



SKIFFES CREEK CONNECTOR

JAMES CITY COUNTY

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the Skiffes Creek Connector is to create efficient local connectivity between Route 60 and Route 143, in the area between Route 199 and Route 238, in a manner that improves safety, emergency evacuation, and the movement of goods along the two primary roadways.

OVERVIEW

- New two-lane connecting roadway between Route 60 and Route 143
- New turn lanes and intersection improvements at each endpoint
- Two bridges—one bridge over Skiffes Creek and one bridge over the CSX railroad tracks and Route 143
- Addition of a multi-use path along eastbound Route 60 between Green Mount Parkway (route 774) and the existing nearby bus stop.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why are you doing this project?

The purpose of the Skiffes Creek Connector is to create additional travel route between Route 60 and Route 143, in James City County specifically near the area between Route 199 and Route 238. This new roadway connection will reduce existing congestion, improve safety, and add routes for emergency evacuation, and the movement of goods along the two primary roadways.

Q: Will any citizens be relocated?

No residents or businesses need to be relocated due to the project. In advance of construction, the contractor and VDOT's Right of Way team has worked to finalize purchase for necessary property and right of way needed to support this project.

Q: How long will construction take?

Construction is slated to begin in late Spring 2021 and will continue until Fall 2022.

Q: How much does the project cost?

The project's design and construction costs total \$50.5 million dollars.

Q: What is the schedule for construction?

The work will take place in multiple stages. The intersection improvements for Route 143 and Route 60 will be among the early work, with construction on the two bridges along the connector following. The new roadway between the bridges will be constructed beginning near Route 60 and continuing to Route 143. Complete paving, permanent pavement markings and road signage are planned for Spring 2022, with all elements of the project completed in Fall 2022. The Skiffes Creek Connector road is expected to open to traffic in the Summer of 2022. A more detailed construction schedule can be found on the project website. All work is subject to weather and may be adjusted during construction.

Q: What will the new roadway be like?

Once complete, the Skiffes Creek Connector will be a 0.86 mile paved two-lane roadway, allowing single-lane traffic in each direction. The connector will include bridge spans over both Route 143 and Skiffes Creek, each bridge with steel girders and concrete parapet steel railings. Traffic signals will be placed at each endpoint intersection.

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Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: How will the project impact traffic during construction?

The bulk of the new roadway construction will occur in areas not currently open to traffic, so impact to traveling motorists will be limited. During all phases of construction, traffic flow will be maintained on both Route 60 and Route 143 in both directions.

Traffic flow may be reduced during the day in the vicinity of both intersections, with traffic facilitated by a flagger and temporary traffic barriers in place to delineate active lanes. When the construction of the bridge crossing above Route 143 and the railroad occurs, crews expect there will be some night-time full stoppages or multi-lane closures on Route 143 while fabricated bridge components and structural elements are placed in final position.

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

Bi-directional traffic will be maintained on Route 60 and Route 143 during the day. Specific lane closures or flow reduction will be publicized in advance for business and public knowledge.

Q: How will traffic impacts be communicated in the future?

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the project webpage at www.virginiadot.org/skiffescreek regularly for project updates. Additionally, those who wish to receive direct email communications about the project's progress can subscribe to our email distribution list using the signup on the project page or by emailing contact information to hamptonroadspublicinfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

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

VDOT and contractor crews rigorously follow all environmental regulations and processes to ensure the nearby land and wildlife habitats are not negatively impacted by construction activities. Final landscaping around the project area involves the addition of native plants. Environmental permits and documentation can be found on project website.

Q: Where do I go if I have questions later?

Project and public meeting materials will remain on the project website during the project span. If questions remain, the project team will answer individual questions by email to hamptonroadspublicinfo@vdot.virginia.gov or calling 757-956-3032.

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