

Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Replacement Harrisonburg, VA

State Project No.: R316-115-250

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING MEETING SUMMARY

The city of Harrisonburg held a Design Public Hearing to provide citizens with the opportunity to review and comment on proposed preliminary plans for the replacement of the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge over Blacks Run in Harrisonburg. The project will extend from 0.17 mile east of the Early Road intersection to 0.33 mile east of the Greendale Road intersection. The project includes new roadway, bridge, sidewalk, bike lanes, drainage and signing and pavement marking. In the future, Pleasant Valley Road will be widened to three lanes and include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

The purpose of the project is to better serve the needs of the traveling public by widening and reconstructing the bridge to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety.

This report summarizes the details and findings of the Design Public Hearing.

Design Public Hearing Meeting Date and Advertisement

The Design Public Hearing was held on the following date and location:

Thursday, October 15, 2015, 5-7 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Elementary School
215 Pleasant Valley Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

To comply with VDOT requirements, the Design Public Hearing was advertised in the following local newspaper on the dates shown. A copy of the advertisement is attached.

Daily News-Record, Harrisonburg September 15, 2015 and October 7, 2015

Project Team Attendees

The following Project Team representatives attended the Design Public Hearing:

Name	Organization
Jim Baker, Director of Public Works	City of Harrisonburg
Tom Hartman, Assistant Director of Public Works	City of Harrisonburg
Kim Cameron, Public Works Engineer	City of Harrisonburg
Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner	City of Harrisonburg
Danielle Morris, Public Works Project Coordinator	City of Harrisonburg
Brad Reed, Transportation Planner	City of Harrisonburg
Danny DeLong, Transportation Designer	McCormick Taylor

Jet Dienner, Civil Designer
Sam Styers, Senior Engineer
Mike Hansen, Bridge Engineer

McCormick Taylor
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Schwartz and Associates

Design Public Hearing Format

The Design Public Hearing was held in open house format with displays and project team members present to collect information and answer questions. When citizens signed in at the meeting, they each received a handout that included a comment form (attached). Written comments were collected at the meeting and through October 28, 2015. Two static display boards were prepared for the public hearing (attached). One board showed the proposed design and impacts to property owners and one board depicted the proposed detour route.

Design Public Hearing Meeting Attendance

Based on the sign-in sheets (attached) a total of 6 people attended. One of the individuals shown on the sign-in sheet was a member of the Project Team.

Provided Comments

During the Design Public Hearing, written comments were taken. Written comments also were accepted through October 28, 2015.

A total of 2 comments were received on the comment sheet provided at the Design Public Hearing (copies attached).

A total of 3 comments were received by the city of Harrisonburg during the comment period following the Design Public Hearing (copies attached).

Comments Received at the Design Public hearing

Question 1. Does the design of this project address the needs and concerns for this area? If not, why not?

Responses:

- 1 yes response
- 1 no comment to question

Question 2. Do you understand the detour for this project? Please tell us any concerns about the detour.

Responses:

- 1 yes response
- 1 no comment to question

Question 3. Do you have any concerns about the impact of this project on adjacent properties? If yes, please explain.

Responses:

- 1 no response
- 1 no comment to question

Question 4. Was the information presented at tonight's meeting easy to understand? Did it meet your needs/expectations?

Responses:

- 1 yes response
- 1 no comment to question

Question 5. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist us in the completion of this project.

Responses:

- Rick will email a PDF of prints.
- Concern with bus dismissal for SHS and ERHS with having to turn left onto Early Road, around 5 buses at 11:00 and 2:30. Would recommend a left turning signal at Early Road/Pleasant valley intersection during construction. Signal would provide ease for buses to turn left to get students back to home school on time and prevent major back-up on Pleasant Valley during dismissal and currently buses turn right out of MTC to return students to SHS/ERHS.

Comments Received during the Comment Period after the Design Public Hearing

- It was a pleasure to meet you last night and appreciate the opportunity to ask questions. As stated, I very much understand the necessity of the project and based on the scope of work I can see how six months is a reasonable time. We will be looking at the routing of our trucks to minimize detour time and maximize safety. I would suggest that consideration be given on temporary stop lights at the intersections of Early Road and Cecil Wampler as well as Cecil Wampler and Rt. 11 (this could be a challenge with traffic backing up on Rt. 11 due to the stop light at Oakdale Drive). If a commercial traffic audit would be done I think all would be surprised with the number of vehicles that come in off Pleasant Valley and Cecil Wampler during any given week. Please call me if you have any questions and thank you for your help with our new warehouse addition. We are very excited to get this started
- As a resident of Harrisonburg and a business manager in the area affected by the planned bridge replacement, I hereby submit the following comments which I hope you will utilize in further planning for this project:
 1. That you consider placing a detour sign coming out of the InterChange industrial campus (Interstate View Drive) directing traffic headed towards I81 to turn right onto Pleasants Drive. From there the traffic will pick up on already planned signage.
 2. That you consider temporary signals at the intersection of Cecil Wampler Road and Rt. 11 to assist with the increased volume of traffic which we will

- all experience there. That intersection is bad enough now, and will only be exasperated during the planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road
3. That you attempt to get VDOT to further reduce the speed limit on Rt. 11 at the intersection of Cecil Wampler Road and Rt. 11 during this planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road.
 4. That you somehow limit the “test driving” of vehicles at the Auto Auction. It may not be commonly known, but buyers of these vehicles frequently run these vehicles up and down Early Road and will suddenly turn around anywhere they please. This will further the risk of injury and property damage during the planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road.
 5. That the City develops a boilerplate road closure/detour/information sheet to be shared with businesses and industry in the area. This information could be shared with various transport companies who frequent the Pleasant Valley industrial complexes.

I fully support the planned upgrades to the bridge/road and hope the closure will proceed smoothly.

- I would add that I think a traffic study would be in order for the affected roadways. It would be helpful to know how many trucks will need to now turn at the Early Rd/Pleasant Valley Rd and Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersections. In essence, all truck traffic will be taking one of these two intersections to enter and exit the Pleasant Valley area. This is no different from today but I suspect that the Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersection will garner more traffic than those choosing to go Early Rd and make the tight turn at the Pleasant Valley Bridge over I-81. This will further stress the Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersection and increase the likelihood of accidents there.

I certainly hope you can provide some assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Summary

Comments received at the Design Public Hearing and during the following comment period will be taken into consideration by the city of Harrisonburg as design of the project is finalized.

