



Laskin Road Bridge Replacement & Widening Project

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this project is to improve capacity and enhance safety through the widening and improvements of Laskin Road and First Colonial Road, as well as replacing the bridge over Linkhorn Bay in the City of Virginia Beach.

Overview:

- Feeder Lanes Removed Within Project Limits
- Linkhorn Bay Bridge Replaced
- First Colonial Road Intersection Improvements
- Drainage/Stormwater and Sewage Improvements
- Addition of Sidewalks/Shared Use Paths
- **Cost: \$141.7 million**

Construction Begins: September 2019

Expected Completion: April 2023

Q: How will the project impact traffic?

A: Two-way traffic will be maintained to minimize traffic impacts throughout most of construction; however, when closures are required, traffic will be under flagger control. This work will predominantly be limited to nighttime activities.

Q: How will VDOT be protecting/maintaining traffic access to local businesses?

A: Most construction activities will be taking place after business hours. Businesses with a single entryway have been identified, and project staff members have been communicating closely with those business owners to discuss anticipated impacts. Temporary signage may be placed in some areas so that motorists are aware of the best way to access businesses while traveling through the construction zone.

Q: How long will construction take?

A: Construction is currently projected to take 42 months. VDOT is working to minimize impacts to local businesses and will limit lane closures to minimize disturbances to traffic during normal business hours. VDOT will also be respecting limitations imposed by the City of Virginia Beach regarding lane closures and working hours.

Q: How will traffic impacts be communicated with the public?

A: VDOT has been compiling an e-mail subscriber's list for project stakeholders. We will communicate traffic alerts and project updates directly with the citizens and organizations on this list, as well as to local media outlets and on official VDOT social media channels. We will be working closely with the City of Virginia Beach to ensure project updates are cross posted on pertinent city websites and social media channels.

Q: Will the project impact my property?

A: Several parcels will need temporary construction easements to allow the contractor to tie the proposed improvements into the existing land. Please see a representative, displays or plans for more information.

Q: Will I get a noise barrier?

A: The noise barriers shown on the plans at Linkhorn Bay/Cavalier Golf Course were determined to be feasible and reasonable during an environmental analysis, and the property owners in the affected area voted in favor of the noise walls. Noise barriers that were found to be not feasible and reasonable during the final design noise analysis are not included with this project.

Q: Can a property owner request a noise barrier?

A: No. The Virginia Department of Transportation is required to have a noise policy that is in accordance with Federal noise regulations. If a noise barrier was found not to be both feasible and reasonable in the environmental assessment, the Commonwealth will not install and maintain it.

Q: How is VDOT planning to protect the environment? What about the trees? What about the lake?

A: VDOT has obtained approval from all environmental regulating agencies to allow for the construction of the roadway improvements and bridge replacement. VDOT staff will monitor all activities daily to ensure full compliance of the permit requirements is achieved.

It is VDOT's intent to minimize the number of trees removed for the construction of this project and all limits of disturbance will be monitored and enforced for compliance.

Impacts to the lake will be minimal and monitored daily to ensure permit compliance.

Major stormwater improvements, including a new stormwater management facility at the eastern project limits and major improvements to the system at the western limits, are part of the project.

VDOT staff will be enforcing all federal, state and local erosion control regulation throughout the life of this project.

Project Map

