



Submission of Comments

Public meetings are beneficial to citizens and The City of Winchester alike. They enable the City's engineers to report on the facts established by their studies and to obtain citizens' comments. Comments made as a result of this meeting will be considered and used to further develop the design. A comment sheet has been provided, as part of this brochure, to assist you in making your comments. A collection box is by the door for your convenience, comments may also be emailed to Perry.Eisenach@Winchesterva.gov (please be sure to include "Valley Avenue" in the subject line), mailed or dropped off up to ten (10) days after this meeting, ending July 29, 2016, at the following address:

Mr. Perry Eisenach, Public Services Director
City of Winchester
Department of Public Services
15 North Cameron Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

What's Next?

Ten (10) days after this public meeting, the public comment period will close on July 29, 2016.

The City of Winchester will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the Design Public Hearing.

Project Schedule

Begin Right-of-Way Acquisitions	March 2017
Utility Relocations	January 2018
Begin Construction	December 2018

Right-of-Way Requirements

No residential or business relocations are anticipated at this time. As the project develops and the design is finalized, some additional easements may be required beyond the proposed easements or existing right-of-way shown on the plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact locations and use of the easements during the right-of-way process prior to construction. Questions regarding right-of-way acquisition should be directed to:

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The plan will be available for review in the City of Winchester Department of Public Services, Transportation Office on the fourth floor of Rouss City Hall at 15 North Cameron Street, Winchester, VA 22601.



Valley Avenue Drainage Improvement Project

State Route 11, City of Winchester, Virginia

DESIGN PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

July 19, 2016
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Rouss City Hall
15 North Cameron Street
Winchester, VA 22601



Welcome

Thank you for attending tonight's design public hearing to discuss the preliminary design to improve drainage on Valley Avenue, State Route 11.

The completion of this project will install curb & gutter on both sides of the roadway where none currently exists, provide a solution to the drainage problems near the intersection of Valley Avenue and Tevis Street, and install continuous sidewalk on both sides of the roadway.

Project representatives are available tonight to answer your questions. We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward. Thank you for participating in tonight's Valley Avenue Project Public Hearing!

State Project: U000-138-R04, P101, R201, C501; UPC 103013

Our Project Team, comprised of the City of Winchester and Rinker Design Associates, P.C., is available to respond to questions and concerns. It is the City of Winchester's duty to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

The City of Winchester ensures non-discrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



Valley Avenue Drainage Improvement Project



Project Description & Design Features

The City of Winchester intends to construct curb and gutter and sidewalk where currently none exists along Virginia State Route 11, from the southern City limits (0.05 mi north of Shawnee Drive), approximately 1.4 miles to Middle Road. The City also intends to address a drainage problem at the Tevis Street intersection. There will be no substantial pavement widening except for constructing a left turn lane to Monticello Street. This segment of Valley Avenue carried 14,000 vehicles per day in 2014.

The improved roadway will meet current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards for a 40 mph Urban Principal Arterial roadway. The configuration of the travel lanes that exist today will be maintained, except for the new left turn lane to Monticello street. Re-striping of the roadway will be done to accommodate bicycle lanes or wider curb lanes where space permits. The overall length of this project is approximately 1.4 miles.

Improvements also include the extension of storm sewer down Tevis Street to outlet into the regional storm water management facility being built with the Hope Drive Extension project.

Environmental Considerations

Due to federal funding on the Valley Avenue Project, the City will, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with VDOT, conduct an assessment of the environmental impacts of the project.

In this case, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) will be prepared. (The PCE level of documentation is reserved for projects anticipated to have very minor impacts). This process, like the State Environmental Review Process or SERP, involves coordination with local and state agencies, database searches, and onsite inspections designed to address the potential environmental concerns. It is more intensive in that it also requires coordination with a number of federal agencies, and must show how the project will comply with federal as well as state environmental statutes. The results of the PCE will be available for your review at the public hearing.

A wetland and waterway reconnaissance has been conducted for the project area. There are no such features that would be impacted by the proposed improvements.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

The estimated total project cost, including design, construction, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation, is \$7.4 million.

Project Location Map



Typical Sections