WORLD
BRIEFS

Volcano Erupts In Southern Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Mount Aso, a volcano on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, has erupted, sending huge plumes of black and then white smoke 6,560 feet into the air.

The eruption Monday prompted authorities to raise the alert level for the area, banning people from approaching within 1.25 miles of the volcano's mouth.

There are no homes within that area and there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The national television network NHK cited local police as saying they had safely evacuated people from a ropeway station on the mountain and were having other visitors move to lower elevations. Police were still checking to see if any hikers were in the restricted area.

Some flights to the nearby city of Kumamoto were diverted due to the ash pumped into the air by the eruption.

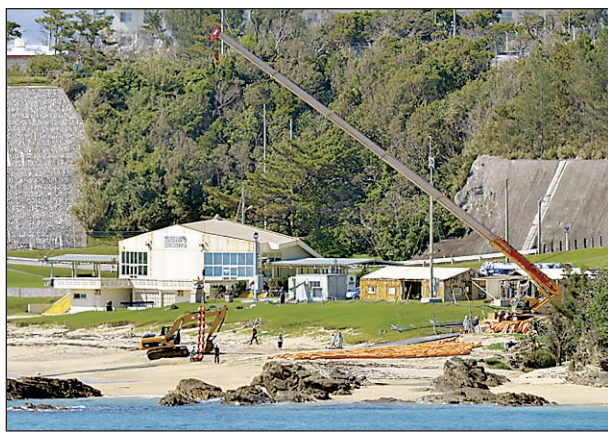
Jordan's King Warns Israel About Violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — A second consecutive day of violence at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site prompted a rare warning Monday from the king of Jordan, Abdullah II, the custodian of the ancient sites, while an Israeli man died and several people were injured after attacks by rock-throwing Palestinians.

The holy site is a frequent flashpoint and its fate is a core issue at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Jordan, which has a peace treaty with Israel, administers Muslim religious affairs at the site, sacred to both Jews and Muslims. The compound is known to Jews as the Temple Mount, site of the two biblical Jewish temples. Muslims revere it as the Noble Sanctuary, where they believe the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

Earlier Monday, Israeli police and Palestinian stone-throwers clashed for the second day at the site. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said protesters threw rocks at officers who entered the area to ensure security. She said several masked Palestinians suspected of stone throwing were arrested.



Hiroko Harima / Kyodo News via AP

Workers continue construction Sunday of an air base at Henoko beach in Nago, Okinawa in Japan. The governor of Okinawa is threatening to pull approval for the base.

Japanese Official May Kill U.S. Base Approval

Associated Press

TOKYO — Okinawa's governor said Monday that he was preparing to revoke approval for work needed to relocate a U.S. military air base from one area of the southern Japanese island to another, just days after the work was restarted.

Local residents are upset at having to live alongside U.S. Marine Air Station Futenma, and there are plans to move it to a less-developed area on Okinawa called Henoko. But the locals say the relocation only moves the burden elsewhere, and they want the base moved off the island entirely.

Gov. Takeshi Onaga, elected last year on promises to fight the move, said that approval given in 2013 by his predecessor for landfill work has "legal defects" and that he has begun the process to cancel it.

"We will take all possible measures to block base construction in Henoko, and this is the first step," Onaga said at a news conference at his office in the prefectural capital of Naha, indicating that he is set for a le-

gal battle with Japan's central government.

Anti-military sentiment is high on Okinawa, which houses more than half of the 50,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan. In terms of space, 74 percent of U.S. bases are on the island, which has only 0.6 percent of Japan's land.

The central government suspended the land reclamation work on Aug. 10 to allow for a month of talks to reach a compromise with the Okinawan government, but that proved to be too short of a period to resolve two decades of political fighting. After a month-long break while fruitless talks were held, the reclamation work resumed Saturday amid strong protests by local residents and activists at the site.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said the reclamation work would continue as planned, calling Onaga's protest "regrettable."

The Defense Ministry, which is in charge of the reclamation work, is reportedly considering the possibility of filing for an injunction if Onaga carries through on his attempt to revoke approval for the work.

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Call Roger Hoover, 504-434-4457



Thank You for all of the thoughts and prayers and your expression of sympathy. We can never express our appreciation enough for all of the cards, visits, calls, food, flowers and memorial contributions during this difficult time. The outpouring of support from everyone during the loss of our son Austin Whetzel has been comforting and we can never thank you enough. A special thank you to all who were involved at the Tri County Fair, to McKee Funeral Home, Rev. Jonathan Hedrick, and the Mathias Baker Fire Dept. We will always remember your kindness.
The Austin Whetzel Family

Fresh Local APPLES

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Also Available at Broadway, Harrisonburg & Bridgewater Farmers' Markets

The City of Harrisonburg, Virginia Public Service Announcement

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VDOT UPC# 107147

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Website: www.harrisonburgva.gov/pleasant-valley-road
State Project Number: RS16-115-250, PE101, R201, C501

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To reserve your seats, please call 1-800-955-1573 (Toll Free, 24 Hours)

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WORLD BRIEFS

Extremists Vow Violence Against Britain

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A spokesman for Somalia's Islamic extremists says their rebels will fight the British troops that are to be deployed to the country as peacekeepers.

Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage, a spokesman for al-Shabab, said on the group's radio Tuesday that their fighters would welcome the British troops with bullets and drag beheaded British soldiers through the streets.

His comments were in response to British prime minister David Cameron's pledge last month that as many as 70 British military personnel could be sent to Somalia to bolster a United Nations-backed mission to support the Somali government against the extremists.

It would be the first time Britain has formally joined the international contingent backing the African Union's long-running efforts against al-Shabab, which is linked to al-Qaida.

Vatican: Pope To Visit Mexico Next Year

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican says Pope Francis is planning to visit Mexico next year.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, confirmed Tuesday that plans are underway for the trip and said it would include a visit to the Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine. No dates were announced.

Francis had said previously that he wanted to have entered the U.S. from Mexico in a sign of solidarity with migrants during his recent U.S. trip but that the schedule didn't allow for it.

Francis had planned to visit his native Argentina as well as Uruguay and Chile next year, but it's not clear if that trip will still take place. The only other trip planned so far in 2016 is to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day in July.

European Data Sharing Plan Ruled Invalid

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Facebook and thousands of other companies could find it vastly more complicated to do business in Europe after a court ruled that personal data sent to U.S. servers is potentially unsafe from government spying.

