

Get Involved

On December 1, 2014, the public comment period will close. The information received as a result of the hearing will be reviewed by Roanoke County and VDOT staff for consideration, and a Public Hearing Summary will be prepared. The project information and the Public Hearing Summary will be available for review at the Roanoke County Administration Center, Department of Community Development, located at 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Written comments can be mailed to the County of Roanoke, Mr. David Holladay, Planning Administrator, P.O. Box 29800, Roanoke, VA 24018, or emailed to dholladay@roanokecountyva.gov no later than December 1, 2014. Please reference "Plantation Road Improvements" in the subject heading.

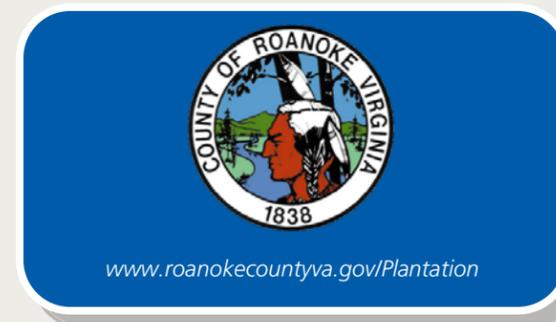
Information must be received by Roanoke County by December 1, 2014, in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Contact Information

Primary Contact: David Holladay, Planning Administrator	dholladay@roanokecountyva.gov	P.O. Box 29800 Roanoke, VA 24018	(540) 772-2068 ext. 227
Secondary Contact: Megan Cronise, Principal Planner	mcronise@roanokecountyva.gov	P.O. Box 29800 Roanoke, VA 24018	(540)772-2068 ext. 282

Stay Informed

- For additional information on Phase One and future projects related to Plantation Road, visit www.roanokecountyva.gov/Plantation;
- Contact Megan Cronise (information above) to sign up for the *Plantation Road Updates* e-newsletter and the *Community Developments* monthly e-newsletter; and
- "Like" *Roanoke County Planning Services* on Facebook.



Design Public Hearing

Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project, Phase One

Thursday, November 20, 2014, 5-7 p.m.

Country Inn & Suites
7860 Plantation Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24019

Public Meeting

Welcome to Roanoke County's design public hearing on Phase One of proposed bicycle, pedestrian and streetscape improvements for Plantation Road (Route 115) from the intersection of Williamson Road (Route 11) to the intersection of Gander Way and Friendship Lane.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the county comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

Roanoke County strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on county projects and programs affecting them.

Roanoke County, consultant engineers Whitman Requardt & Associate (WR&A) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a Public Hearing Summary for review by Roanoke County staff, VDOT staff, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Plantation Road and Williamson Road Intersection

Anticipated Phase One Cost – \$4,150,000

Purpose – Add pedestrian and bicycle accommodations in the forms of sidewalks and a shared use path with streetscape improvements.

From – Intersection of Williamson Road (Route 11)

