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Work Begins on Widening of Route 60 in Midlothian This Month

Project will widen 1.25-mile corridor to six lanes, creating a safer roadway with reduced accident risk

Midlothian, VA (June 3, 2015) – Curtis Contracting, Inc. and Chesterfield County Transportation Department today unveiled plans for widening 1.25 miles of Route 60 between Alverser Drive and Old Buckingham Road in Midlothian. Construction on the \$8.5 million design-build project will begin this month, with anticipated completion by June 2016.

The Route 60 Widening Project will add one additional eastbound and one additional westbound lane to Midlothian Turnpike, increasing this section of road from four lanes to six lanes. The project will lengthen all turn lanes within the project area, as well as add eastbound dual left turn lanes at Alverser Drive. The project also will upgrade the traffic signal at Walmart Way.

The project also includes bridge widening, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation.

“We are pleased to bring much-needed improvements to this highly traveled section of Midlothian Turnpike,” said Jesse Smith, Director, Chesterfield County Transportation Department. “Increasing traffic volumes and backups have caused not only frustration for motorists, but also a high number of accidents in this corridor. Widening this section of Midlothian Turnpike will provide a safer, more efficient roadway for the traveling public.”

An estimated 31,600 vehicles pass daily through the Alverser Drive-Old Buckingham Road section; this daily volume is expected to increase to 52,100 vehicles in 20 years, according to Chesterfield County.

High vehicle volumes also have resulted in vehicle accidents. In 2011, 48 crashes were reported on Midlothian Turnpike between Huguenot Road and Old Buckingham Road. In 2013, 47 crashes were reported on Midlothian Turnpike at N. Woolridge Road, one of Chesterfield County’s highest accident intersections.

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With most lane closures occurring at night, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., the project should have minimal impact to travelers and commuters. Additionally, all lanes will remain open on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Key project milestones to be completed include:

- October 2015: Completion of upgraded traffic signal at Walmart Way and completion of right turn lanes into Stonehenge Village (Wegmans – under construction)
- December 2015: Westbound Route 60 widening complete
- June 2016: Final completion of project

“Curtis Contracting brings decades of experience in design-build roadway improvement projects across the Commonwealth, and we are proud to partner with Chesterfield County to significantly enhance one of the county’s most traveled roadways,” said Steve Ordnung, Route 60 Widening Project Manager, Curtis Contracting, Inc. “We are dedicated to building a better and safer Midlothian Turnpike, and we appreciate the public’s patience and understanding during this project.”

Motorists are advised to stay informed about the project by visiting www.route60widening.com, as well as following the project on social media through Twitter (@Rt60Widening) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/rt60widening), using hashtags including [#widerRt60](#) and [#saferRt60](#).

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About Chesterfield County Transportation Department

The department plans, coordinates and implements a multi-modal transportation system for Chesterfield County that allows mobility of people and goods, consistent with the values of the community. The Transportation Department provides service primarily in the form of assistance, information and recommendations on technical and policy issues to the Board of Supervisors, county administration, the development community and citizens; and manages, coordinates and/or oversees road construction projects to assist in providing an adequate transportation network. Most of the roads in the county are maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation. For more information, please visit www.chesterfield.gov/transportation.

About Curtis Contracting, Inc.

Licensed as a Class “A” Contractor since 1985 and is prequalified with the Virginia Department of Transportation, Curtis Contracting, Inc. performs site development and building construction for federal, state, and local agencies as well as private clients. The company’s mission is to provide a quality product on or ahead of schedule, focusing on customer satisfaction throughout the project. Based in West Point, Virginia, Curtis Contracting is a 2013 Design-Build Institute of America award winner. For more information, please visit www.curtiscontracting.net.