



## FONTAINE AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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VDOT Project Number: U000-104-296, P101, R201, C501

UPC 109484

### PROJECT GOALS

Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities  
Enhanced safety for all users  
Improved transit access  
Improved traffic flow

### Welcome to the City of Charlottesville Design Public Hearing

### DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Welcome to the Fontaine Avenue Streetscape Design Public Hearing.** This meeting provides an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her behalf or representing a group or government agency, to review the displayed project exhibits and give the City of Charlottesville comments and/or suggestions on this project. Verbal comments will be accepted during tonight's hearing. Written statements may be submitted via comment forms, on the project website or in writing to the City (address on the last sheet) on or before May 26, 2021.

All comments will be reviewed by the City of Charlottesville and the project design team. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this public meeting will be considered by the City of Charlottesville before the project is approved for right-of-way acquisition and construction. A transcript of all comments will be available to the public after the public hearing comment period closes. Your input is encouraged and appreciated.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Fontaine Avenue serves as a mixed use residential/commercial Gateway corridor into the City of Charlottesville, the University of Virginia, and the UVA Hospital. This Project includes a comprehensive revitalization and a corridor improvement program for Fontaine Avenue from the City Limit to the intersection of Fontaine Avenue with Maury Avenue and Jefferson Park Avenue. The corridor has been selected to receive funding for improvements described herein through the VDOT Smartscale process. Key components in the scope of work for the project include:

- Enhanced gateway corridor into the City of Charlottesville
- Improved pedestrian access, including wider sidewalks and improved crosswalks at key intersections
- Improved bicycle facilities with the addition of bicycle lanes
- Incorporation of landscaping and street trees and implementation of green infrastructure for stormwater treatment
- Improved access to existing transit facilities
- Installation of energy efficient pedestrian lighting





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### PROJECT BACKGROUND

City Staff established the scope and design parameters of this project as part of the Smartscale application that was submitted to VDOT and was awarded the funding based on the scope and potential value that this project has for the corridor and the community. The scope and elements of the project were established by staff utilizing a variety of initiatives within the City of Charlottesville that are focused on enhancing the vibrancy and quality of life, including the City of Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and Streets That Work. With a firm grasp of background information, the project team has begun the design concept and the public involvement process to ensure agreement with the project's purpose and need during development of a conceptual design for the corridor.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

To help guide the project, the City appointed a project Steering Committee. The process also involves coordination with the following City Council appointed stakeholder groups:

- PLACE Design Task Force
- Planning Commission

The City of Charlottesville and project design team have provided multiple opportunities for the public to provide input into the plan development process. These include:

- A project website
- Two Public Workshops
- Five Steering Committee Meetings
- Two meetings with the PLACE Design Task Force
- Planning Commission Work Session
- Planning Commission Meeting
- City Council Meeting

Feedback from each of these sessions has been incorporated into the design as it continues to evolve. The feedback received from this meeting will also be used to update the documents prior to right-of-way acquisition and construction.

### RIGHT-OF-WAY

Improvements will require the acquisition of land for right-of-way and easements. The right-of-way and easements, depicted on the meeting displays, are preliminary. As the City of Charlottesville further develops the design of the project, additional easements or right-of-way may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the preliminary plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of right-of-way and easements during the formal right-of-way acquisition process. Information about right-of-way acquisitions is provided in VDOT's brochure entitled Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants, which is available at the right-of-way table at the public hearing or online at [https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right\\_of\\_way/A\\_Guide\\_for\\_Property\\_Owners\\_and\\_Tenants.pdf](https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf). After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the City of Charlottesville Neighborhood and Development Services, located at City Hall, 610 E Market St. Charlottesville, VA 22902.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

It is the responsibility of the City of Charlottesville to ensure that all members of the community are afforded an opportunity to participate in public decisions about transportation systems and project affecting them, which is why your input is greatly encouraged.

The City of Charlottesville and VDOT ensures non-discrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. If you feel you have been denied participation in, or denied benefits of, or been subjected to discrimination, in regard to this project or otherwise discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, you may contact the Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or phone (804) 786-2835 or TDD (800) 307-4630, TTY/TDD 711.



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### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Charlottesville has prepared environmental reviews and performed coordination efforts to obtain information about environmental resources within the project vicinity. Natural and historic resource agencies have been provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development. Opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of environmental impacts have been identified. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document (Programmatic Categorical Exclusion) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in accordance with federal guidelines.

