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Written and verbal comments may be submitted at the public hearing using the comment form or via court reporter at the meeting. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email to the contact information below. Comments can also be submitted using the online comment form linked below. VDOT respectfully requests that comments are postmarked, emailed, or delivered within 15 calendar days of this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate the input received at the public hearing and this information will be considered during further project development.

Please provide your feedback by November 30, 2022

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Design Public Hearing

Fall Line Trail Northern Section Hanover & Henrico Counties, Town of Ashland

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5 - 7 p.m.
Elmont Elementary School, Gymnasium
12007 Cedar Lane
Ashland, VA 23005

Design Public Hearing

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the Design Public Hearing for the proposed Fall Line Trail – Northern Section, which involves the development of the northernmost 4.8 miles of a shared-use path that will connect the proposed Longdale Phase of the Fall Line Trail in Henrico County to the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland. The trail will begin at the Woodman Road extension, approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County, and extend to a 0.46-mile section of the existing Trolley Line Trail, traveling along Walder Lane to Ashcake Road, in the Town of Ashland.

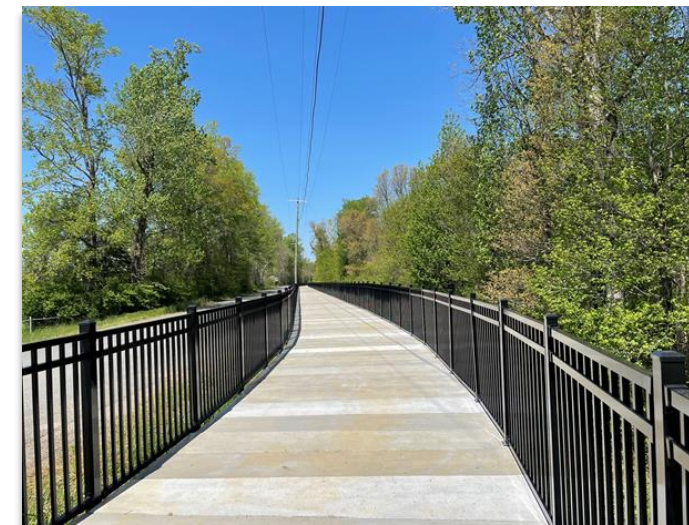
This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on their own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department their comments and/or suggestions concerning the proposed project after reviewing the project information.

Representatives from VDOT are on hand 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.

A comment sheet is included in the meeting materials and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, interested citizens and all other interested parties. Concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be evaluated by staff prior to consideration for approval of the project by the Chief Engineer.

Representatives from VDOT are available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Project Description



The existing Ashland Trolley Line Trail.

Cost – \$17.5 million

Purpose – To provide increased bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to existing and planned trail networks, as well as key local and regional destinations, by constructing a 4.8-mile section of the Fall Line Trail.

From – 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road

To – Ashcake Road

Total length – 4.8 miles

Improvements – Shared-use trail facility along abandoned railways and existing utility transmission corridors, including a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Chickahominy River.

State Project Number: 9999-166-294, P101, R201, C501 (UPC 121374)
9999-964-016, P101, R201, C501 (UPC 119599)

Project Description

The Fall Line Trail is a regional paved shared-use path that is planned to span seven localities and connect rural, suburban, and urban landscapes and a multitude of places of interest for approximately 43 miles in the Richmond region from the City of Petersburg to the Town of Ashland.

The Fall Line Trail – Northern Section will complete the northernmost segments of the Fall Line Trail and will provide a new 4.8 mile separated ten-foot (10') shared-use path to connect the Longdale Section of the Fall Line Trail, which is currently under design and development by Henrico County, to the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland. The limits of the project are from the Woodman Road extension, approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County, to the existing Trolley Line Trail, which extends approximately 0.46 miles north along Walder Lane to Ashcake Road in the Town of Ashland.

