

Current Status of Road Projects:

The Master Plan identifies a number of road projects that are crucial to supporting the effective movement of traffic in the Crozet community. Responsibility for road construction and maintenance in the County lies with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The County will be hiring a transportation engineer to work with VDOT to help expedite the completion of road projects. Work is underway on several major projects, including:

Jarman's Gap Road – Plans for these improvements are currently under design by VDOT, who is planning to hold a public hearing on the design in the Spring of 2006. These improvements will take place between the intersection with Crozet Avenue and just east of Lane Town Road and will include sidewalks and bike lanes along much of the length of the project. Following the VDOT public hearing this spring, the Board of Supervisors will make its location and design recommendation on Jarman's Gap Road to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations will follow. Advertisement for construction bids is scheduled in late 2008.

Western Avenue – The bridge and roadway that compose Western Avenue are being completed as part of the Old Trail development. This road will provide an alternative to Crozet Avenue in providing access for traffic in the western part of Crozet traveling to Route 250 and Interstate 64. Western Ave. is one of the two major north-south roads called for in the Master Plan and is being completed without state or local funding as a result of the rezoning process.

Eastern Avenue – This is a second major north-south Master Plan road that will connect Rt. 240 and Rt. 250 generally from the area around Western Ridge and the Conagra plant to an area near Cory Farms. An alignment study of Eastern Avenue and design of the Lickinghole Creek Bridge, a major feature of Eastern Avenue, are being programmed in the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The road itself is expected to be built as part of private development, while the bridge is anticipated to be a future CIP project. The County has begun preliminary discussions with developers who control the property to determine an effective alignment of the road.

Main Street – Main Street is a major east-west road connecting eastern Crozet to the downtown area. The County is currently discussing Main Street with land owners in the area to better plan the alignment of the road. This road is expected to be built with private development or through some form of public/private partnership.

Highlights

VDOT will hold a public hearing on Jarman's Gap Road improvements in Spring, 2006.

Western Avenue is being completed as part of the Old Trail development. This road was constructed without the use of state or local funds.

Next Steps:

Following the VDOT public hearing this spring, the Board of Supervisors will make its location and design recommendation on Jarman's Gap Road to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations will follow.

County staff will continue to work with private developers to obtain commitments for the construction of Eastern Avenue and Main Street.

Funding will be programmed in the County's Capital Improvements Program to fund projects like the Lickinghole Creek Bridge that have been identified for county funding.

Community Involvement Opportunities:

The most immediate opportunity for community involvement will be the VDOT Design Public Hearing on Jarman's Gap Road to be held this spring. Information on this public hearing will be shared with the Crozet community as soon as VDOT confirms details.

Who to Contact:

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