The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, water resources, threatened and endangered species, and other quantifiable impacts. In compliance 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 also has been evaluated.

The draft environmental document is available for review at this meeting and on the project website. At this time, the project has received a ruling of no adverse effect from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) due to little or no impact on historic resources.

### ESTIMATE PROJECT COST

PE (Survey, Environmental, Design)	\$1.2M
RW (Right of Way and Easement Acquisition, Utility Relocation)	\$3.7M
CN (Construction, Oversight, Inspection, Contingencies)	\$6.8M
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$11.7M</b>



Project is fully funded through SmartScale

### FEDERAL AID

This is a federal aid project; FHWA must approve the need for the proposed highway improvements as well as the environmental documents, plans, specifications, cost estimates, right-of-way acquisitions, and construction procedures. This process provides additional assurance that federal, state, and local goals and objectives are met and that opportunity for public participation is provided. Federal and state regulations require that a wide range of factors and impacts are considered and that the final decisions are made in the best overall public interest.







City of Charlottesville | Design Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Held Virtually via Zoom

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### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Fall 2018 –  
Spring 2019

#### CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT

- Data Collection
- Traffic Analysis
- Alternative Concepts

Spring 2019 –  
Winter 2019

#### PRELIMINARY DESIGN

- Refine Concepts
- Prepare 30% Plans
- Agency Review

Winter 2019 –  
Summer 2020

#### DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

- Prepare 60% Plans
- Incorporate Feedback

Summer 2021 –  
Winter 2023

#### RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES

- Request Right of Way Authorization
- Utility Relocations
- Easements

Summer 2021 –  
Winter 2023

#### FINAL DESIGN

- Prepare 100% Plans
- Coordinate Bid Package
- Final Agency Review
- Request Authorization for Construction

Fall 2022 –  
Spring 2023

#### ADVERTISEMENT AND BIDDING

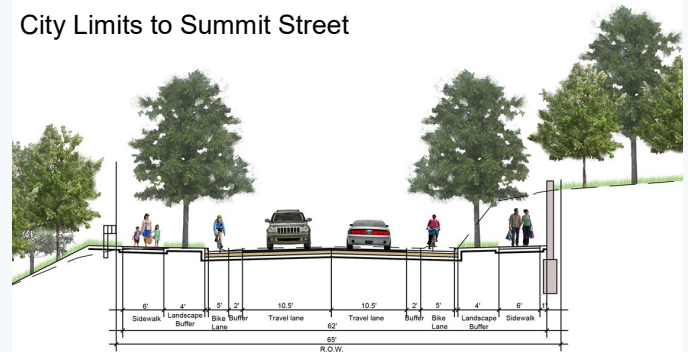
- Advertise for Contractor
- Complete Bidding Process
- Prepare Contract
- Award Contract

Spring 2023

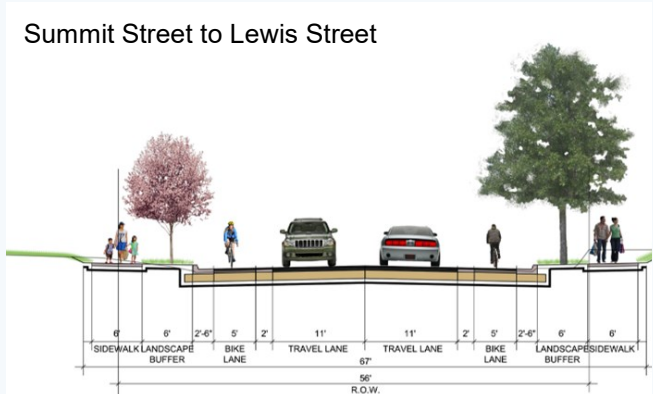
#### CONSTRUCTION PHASE

### PROJECT CROSS SECTIONS

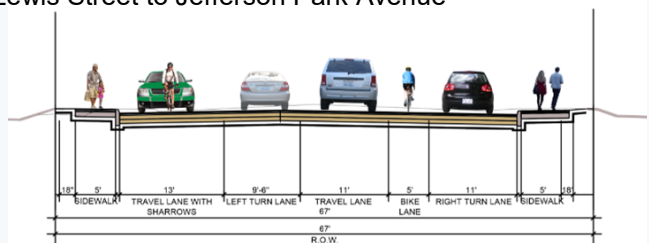
City Limits to Summit Street



Summit Street to Lewis Street



Lewis Street to Jefferson Park Avenue



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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