Some 4,500 companies have long been able to store users' personal data — everything from status updates and photos to personal information like bank details and home addresses — where they see fit, often in the U.S.

That could change after Europe's top court on Tuesday declared invalid a 15-year-old pact allowing the unfettered transfer of personal data outside the European Union's 28 countries.

The case was brought by an Austrian law student in the wake of revelations by former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snow-

den of the extent of the NSA's surveillance programs.

Max Schrems complained that U.S. law doesn't offer sufficient protection against surveillance of data transferred by Facebook to servers in the United States.

The verdict could have far-reaching implications for companies operating in Europe.

It does not mean companies have to immediately stop transferring data to the U.S. Rather, it opens up the possibility that European regulators will be inundated by complaints by consumers who do not want their data stored in the U.S. That would make it hugely difficult for companies to do business.

"The message is clear — that mass surveillance is not possible and against fundamental rights in Europe," said Schrems after the ruling.

General: Airstrike A Mistake

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan recommended on Tuesday that President Barack Obama revise his plan and keep more than 1,000 U.S. troops in the country beyond 2016, just days after a deadly U.S. airstrike "mistakenly" hit a hospital during fierce fighting in the north.

Gen. John F. Campbell told Congress that conditions on the ground have changed since Obama announced his plan in 2014 to cut the current U.S. force of 9,800 to an embassy-based security contingent of about 1,000 in Kabul post-2016. Obama has vowed to a war-weary nation to end the U.S. war in Afghanistan and get American troops out by the time he leaves office in January 2017.

Campbell said, however, that Afghanistan remains engaged in a violent battle against the Taliban, military operations in Pakistan have pushed fighters, including those linked to al-Qaida, into eastern and northern Afghanistan and the emergence of Islamic State fighters has further complicated the conflict.

Campbell, the top commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, said that dropping to 1,000 troops would leave the United States with limited ability to train and assist the Afghan forces and even less capacity to conduct counterterrorism operations. He said the different options he has provided to his superiors are for troop levels beyond a normal embassy presence of about 1,000.

Campbell refused to discuss the numbers of troops he is recommending. But when Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, asked Campbell if he thought



Associated Press

Gen. John Campbell pauses as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the situation in Afghanistan.

the president should revise his troop withdrawal plan, Campbell replied: "I will stomp my foot. Yes, sir."

Both Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Secretary of State John Kerry have stressed the importance of continuing counterterrorism missions in Afghanistan, even into 2017.

In his opening remarks to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Campbell offered details about the airstrike on a medical clinic that Doctors Without Borders ran in Kunduz. He said a U.S. Special Operations unit that was close by was "talking to the aircraft that delivered" the firepower, which killed at least 22 people.

"To be clear, the decision to provide [airstrikes] was a U.S. decision,

made within the U.S. chain of command," Campbell said. "The hospital was mistakenly struck. We would never intentionally target a protected medical facility."

Carter issued a statement promising a full and transparent investigation. "We will do everything we can to understand this tragic incident, learn from it and hold people accountable as necessary," he said.

Anti-war protesters sat in the front row of the hearing with red coloring, depicting blood, on their faces. They carried signs that read: "Health care not warfare" and "Kunduz victims: RIP." A woman who shouted "Bombing hospitals is a war crime! Stop the bombing now!" was escorted from the room.

Syrian Rebels Face New Reality

BEIRUT (AP) — The U.S.-backed rebel group Tajammu Alezzah has been fighting the Syrian military outside the city of Hama for months, but a new player has joined the fray: Russian warplanes, which have repeatedly hit their front-line positions, followed by airstrikes from government planes.

Russia's bombing campaign, now a week old, has created a new reality for Syria's opposition. The rebels say the airstrikes are meant to weaken the rebellion against President Bashar Assad, not just crush the Islamic State and other militants as Moscow contends.

The Russian airstrikes, more powerful than those by the Syrian military, have hit along several key fronts, even attacking rebel bases along the border with Turkey. That's an area the opposition had

considered to be relatively safe because Syria's air force has avoided it.

Rebel factions — moderates, Islamists and radicals alike — have had to evacuate some bases and move ammunition stores, according to opposition activists and rebel commanders. The rebels are calling for their regional backers, such as the Gulf countries and Turkey, to boost their support, including more sophisticated weapons like anti-aircraft missiles.

Many warn that the Russian intervention will only strengthen extremists like the Islamic State and al-Qaida's branch in Syria by rallying people to their side, while the already beleaguered moderate forces are weakened further.

Maj. Jamil al-Saleh, the leader of Tajammu Alezzah, said his forces have had to redeploy to safer areas after 22 of his fighters

were wounded in the airstrikes, but they have not withdrawn from the front-lines at Latamneh, a town north of Hama. The airstrikes were clearly intended to tip the area to the government's favor, he added.

"The regime would like to reclaim this area after many losses," al-Saleh, a defector from the Syrian military, told The Associated Press. He added that the military wants to achieve victories and "lift the spirits of the regime forces and Shabiha" — a reference to the pro-government militia.

Russia, a longtime ally of Assad, insists its campaign is solely intended to roll back Islamic militants, saying it is targeting the Islamic State group and other radicals like al-Qaida's branch, the Nusra Front, and hard-line rebel groups such as

Ahrar al-Sham.

Some of the airstrikes have indeed targeted I.S. militants. On Tuesday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, said Russian jets in the past 24 hours had carried out 34 airstrikes in and around the central city of Palmyra, which is held by I.S., and outside the group's de facto capital of Raqqa.

An Islamic State operative denied there were any Russian hits on his group's locations.



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Meet and Greet
Rockingham County Constitutional Officers.
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk of The Court,
Commissioner of The Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer,
School Board, Board of Supervisors.
Where: East Rock High School
When: Thursday, Oct. 8th, 7-9 pm
There will be a presentation of each, and then
question and answer sessions.
Sponsored by The Town of Elkton
For more info: contact Gerry Comer 560-3443 or
Harry Armbruster at 435-0115

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At **Linville United Methodist Church**
5180 Kratzer Road (behind church), Harrisonburg, Va.
Harvest Dinner Served at 3:30 p.m.
Fried Country Ham & Baked Ham, Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Brown Beans, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Cornbread
Apple Dumplings and Pumpkin Pie
Advance Tickets: \$10 - Adults, \$5 - Children 6-12, under 6 free
Call 540-828-3229 or 833-2800
Tickets at the door: \$12 Adults
Entertainment begins at 2 p.m.
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Anticipated Project Timeline

Fall 2015:
Review Design
Public Hearing
Comments & Finalize
Design Plans

Late 2015:
Right of Way
Acquisition & Utility
Relocations

Early 2016:
Advertise for
Construction



What's Next?