To – Intersection of Gander Way and Friendship Lane

Improvements –

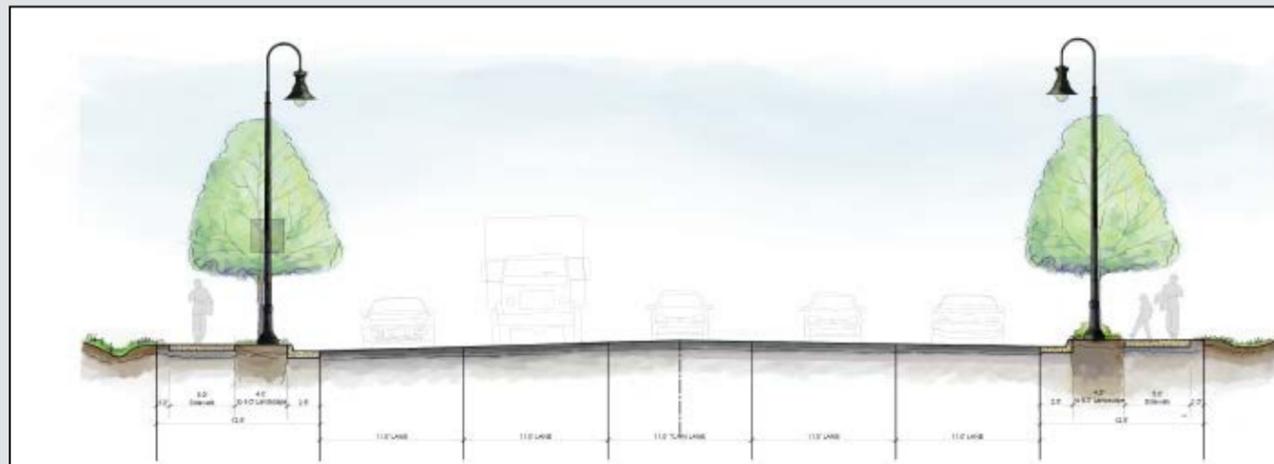
- Sidewalks (5-foot-wide concrete)
- Shared Use Path (10-foot-wide asphalt)
- Pedestrian Signals and Crosswalks at Gander Way/Friendship Lane Intersection
- Curb and Gutter
- Street Trees
- Pedestrian Lighting
- "Welcome to Hollins" sign

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

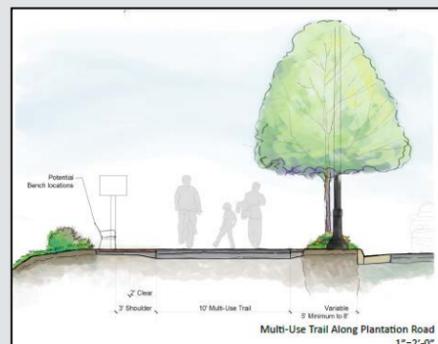
The proposed Phase One improvements for the Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project incorporate a variety of functional and aesthetic improvements along the Plantation Road (Route 115) corridor between Williamson Road (Route 11) and the Gander Way and Friendship Lane intersection, including the following:

- **Plantation Road (Route 115) East Side:**
 - 5-foot-wide concrete Sidewalk from Williamson Road to Friendship Lane
 - Commercial Entrance Improvements
 - Curb and Gutter
 - Pedestrian Lighting
 - Landscaping (low-maintenance street trees)
 - Utility Relocation/Adjustments
 - Install 3" Conduit for future Broadband
- **Plantation Road (Route 115) West Side:**
 - 10-foot-wide asphalt Shared Use Path from Williamson Road to Walrond Drive
 - 5-foot-wide concrete Sidewalk from Walrond Drive to Gander Way
 - Intersection Improvements for Walrond Drive and Hitech Road
 - Pedestrian Signalization and Crossing Improvements at Plantation/Gander/Friendship Intersection
 - Commercial Entrance Improvements
 - Curb and Gutter
 - Pedestrian Lighting
 - Landscaping (low-maintenance street trees)
 - "Welcome to Hollins" Community Signage
 - Utility Relocation/Adjustments
 - Install 3" Conduit for future Broadband

Project Graphic



Plantation Road Typical Section (Sidewalk)



Plantation Road Typical Section (Shared Use Path)

Estimated Project Cost

Preliminary Engineering:
\$320,000

Right of Way / Utility Relocation:
\$260,000

Construction:
\$3,570,000

Phase One Total Cost:
\$4,150,000

This estimate of probable cost is subject to change. The project is not currently fully funded and will be financed using state, federal and county funds.

Environmental Review

Whitman, Requardt and Associates (WR&A) is the consultant firm working with Roanoke County on this project. WR&A's Environmental Staff have performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines for this project. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. 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 is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of project specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from WR&A are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

Design Public Hearing – November 2014

Right of Way – Early 2015

Advertise for Construction – Late 2015

Civil Rights

Roanoke County ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact David Holladay, Planning Administrator, using the information listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the sidewalks and shared use path along Plantation Road (Route 115) will not displace any families, businesses or non-profit organizations, as part of the project.

As we finalize this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction. It is possible that Right of Way donations may occur as part of this process.

After this hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the contacts listed on the back of this brochure.