

# Plantation Road Update

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Greetings!

Roanoke County Community Development and Economic Development have compiled this email as the first of many updates for the Plantation community regarding the ongoing Plantation Road Streetscape Project and other activities in the area.

Please relay any feedback on this content or on other topics you would like included to Megan Cronise, Principal Planner, by phone at (540) 772-2068 ext. 282 or by email at [mcronise@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:mcronise@roanokecountyva.gov).

Thank you,  
*Megan Cronise*

## Transportation Enhancement Program Application

The Roanoke County Transportation Enhancement Program application for the Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project was submitted to VDOT at the end of October. Thank you very much to those of you who kindly wrote letters of support for the project! The [project website](#) includes the entire 2011 application, the 2011 presentation and the 2009 application.



*Northbound Plantation Road, 2011*

The total project cost is \$3.5 million dollars for sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle accommodations, shared-use paths, landscaped medians, street trees, pedestrian-scaled lighting, a Hollins community identification sign, landscaping at Williamson Road and at Interstate 81 and drainage improvements.

The County request this year was for approximately \$340,000 dollars (with an \$85,000 dollar County match) to fund:

- Replacing the center turn lane with landscaped medians and left turn lanes;
- Shared use paths along Walrond and Enon Drives to Walrond Park;

- A shared use path along Hitech Road;
- A pedestrian-only signal and crosswalk at Hitech Road;
- Two pedestrian refuge islands with crosswalks;
- Landscaping at Interstate 81; and
- A Hollins community identification sign.

VDOT staff reviews the applications and the Commonwealth Transportation Board decides which projects to fund and how much money goes to each selected project. The award announcements should be made in June, 2012.

## Landscaping Project



*Williamson/Plantation Proposed Landscaping, Northwest Side*

Friendship Retirement Community has pledged to install and maintain new landscaping in the existing beds at the Plantation Road and Williamson Road intersection. The Williamson Road Area Business Association (WRABA) will be assisting by contracting out the work to be done. A Board of Supervisors work session is scheduled for February 14th with a tentative public hearing date of February 28th. Interested parties are welcome to speak at the public hearing about the project. VDOT will also have to approve the project proposal before planting can begin. Look for new "Landscaping Provided By" signs and plants this Spring!

Please contact County staff if your business is interested in completing and maintaining a similar project.



## Lila Drive



*Plantation Road at Lila Drive, 2009*

VDOT consultants working on the *Plantation Road Corridor Study* have determined that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Lila Drive and Plantation Road. Discussions about how to fund this signal and the possibility of upgrading privately-owned Lila Drive to a public road are ongoing.

## Government Travel Allowance/Per Diem Research



Per Diem is the allowance that Federal Government employees receive for lodging, meals and incidental expenses while traveling on official business. Several Virginia localities have unique per diem rates set by the General Services Administration (GSA). The rates set for Roanoke City are \$96 dollars for lodging and \$51 dollars for meals. If unique rates are not established for a destination, the standard rates of \$77 dollars for lodging and \$46 dollars for meals apply. Roanoke County and the City of Salem fall under the standard per diem rate, despite their close proximity to and similar lodging rates as Roanoke City.

The GSA was contacted about submitting a request for expansion of the Roanoke City rate to Roanoke County and the following response was received:

[Per Diem Email](#)

Inquiries about other localities that have changed their per diem rates have been made of the Virginia Commission on Local Government, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Commonwealth of Virginia Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission and the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of Legislative Services.

## Other Updates

Citgo Gas Station  
The Citgo Gas Station and convenience store approved for 8111 Plantation Road next to McDonald's is under construction.

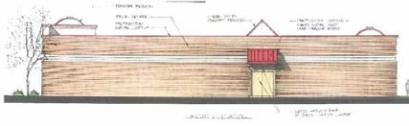


EXHIBIT B - BUILDING ELEVATIONS  
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