The public comment period for this Design Public Hearing will close Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015. At that time, the city of Harrisonburg will review and evaluate all the information received as a result of the public hearing.

After reviewing the information received, the city of Harrisonburg will move toward finalizing the design plans for this project.

Information about the project will be posted on this website:
<http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/pleasant-valley-road>

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING



Pleasant Valley Road BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Pleasant Valley Elementary School
215 Pleasant Valley Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015
5 - 7 p.m.

Welcome

Thank you for attending this evening's Design Public Hearing (DPH) to discuss the proposed replacement of the Pleasant Valley Road bridge over Blacks Run in the city of Harrisonburg, Va.

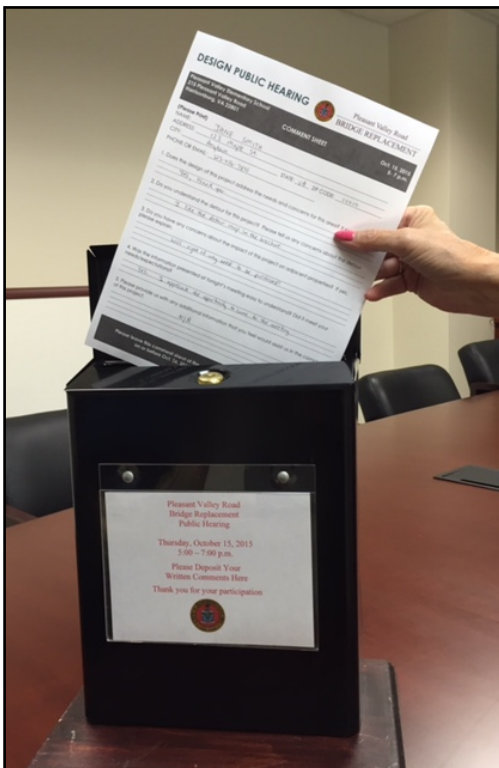
The purpose of this project is to better serve the needs of the traveling public by widening and reconstructing the bridge to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety.

A DPH is beneficial to both citizens and the city. During a DPH, city engineers can report on the facts of the project and then get useful feedback from citizens. Your comments and concerns will be carefully considered before the city completes final design plans that will lead to construction of this project. All written comments received will be included in a report for public review.

Comment sheets are available during the DPH for you to use to record your thoughts and suggestions. Place your completed comment sheet in the comment box or mail it to the city on or before Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015. The address is on the back of this handout.

Thank you for being here! We look forward to working with you as this project moves forward.

Additional Information



Project information shared during this DPH will be available for review after the hearing at 320 E. Mosby Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 or by phone at (540) 434-5928.

Written comments and other exhibits related to the proposed project may be submitted in place of or in addition to statements made at the DPH. This information must be postmarked or delivered to the city of Harrisonburg on or before Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, in order to be included in the DPH report. Please send written comments to:

City of Harrisonburg
Mr. Tom Hartman, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works
320 E. Mosby Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-2623
Telephone: (540) 434-5928
Email: Tom.Hartman@harrisonburgva.gov



VDOT PROJECT: RS16-115-250 UPC: 107146



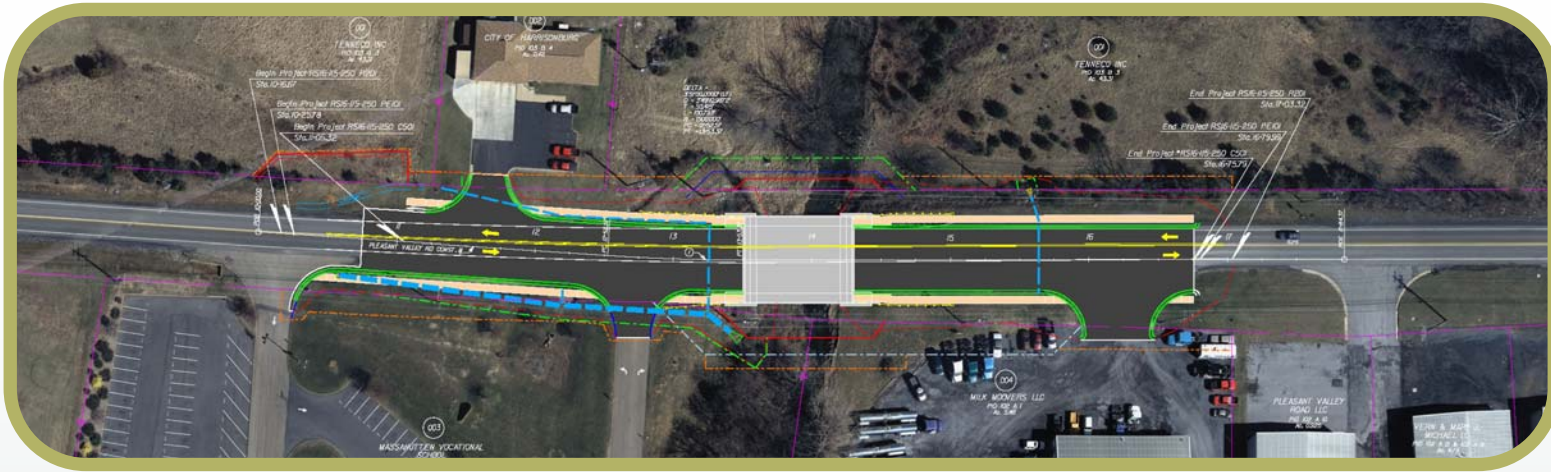
Civil Rights

Our project team is available this evening to respond to your questions and concerns. It is the responsibility of the city of Harrisonburg 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 Harrisonburg and the Virginia Department of Transportation ensure nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For further information, contact:

VDOT Staunton District
Office of Civil Rights
811 Commerce Road
Staunton, VA 24401

or call (540) 332-9247 or TDD 711



Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Replacement

This project, approximately 0.12 mile long, involves replacing and widening the existing bridge that carries two-lane Pleasant Valley Road over Blacks Run. The project will extend from 0.17 mile east of the Early Road intersection to 0.33 mile east of the Greendale Road intersection. The project includes new roadway, bridge, sidewalk, bike lanes, drainage, and signing and pavement marking. In the future, Pleasant Valley Road will be widened to three lanes and include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Design will be done according to city of Harrisonburg, Virginia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration standards.

