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NEPA DOCUMENTATION
CONCURRENCE FORM

Project Name: Main Street / US 258 at Route 10 Bypass Intersection Improvement Project
Federal Project Number:
Project Number: 0258-046-740
Project Type: Construction
UPC: 120650
Charge Number: UPC 120650
Route Number: 10 / US 258
Route Type: Minor Arterial
Project Limit—From: 0.12 Mi West of Route 10 Bypass
Project Limit—To: 0.27 Mi East of Route 10 Bypass
Project in Stip: Yes
Project in Long Range Plan: Yes
Logical Termini and Independent Utility: Yes
Next Phase of Funding Available: Yes

Project Description: Isle of Wight County received Smart Scale funding for the design and construction of the Main Street/Route 258 at Route 10 Bypass Intersection Improvement Project. The project would widen Main Street / US 258 on both sides of the Route 10 Bypass intersection from a single thru lane in each direction to two thru lanes in each direction and restore the existing left and right turn lanes at the intersection. The proposed improvements would consist of roadway widening, curb and gutter improvements, drainage and stormwater management improvements, pedestrian accommodations, and traffic signal and pedestrian signal improvements. The improvements also consist of improvements to the existing Park-and-Ride lot on the northwest corner of the intersection. The proposed project expands opportunities for the use of public transportation by improving the Park-and-Ride lot. The existing Park-and-Ride lot entrance would be reconfigured to improve ingress/egress via Pole Road, internal site circulation, and additional parking capacity. The increase in capacity would reduce delay for existing bus route as well as provide safer internal circulation between the existing intersection, the Park-and-Ride entrance, and the exiting frontage road immediately adjacent to the lot which is shared with several commercial businesses.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the Route 258 at Route 10 intersection. The proposed roadway widening improvements are needed to increase the capacity along Main Street / US 258.. The proposed project is needed to improve freight reliability for the US 258 west corridor by reducing travel time and vehicle delay through the intersection of Main Street and US 258, the improvements also make the corridor a more viable alternative route when incidents occur on parallel routes. The purpose of the Park-and-Ride lot improvements is to increase the number of available spaces, create a more efficient bus loading ingress/egress, and accommodate pedestrian staging areas, ADA parking, bus shelter, and lighting. These improvements are needed to improve the design standards of the Park-and-Ride and therefore, creating a safer facility.

Attachments:
Map ☒
Other ☒

Suggested Level of NEPA Document: Categorical Exclusion
CE Category 23 CFR 771.117: Category (d)
Description of Category:

☒ **CE** (in accordance with Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration on October 16, 2017)

☐ **EA** (23 U.S.C. §139 may apply to EAs on a case-by-case basis. The default assumption is that it will not apply to this EA. FHWA concurrence infers agreement with the default assumption.)

☐ **EIS**

Fiscal Constraint:

Project in STIP: Yes
In Long Range Plan? Yes
Logical Termini and Independent Utility: Yes
Next Phase of Funding Available? Yes

Comments:
A preliminary understanding of project-related environmental concerns has been considered and would be addressed further in the NEPA documentation. Based on this preliminary review, the project is anticipated to result in low environmental impacts. A summary of these preliminary findings is provided here:

- The proposed improvements are considered a "capacity expansion of a roadway" or "is an action listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a)" and would require the preparation of a Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- The proposed project also consists of improvements to the existing Park-and-Ride lot on the northwest corner of the intersection. Construction of a new facility would not occur. Therefore, the proposed improvements associated with the existing Park-and-Ride would not result in proposed relocations or impacts to environmental resources either individually or cumulatively.
- Impacts to state or federally regulated wetlands or other surface waters may occur in order to accommodate stormwater. Impacts would be avoided and minimized the greatest extent practicable. It is anticipated that a USACE Nationwide Permit 23 – Approved Categorical Exclusions would be needed for the proposed improvements. The VDEQ provided conditional Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for NWP-23 therefore, it is anticipated that additional permitting with VDEQ is not required. A permit from VMRC is not anticipated.
- No adverse effect to Section 106 resources within the project corridor is anticipated.
- No use of Section 4(f) resources is anticipated.
- Tree clearing would occur however, the project would adhere to a Time of Year Restriction (TOYR) from 5/1 – 6/15 and 12/15 – 2/15. Therefore, impacts to state or federally listed threatened and endangered species are not anticipated.
- There are no relocations required for this project. Based on available Census data obtained through EJScreen dated 3/21/2024, and 9/1/2022 I&IM Environmental Justice Guidance, individuals within the project area are low income, and or minority. Due to no relocations and the scope of the project, it is Isle of Wight County's recommendation that this information does not constitute a disproportionate and adverse impact to environmental justice communities.
- To give design optionality, the project would require full acquisition of up to 2 parcels that are undeveloped and unoccupied. It would require partial acquisition from 8 parcels for the roadway expansion. Due to no relocations associated with the acquisition(s) and the scope of the project, it

is Isle of Wight County's recommendation that the acquisition does not constitute a disproportionate and adverse impact to environmental justice communities.

Studies conducted as part of the CE documentation preparation would include:

- Traffic Analysis
- Threatened and Endangered Species Review and Coordination
- Wetlands and Waters Delineation
- Hazardous Materials Assessment
- Socio-economic & Environmental Justice Review
- Cultural Resources Survey and Section 106 process
- Noise Abatement Study
- Project-level Air Quality Evaluation
- Scoping with natural resources and applicable agencies

We concur with the suggested level of NEPA document.

Amanda L Heath — September 5, 2024

FHWA Approval **Date**