

# Plantation Road Updates

December, 2013

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We have made significant progress on the Plantation Road project since our [last update](#) in January, 2013. Please read on for exciting news!

## The Project is Fully Funded!

The Plantation Road project is now fully funded with about \$3.8 million through four different funding sources, two of which are described below. For more information on the Plantation Road project, visit the [project webpage](#) and view an overview [presentation](#) with a timeline.

### Transportation Alternatives Program Application

When Federal MAP-21 legislation effective July, 2012, replaced the previous SAFETEA-LU legislation, the Transportation Enhancement Program became the Transportation Alternatives Program. The programs are similar in their composition and funding is still available from the [Commonwealth Transportation Board \(CTB\)](#) and is administered through VDOT. 80 percent funding is available with a 20 percent local match.

County Staff submitted a grant application in late January, 2013, and was awarded \$490,685 (including the local match) by the CTB in June, 2013.

### Regional Surface Transportation Program Application

When the population of the Roanoke Valley urbanized area exceeded 200,000 (as determined by the 2010 U.S. Census) our region became a Transportation Management Area eligible for an additional source of funding for surface transportation. \$28 million is available over six years for transportation projects with no local match required.

The Plantation Road project was awarded \$1,279,503 in May, 2013, by the [Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization \(RVAMPO\)](#) to be distributed over three years.

Contact [Megan Cronise](#) for more details at (540) 772-2068 ext. 282.

## Design and Engineering Consultants On Board

[Whitman, Requardt and Associates](#)

from Blacksburg have been under contract since August, 2013, for engineering, design and outreach services for the Plantation Project.

We have made significant progress since Brad Stipes and his crew of talented engineers began working with us on the project.



## Community Outreach

Our County Staff and Consultant Team has met with more than 30 Plantation-area businesses, organizations and groups since September, 2013, to [talk about the](#)

[project](#) and, more importantly, to listen. The excellent comments and feedback we have received is being incorporated into the draft engineering plans for the corridor. Join us at the January 30th, 2014, Citizen Informational Meeting (more information below) to view and comment on these draft plans!



Plantation Residents' Meeting

### **December 18th, 2013 - Side Street Surveying Begins**

Plantation Road was surveyed in 2012. [Lumsden Associates](#) will be surveying the side streets starting Wednesday, December 18th (today), for the next two months. The impacted side streets include:

- Friendship Lane
- Gander Way (part)
- Carvin Street
- Walrond Drive (part)
- Enon Drive (part)
- Hitech Road (part)
- McConnell Road



### **January 30th, 2014 - Citizen Information Meeting**

Save the Date!  
Please join Roanoke County and Whitman, Requardt and Associates Staff to review and comment on the preliminary Plantation Road project design at the Citizen Information Meeting on January 30th, 2014. The evening meeting will be held at Country Inn and Suites, 7860 Plantation Road. More details will follow!



Country Inn & Suites

### **Spring, 2014 - Pedestrian Signals**

As part of a VDOT/Roanoke County Revenue Sharing project, pedestrian accommodations are being added to the Williamson Road and Friendship Lane/Gander Way traffic signals in the next few months.

The Williamson Road/Plantation Road traffic signal is being upgraded with four push-button, count-down walk signals and new crosswalk striping.

The Friendship Lane/Gander Way traffic signal will receive two push-button, count-down walk signals, new crosswalk striping and two flashing, yellow arrow left turn signals for left turns onto Friendship Lane and Gander Way.

Thank you for your interest in the Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project!

Sincerely,  
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Principal Planner



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