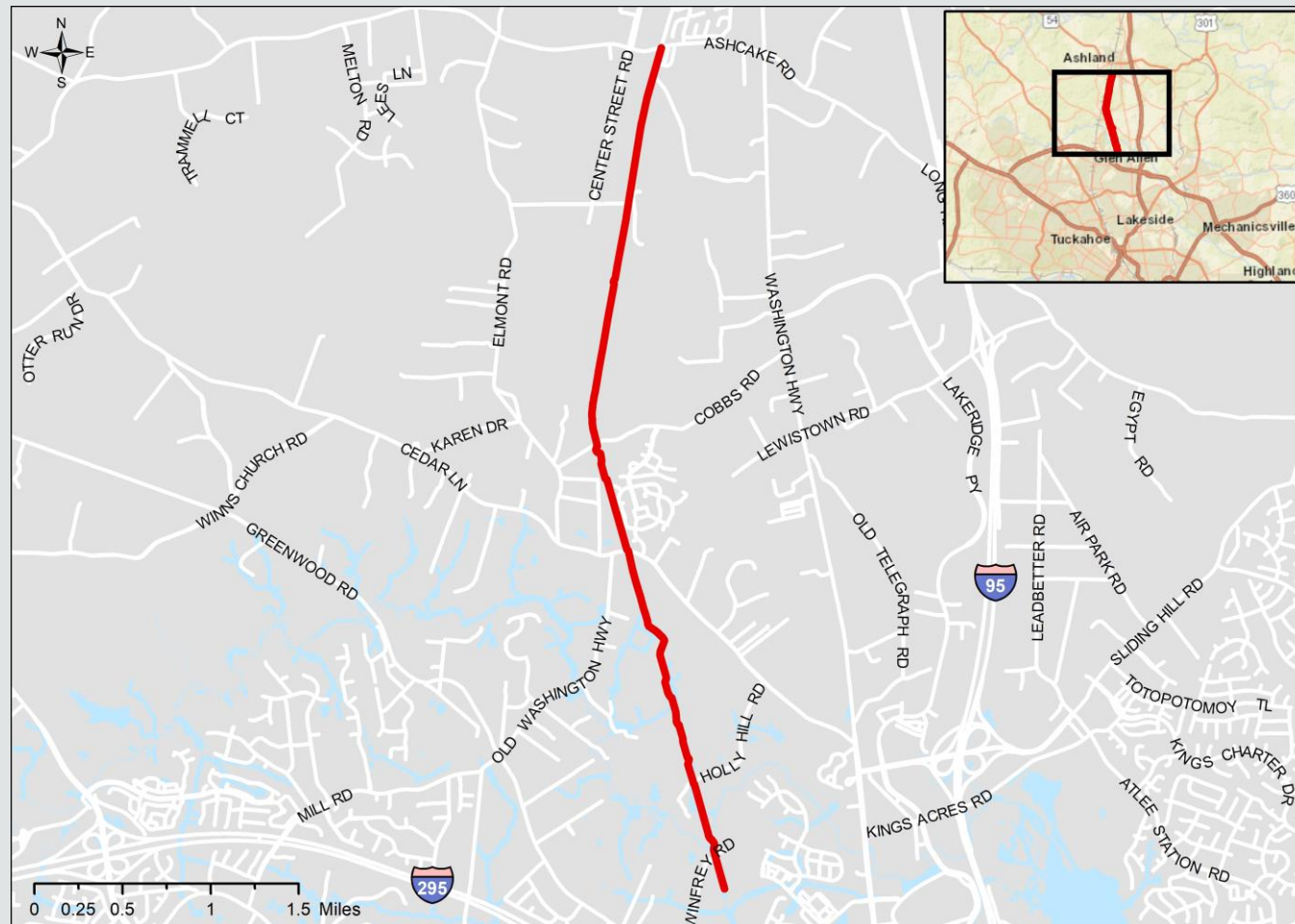
The Fall Line Trail – Northern Section will follow the historic Richmond-Ashland Trolley Line corridor for approximately

4.3 miles, primarily along an existing property owned by Dominion Energy Virginia.

On October 25, 2022, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the governing board for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), resolved to adopt the location decision to accept the Fall Line Trail project into the state transportation system. This decision is consistent with the Code of Virginia (§33.2-208) and the Virginia Administrative Code (24 VAC 30-380-10) and allows the project to move forward to design, advertisement, and construction.

VDOT has prepared a conceptual design for the project, which is being presented at tonight's Design Public Hearing. Detailed design and construction of the project is expected to occur through a Design-Build project procurement method. Following the review and input of public comments received, VDOT anticipates that a Design-Build contract will be advertised in late 2022.

Project Location



Estimated Project Cost*

Total Cost:

\$ 17.5 million

Preliminary Engineering:

\$1,989,541

Right of Way and Utility Relocation:

\$3,770,874

Construction:

\$11,699,296

**Note: Because development of the project is in early design stages, this cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using state and local funds.*

Environmental Review

As federal funding will not be used for the Fall Line Trail – Northern Section, an environmental review, consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's implementing regulations under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (23 CFR §771), is not required.

The Fall Line Trail – Northern Section will be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approvals required throughout the project development process.

All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, in addition to adherence to VDOT's specifications and standard best practices, will minimize impacts to the environment during construction.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing – November 2022

Public Comment Period Close – November 30, 2022

Request for Design-Build Proposals – December 2022

Construction Start – Summer 2023

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.

Right of Way

Displays at this meeting show the extent of preliminary right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As the design is further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the preliminary plans. 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 brochure, *Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants*. Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.