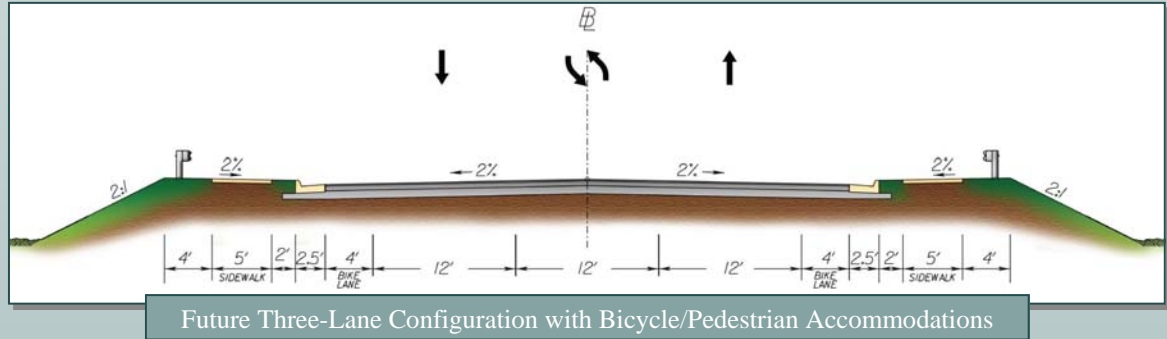
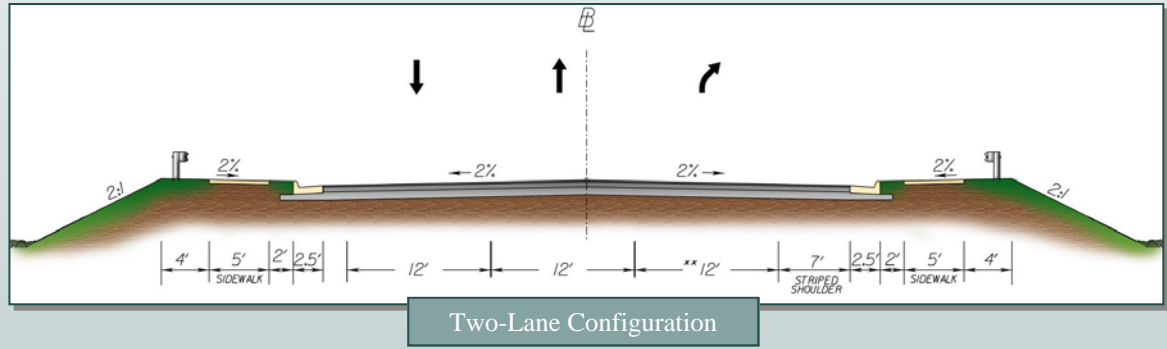
Estimated Cost of Bridge Replacement:

- Preliminary Engineering: \$239,000
- Right of Way / Utilities: \$200,000
- Construction: \$1,300,000
- Total: \$1,739,000

Right of Way Requirements:

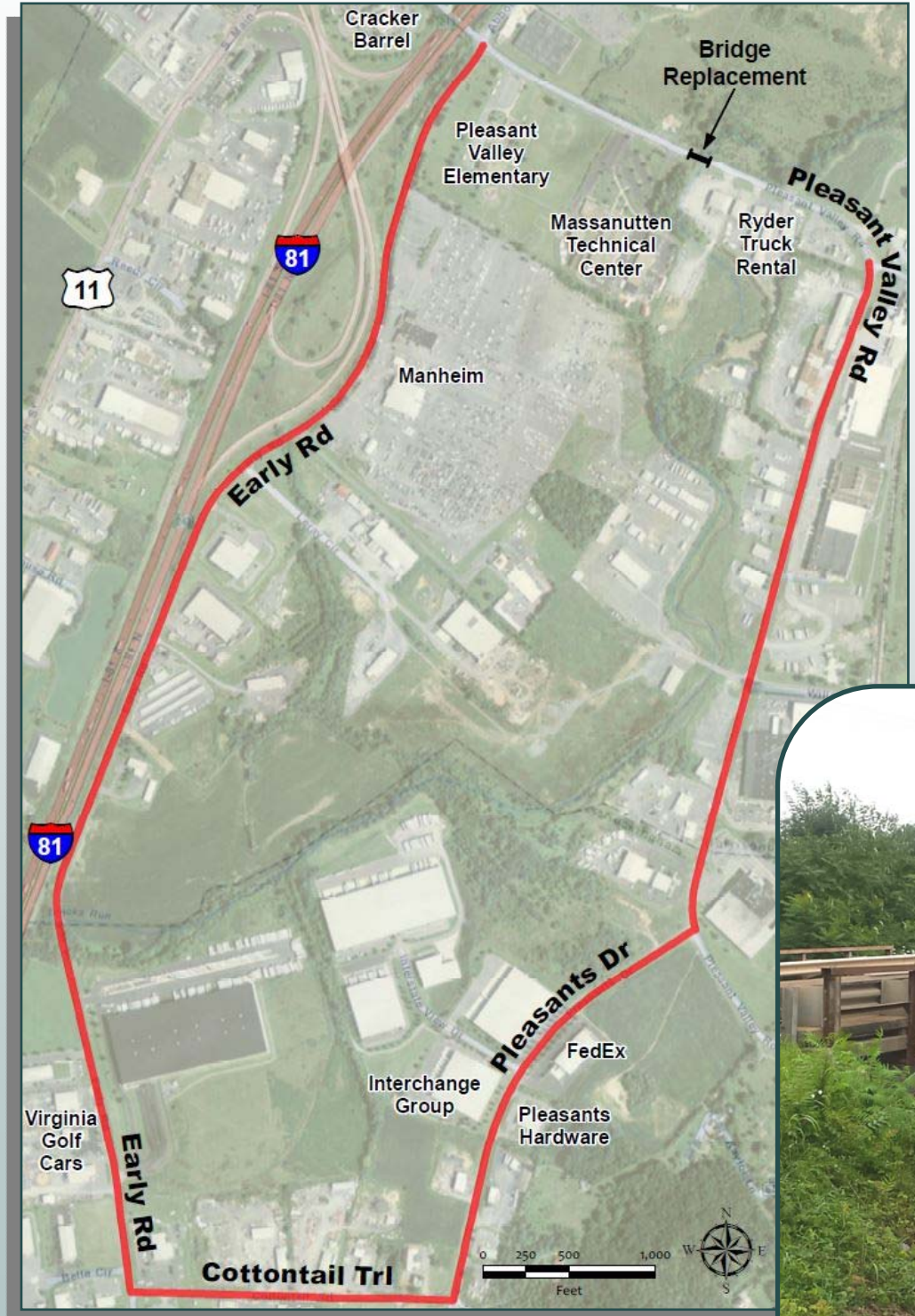
Most of the proposed improvements to Pleasant Valley Road are located within the city of Harrisonburg's existing right of way. Some of the proposed improvements will require acquisition of additional right of way. There will be no families, businesses or non-profit organizations displaced as a result of these improvements.

