**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT**

**COMMENT ON THE DESIGN OF THE OLD BRIDGE ROAD AND OCCOQUAN ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - OCCOQUAN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

The Prince William County Department of Transportation will conduct a Design Public Hearing for the Old Bridge Road (Rte. 641) and Occoquan Road (Rte. 253) Intersection Improvement project at **Occoquan Elementary School (12915 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192)** from 6:00 PM to
8:00 PM on Thursday, February 3, 2022. This in-person event is subject to change based on the latest CDC’s COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines. The event will be streamed live virtually through the link posted on the Prince William County Department of Transportation website at: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/transportation>. The Project Team will make a formal presentation beginning at 6:30 PM and will answer questions for the duration of the meeting. In the event of inclement weather, this design public hearing will be rescheduled for a later date. Public notifications and readvertisement will be issued accordingly.

The purpose of this public hearing is to ensure that the public is provided with an opportunity to both review and discuss the proposed improvements and potential impacts to the surrounding properties and to receive public feedback on the current design of this intersection safety improvement project. Project plans, information regarding property impacts, and right-of-way assistance information will be available at this public hearing and 30 days prior. A tentative project schedule will also be discussed at the meeting.

This is a safety improvement project that includes geometric alterations to the existing alignment to improve sight distance and overall operational performance of the intersection. The reverse curve through the intersection will be removed. As part of these improvements, two additional turn lanes will be implemented as well as ADA compliant facilities (curb ramps, sidewalk, refuge islands).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR Part 771, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) was prepared for this project. In accordance 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 was included with the CE. The CE was approved by VDOT and FHWA in October 2021. The environmental document is available for review and comments at Prince William County Department of Transportation, 5 County Complex Court, Suite 290, Prince William, VA, 22192, (tel. 703-792-6825), please call ahead for staff availability, and a hardcopy will be available at the public hearing meeting for review and comment. The public can also review the Project information and Design Public Hearing plans including the environmental document on the Prince William County Department of Transportation website at <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/transportation/current-road-projects>.

Deadline to submit comments is Thursday, February 17, 2022. The public may provide comments via the following methods:

* written or verbal comments in person at the Design Public Hearing
* written comments via the chat feature of the virtual streaming
* by mail to the Project Manager: Ms. Sherry Djouharian at the Prince William County Department of Transportation Office (5 County Complex Court, Suite 290, Prince William, VA 22192)
* by email to the Project Manager: Ms. Sherry Djouharian at sdjouharian@pwcgov.org (please reference “Old Bridge Rd and Occoquan Rd Intersection Improvement” in the subject heading)

Prince William County ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with
Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For information, call 703-792-6825.

Accessibility to Persons with Disabilities: The Design Public Hearing is being held at a public facility accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact Ms. Sherry Djouharian at (703) 792-6822 or sdjouharian@pwcgov.org no later than Friday, January 28, 2022.