

## Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

### Project Information

**Project Name:** Old Bridge Road Sidewalk –  
Improvement Project

**Federal Project#:** TAP-5B01(205)

**Project Number:** EN20-076-308, C501, P101, R201

**Project Type:** Construction

**UPC:** 118495

**Charge Number:**

**Route Number:** 641 **Route Type:** Urban

**Project Limit--From:** Old Bridge Road at Forrest Hill Road

**To:** Old Bridge Road at Oakwood Drive

**Project Description:** The project will construct a 5-foot sidewalk along the north side of the Old Bridge Road (Route 641) with a 2.5 to 4foot buffer strip between the proposed sidewalk and curb and gutter.

**Additional Project Description:** The sidewalk construction will require acquisition of minor amounts of right-of-way (ROW).

**Purpose and Need:** The proposed sidewalk will improve pedestrian safety and mobility by providing a continuous sidewalk along the north side of Old Bridge Road as well as connectivity to other existing pedestrian facilities in the local community.

**District:** Northern Virginia (19)

**City/County:** Prince William

**Residency:** Woodbridge

**The subject project meets the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:**  
23 CFR 771.117 C-(3)

**Description of PCE Category:**

C-3 Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

**UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES (YES/NO):**

**NO** Significant environmental impacts

*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and location by the Prince William County Project Manager, there will not be significant environmental impacts as a result of this project.*

**NO** Substantial controversy on environmental grounds

*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and location by the Prince William County Project Manager, there will be no substantial controversy on environmental grounds as a result of this project.*

- NO** Significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans of this project by the Prince William County Project Manager and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR), determination dated November 30, 2021 that no historic properties will be adversely affected by the project. Furthermore, per Prince William County GIS Mapper, there is Protected Open Space adjacent to the project, however there will not be a significant impact on the properties protected by Section 4(f) or Section 106.*
- NO** Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and location by the Prince William County Project Manager there are no inconsistencies relating to the environmental aspects of this action.*

**IMPACTS (YES/NO):**

- NO** Involves acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way acquisition  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project requires minor amounts of temporary and permanent ROW acquisition.*
- NO** Involves acquisitions that result in more than limited residential and non-residential displacements, based on the context and intensity of the impact  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project will not require acquisitions resulting in residential or commercial displacements.*
- NO** Results in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager, the improvements of the sidewalk will not add a through lane.*
- NO** Involves the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions, based on the context and intensity of the impact  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager, temporary access resulting in major traffic disruptions will not be required for construction of this project.*
- NO** Results in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108)  
*Determination: On November 30, 2021, VDHR determined that no historic properties will be adversely affected by the project.*
- NO** Requires the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) (49 U.S.C. § 303/23 U.S.C. § 138) that cannot be documented with an FHWA *de minimis* determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation signed by FHWA  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans of this project by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project will not require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) that cannot be documented with a FHWA de minimis determination.*
- NO** Requires the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (54 U.S.C. § 200305) or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with federal public-use-money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager. Furthermore, per The Land and Water Conservation Fund GIS Mapper, the project does not require acquisition of lands protected under Section 6(f).*
- NO** Requires a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344 permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project does not require a US Army corps of Engineers Section 404 permit other than a Nationwide or General Permit. Furthermore, per the wetland delineation conducted September 28, 2021, there are no jurisdictional features located within the project area.*
- NO** Requires a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401)  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans, by the Prince William County Project Manager, no U.S. Coast Guard Permit is required.*

- NO** Requires work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to 23 CFR §650 subpart A  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope, location and FEMA floodplain mapping, by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project will not increase the flood level by more than one foot, nor will it affect the base floodplain elevations of a water course or lake.*
- NO** Is defined as a “Type I project” per 23 CFR §772.5 and the VDOT noise manual for purposes of a noise analysis  
*Determination: In accordance with 23 CFR §772.5 and VDOT’s updated air and noise scoping requirements for PCE agreement (guidance dated 06/27/2014), this project is a Type III project; therefore, a noise analysis is not required.*
- NO** Is likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, with the exception of a “may affect, likely to adversely affect” (MALAA) determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat or Indiana Bat when the project is within the scope of the Section 7 range-wide programmatic consultation for those species  
*Determination: Based on a review of U.S. Fish and Wildlife service self-certification letter dated October1, 2021, the project will not likely to adversely affect Northern Long-eared Bat relying on the 2016 Programmatic Biological opinion for the final 4(d) rule on NLEB and activities expected from take prohibitions to fulfill all Section 7 responsibilities. No other federally listed species or designated critical habitat was identified in the project area.*
- NO** Involves any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve. Sites representing substantial liability would not include minor issues such as low-level petroleum impacts or minimal solid waste  
*Determination: Based on reviews of the EPA’s EnviroAtlas, DEQ’s Environmental Data Mapper, this project will not involve any hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve.*
- NO** Does not meet the provisions of the “Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals” document. In accordance with 23 CFR §450 and the FHWA/VDOT/Federal Transit Administration/Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation MOA Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Procedures MOA, actions listed in 23 CFR §771.117(c) and 23 CFR §771.117(d) may be grouped  
*Determination: This project is appropriately funded and grouped in the STIP as Construction: Transportation Enhancement/Byway/Non-Traditional*
- NO** Causes disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and preliminary plans by the Prince William County Project Manager, the project does not disproportionately affect any minority or low-income populations.*
- NO** Involves consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives  
*Determination: Based on a review of the project by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project does not involve the consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives.*
- NO** Is an action listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a)  
*Determination: Based on a review of the project by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project does not involve an action listed in 23CFR771.115(a).*
- NO** Involves unusual circumstances, pursuant to 23 CFR §771.117(b)  
*Determination: Based on a review of the scope and location by the Prince William County Project Manager, this project does not involve unusual circumstances.*