As we further coordinate and finalize the design of this project, additional easements may be required beyond the existing right of way shown on the public hearing plans.



Detour Route

While construction of the new bridge is underway, Pleasant Valley Road will be closed to through traffic and a detour will be necessary, as shown on the map below. The detour will be clearly marked. Special accommodations will be made for emergency vehicles.



Environmental Considerations

Projects funded with VDOT (state) monies require the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). This process results in a Preliminary Environmental Inventory (PEI), which identifies the environmental resources that may be present in the project area as well as any environmental commitments that must be carried out prior to earth disturbing activities. All necessary environmental studies will be completed for this project, including threatened and endangered species coordination and wetland and Waters of the U.S. identification and permitting. During construction, the environment will be protected by strict compliance with all applicable environmental commitments resulting from regulatory approvals as well as implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices.



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COMMENT SHEET

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5 - 7 p.m.

(Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE OR EMAIL: _____

1. Does the design of this project address the needs and concerns for this area? If not, why not?

2. Do you understand the detour for this project? Please tell us any concerns about the detour.

3. Do you have any concerns about the impact of this project on adjacent properties? If yes, please explain.

4. Was the information presented at tonight's meeting easy to understand? Did it meet your needs/expectations?

5. Please provide us with any additional information that you feel would assist us in the completion of this project.

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or mail your comments on or before Oct. 28, 2015, to the addressee on the reverse side.

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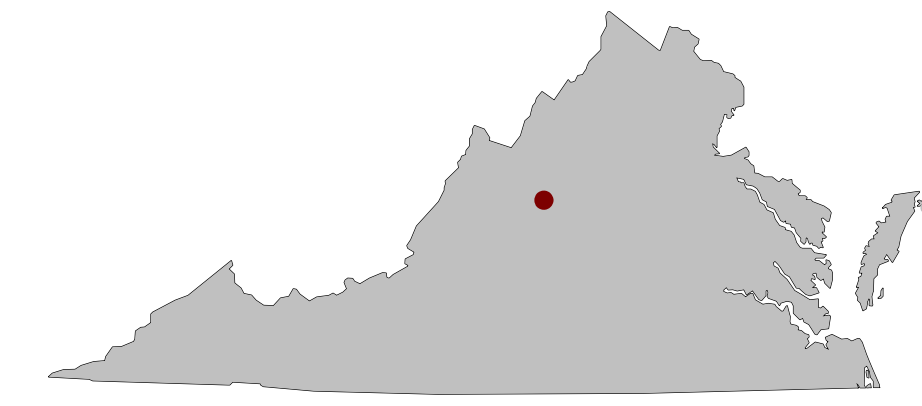
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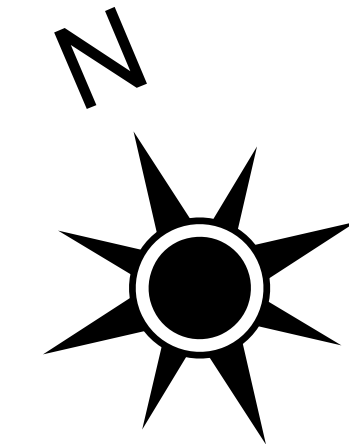
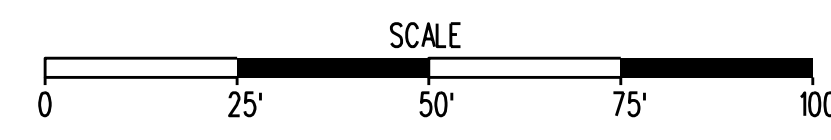
Pleasant Valley Bridge Replacement Pleasant Valley Road

Project Location

City of Harrisonburg
Rockingham County



North Arrow & Scale



Legend

	Proposed Road		Existing Right of Way
	Proposed Bridge		Property Line
	Proposed Bike Lanes		Proposed Right of Way Line
	Proposed Sidewalk		Proposed Perm. Drainage Easement
	Proposed GR-9 Guardrail Terminal		Proposed Perm. Utility Easement
			Proposed Temp. Construction Easement
			Proposed Limits of Construction - Fill
			Proposed Limits of Construction - Cut

