments and recommendations are based on Resolution 2020-8, Request for safety study to be conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation on Route 611 (Garrett Creek Road) by the Washington County Board of Supervisors dated October 12, 2021.

1. The existing speed limit along Garrett Creek Rd. – Route 611 is 30 MPH. VDOT IIM TE 365 states that low volume roads with less than 400 VPD do not justify a speed study. The last recorded ADT for Garrett Creek Rd was 90 VPD at mile post 3.69 and 80 VPD at mile post 0.08. Therefore, Garrett Creek Rd. Rt. 611, would not warrant a lower speed limit or speed study.
2. Multiple signs were missing along the route, including speed limit signs. These signs will be ordered and installed by the department. The VDOT Abingdon Residency will update County Administration and the Board of Supervisors upon completion of the proposed sign project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.S. Lewis".

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