# WARE HOUSE ROAD SHARED USE PATH FEASIBILITY STUDY GLOUCESTER, VA

JULY 18, 2023

**PUBLIC MEETING #1** 

#### STUDY BACKGROUND

Ware House Road (Route 621) is a 1.8-mile local road that connects Main Street (Business 17) in Gloucester Village to the Ware River. Ware House Road serves one of the county's busiest boat landings, Ware House Landing, which is frequently used by large vehicles with boat trailers, and offers no separate facility for pedestrians and bicyclists to access it. The narrow roadway and blind curves create a potential safety concern for people using the road for activities such as walking and biking.

Gloucester County has identified the need to attempt to reduce the safety conflicts that exist for people walking, biking, and driving in the same space along Ware House Road, and to help connect people walking and biking to Gloucester Village and the greater Gloucester County bicycle and sidewalk network.

For these reasons, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Gloucester County initiated a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of a separated, paved path along Ware House Road. The County obtained funding for this study from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization's Regional Surface Transportation Program. A potential path would align with the Gloucester County Comprehensive Plan and Multimodal Transportation Study goals of developing alternative transportation methods and improving walkability and bike access.

### STUDY AREA MAP







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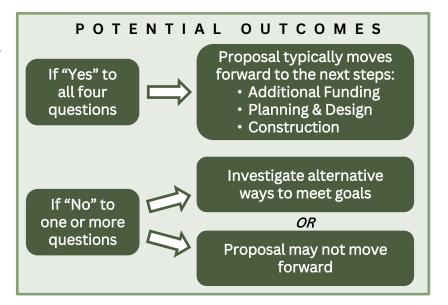
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### WHAT IS A FEASIBILITY STUDY?

A feasibility study aims to answer four key questions to determine whether a proposal moves forward.

- 1. Is the proposal technically possible?
- 2. Can the proposal be designed to meet community needs and goals?
- 3. Do the anticipated benefits outweigh the cost of the proposal?
- 4. Does the community support the proposal?



### ANTICIPATED SHARED USE PATH BENEFITS

SAFETY	Separate people walking and biking from motorized vehicles & provide a safe transportation alternative
CONNECTIVITY	Tie into the planned Main Street Shared Use Path along Business 17 and form part of a connected network of walking and biking routes envisioned for Gloucester Village
MOBILITY	Create safer walking and biking access for residents to the restaurants, shops, and other attractions in Gloucester Village
COMMUNITY PLANNING	Align with past local planning efforts: Gloucester County Comprehensive Plan and Multimodal Transportation Study

#### How to Provide Input

We want to hear from you! You can provide your input in any of the following four ways. Please submit comments and survey responses by July 28, 2023.

- 1. Fill out a comment card at this meeting
- 2. Complete the online survey at <a href="https://www.PublicInput.com/WareHousePathStudy">www.PublicInput.com/WareHousePathStudy</a>
- Mail your written comments to: Linda LaSut, VDOT Project Manager
   87 Deacon Road
   Fredericksburg, VA 22405
- 4. Or email comments to <u>Linda.LaSut@VDOT.Virginia.Gov</u> (Include "Ware House Road Study Comment" in the subject line)