Contact Information

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Project Manager
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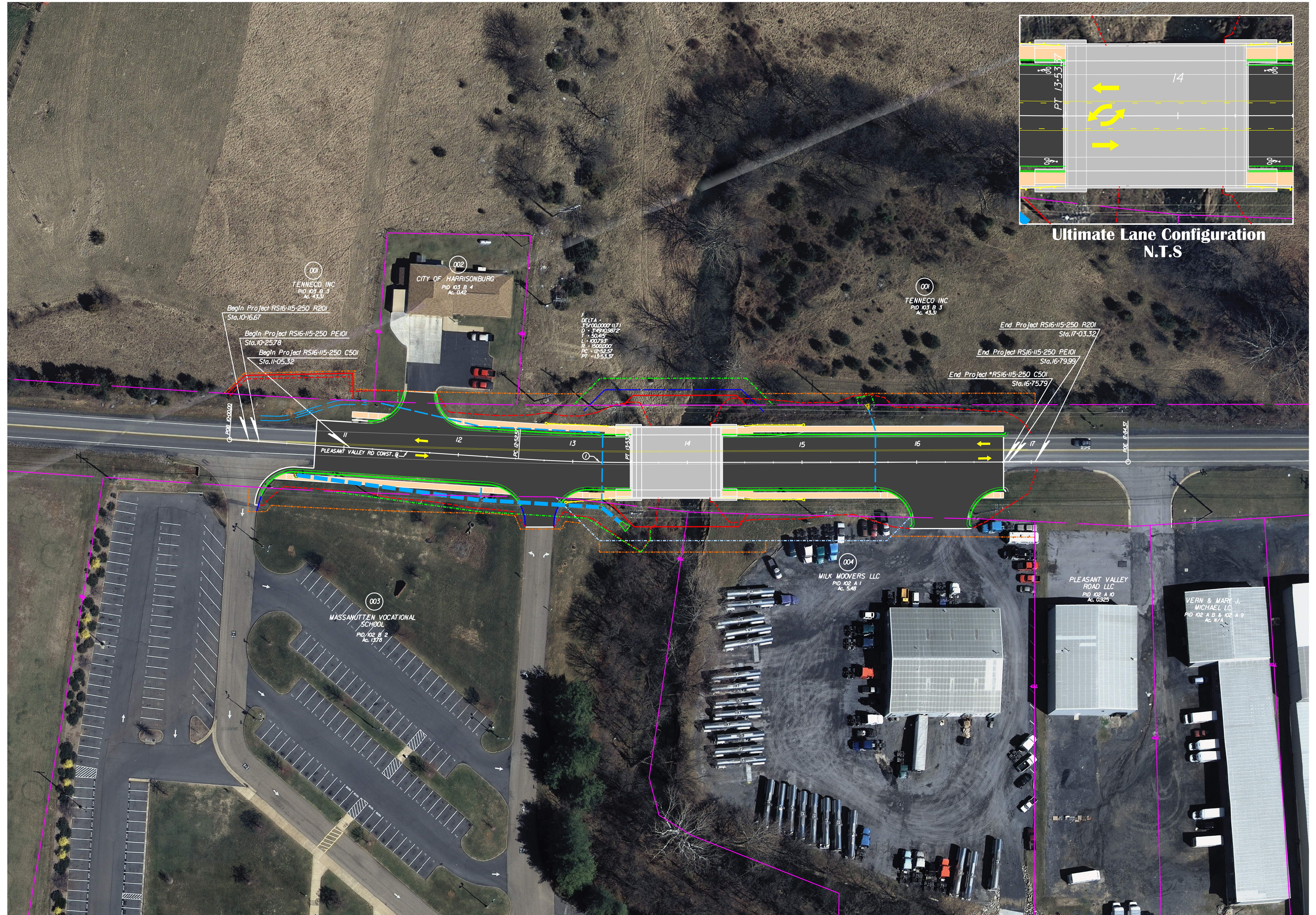
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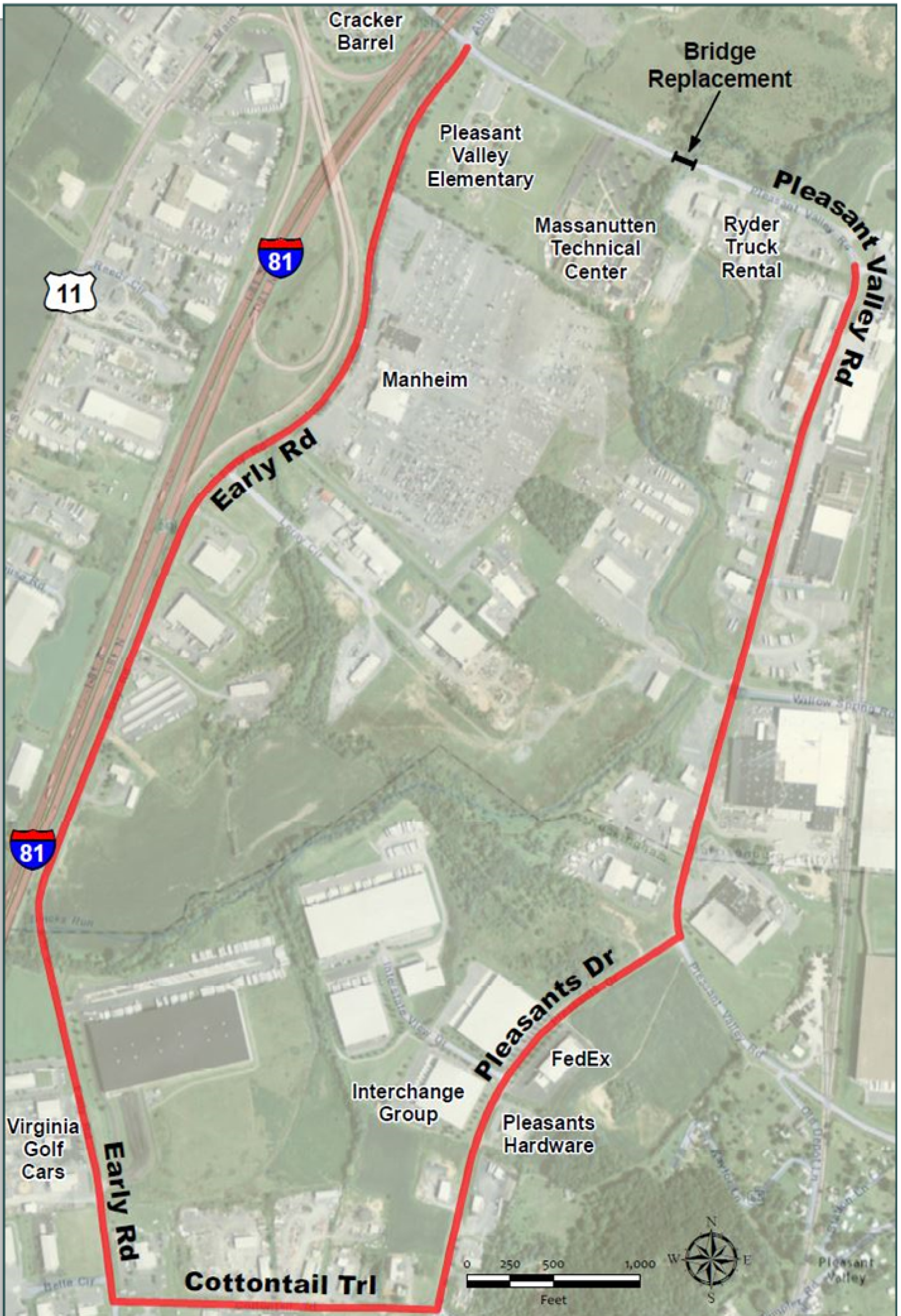
These plans are unfinished and unapproved and are not to be used for any type of construction or the acquisition of right of way. Additional easements for utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed right-of-way shown on these plans.

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Pleasant Valley Bridge Replacement Detour Plan



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SIGN-IN SHEET

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Information provided on this sign-in sheet is subject to public disclosure. (Please print.)

Name	Address	Phone/Email
1 <u>CHRIS MCHUGH</u>	<u>3160 ABBOTT LANE, HBC, VA</u>	<u>CMCHUGH@TENNISCO.COM</u>
2 <u>Kevin Hutton</u>	<u>MTC - 325 Pleasant Valley Road, Harrisonburg</u>	<u>khutton@rockingham.k12.va.us</u>
3 <u>MIKE HANSEN</u>	<u>SAI 7331 TIMBLELAKE PL LYNCHBURG VA</u>	<u>mhanzen@schwartzinc.com</u>
4 <u>Keith Vandenschoten</u>	<u>1346 Pleasants Dr. Harrisonburg VA 22801</u>	<u>Keith.van@interchangeop.com</u>
5 <u>Ray PATEL</u>	<u>85 Pleasant Valley Rd. HARR., VA 22801</u>	<u>RAY.P.PATEL@GMAIL.COM,</u>
6 <u>A. PONTANUS CANADA</u>	<u>560 PLEASANT VALLEY RD., HARRISONBURG, VA 22804</u>	<u>afcanada@socoobuilding.com</u>
7 <u>DEVON C. ANDERS</u>	<u>1346 Pleasants Dr Ste 6, Hbrg VA 22802</u>	<u>devon@interch.com</u>
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NAME: CHRIS MCINTOSH
ADDRESS: 3160 ABBOTT LANE HARRISONBURG
CITY: _____ STATE: VA ZIP CODE: 22801
PHONE OR EMAIL: CMCROGH @ TRENNECO.COM

1. Does the design of this project address the needs and concerns for this area? If not, why not?

YES

2. Do you understand the detour for this project? Please tell us any concerns about the detour.

YES

3. Do you have any concerns about the impact of this project on adjacent properties? If yes, please explain.

NO

4. Was the information presented at tonight's meeting easy to understand? Did it meet your needs/expectations?

YES

5. Please provide us with any additional information that you feel would assist us in the completion of this project.

RICK WILL EMAIL A PDF OF PRINTS.

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NAME: Kevin Hutton
ADDRESS: 325 Pleasant Valley Road - Massanutten Technical Center
CITY: Harrisonburg STATE: VA ZIP CODE: 22801
PHONE OR EMAIL: (540) 434-5961 khutton@rockingham.k12.va.us

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Concern with bus dismissal for SHS and ERHS with having to turn left onto Early Rd. - around 5 buses at 11:00 and 2:30. Would recommend a left turning signal at Early Rd./Pleasant Valley intersection during construction - signal would provide ease for buses to turn left to get students back to home school on-time and prevent major back-up on Pleasant Valley during dismissal

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* currently buses turn right out of MTC to return students to SHS/ERHS

From: Devon Anders [<mailto:devon.anders@interchangeeco.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:15 PM
To: Tom Hartman; Larry Altizer
Cc: Keith VanBenschoten
Subject: RE: Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Replacement Comments

Tom & Larry,

I would echo each of Keith's comments.

I would add that I think a traffic study would be in order for the affected roadways. It would be helpful to know how many trucks will need to now turn at the Early Rd/Pleasant Valley Rd and Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersections. In essence, all truck traffic will be taking one of these two intersections to enter and exit the Pleasant Valley area. This is no different from today but I suspect that the Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersection will garner more traffic than those choosing to go Early Rd and make the tight turn at the Pleasant Valley bridge over I-81. This will further stress the Cecil Wampler/Rt. 11 intersection and increase the likelihood of accidents there.

I certainly hope you can provide some assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Devon

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From: Fontaine Canada [<mailto:afcanada@roccobuilding.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 10:09 AM
To: Tom Hartman
Subject: Follow Up

Tom,

It was a pleasure to meet you last night and appreciate the opportunity to ask questions. As stated, I very much understand the necessity of the project and based on the scope of work I can see how six months is a reasonable time.

We will be looking at the routing of our trucks to minimize detour time and maximize safety. I would suggest that consideration be given on temporary stop lights at the intersections of Early Road and Cecil Wampler as well as Cecil Wampler and Rt. 11 (this could be a challenge with traffic backing up on Rt. 11 due to the stop light at Oakdale Drive). If a commercial traffic audit would be done I think all would be surprised with the number of vehicles that come in off Pleasant Valley and Cecil Wampler during any given week.

Please call me if you have any questions and thank you for your help with our new warehouse addition. We are very excited to get this started.

Best regards,
Fontaine



Building Supplies, LLC

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From: Keith VanBenschoten [<mailto:keith.van@interchangeco.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 7:16 PM

To: Tom Hartman; Larry Altizer

Cc: Devon Anders

Subject: Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Replacement Comments

Tom and Larry,

Thank you both for your time last week at the informational meeting. It was a pleasure meeting your both.

As a resident of Harrisonburg and a business manager in the area affected by the planned bridge replacement, I hereby submit the following comments which I hope you will utilize in further planning for this project:

1. That you consider placing a detour sign coming out of the InterChange industrial campus (Interstate View Drive) directing traffic headed towards I81 to turn right onto Pleasants Drive. From there the traffic will pick up on already planned signage.
2. That you consider temporary signals at the intersection of Cecil Wampler Road and Rt. 11 to assist with the increased volume of traffic which we will all experience there. That intersection is bad enough now, and will only be exasperated during the planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road
3. That you attempt to get VDOT to further reduce the speed limit on Rt. 11 at the intersection of Cecil Wampler Road and Rt. 11 during this planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road
4. That you somehow limit the "test driving" of vehicles at the Auto Auction. It may not be commonly known, but buyers of these vehicles frequently run these vehicles up and down Early Road and will **suddenly** turn around anywhere they please. This will further the risk of injury and property damage during the planned shutdown of Pleasant Valley Road.
5. That the City develop a boilerplate road closure/detour/information sheet to be shared with businesses and industry in the area. This information could be shared with various transport companies who frequent the Pleasant Valley industrial complexes.

I fully support the planned upgrades to the bridge/road and hope the closure will proceed smoothly.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Keith J. VanBenschoten

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