



# **Avon Street Multimodal Improvements VDOT UPC 124020**

**August 2025**

An aerial photograph of a city, likely in the Northeast United States, showing a mix of urban development. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story buildings, some with flat roofs and others with more traditional pitched roofs. A train is visible on tracks at the very bottom of the frame. The middle ground is filled with a dense collection of buildings, including a prominent tall brick building with a clock tower. The background shows a hilly area with trees, suggesting a suburban or semi-rural setting. The overall scene is a mix of old and new architecture.

# Agenda

1. Project Background
2. Public Engagement
3. VDOT Recommendations and Resolution

# Project Background

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- Project to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity at the City/County boundary on Avon Street was submitted as a SMART SCALE project by the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO in 2023
- Originally identified in the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2015
- Ultimately aimed at improving safe pedestrian and bicycle access in the City and connections to the growing shared use path system on Avon Street in the County, with links to surrounding trail system
- Also an opportunity to address high travel speeds in an entrance corridor

# Project Background

- Initial design included new sidewalk on the west side of Avon between Moore's Creek and Druid Avenue and unprotected bike lanes
- Crossings and a new pedestrian bridge facilitate connections to a new shared use path south of Moore's Creek
- This initial design became the basis for **Alternative A**



# Project Background

- The anticipated cost associated with retaining walls and limited utility of the new sidewalk led to the development of a different design, which replaced the new sidewalk and unprotected bike lanes with a single shared use path, traversing the entire east side of the project
- This design became Alternative B



# Project Background

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- Similar project impacts for Alternatives A and B:
  - Improved bike and pedestrian connections
  - Loss of on-street parking (33 on-street spots, most of them between Belmont Cottages and Druid)
  - New pedestrian bridge over Moore's Creek
  - Same construction timeline: Spring 2028 through Spring 2029
- Different project impacts for Alternatives A and B:
  - Alternative B will have lower costs due to lessened need for additional right-of-way and retaining walls
  - Alternative B is designed with slower traffic design speeds and can be signed as a 25 mph entrance corridor

# Public Engagement

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- VDOT held a Citizen Information Meeting on May 8, 2025 at Monticello High School
- 27 community members attended
- Top concerns were associated with:
  - Loss of parking
  - Speeding
  - Intersection safety and sight lines
  - Pedestrian Crossings
- Out of the options (Alternatives A and B and “No Build”), Alternative B was the preferred alternative

# VDOT Recommendations

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- Based on design analysis and public feedback, VDOT recommends that City Council pass a resolution of support for selecting Alternative B as the preferred design option
- The resolution of support should acknowledge and approve of the loss of on-street parking
- The resolution should accept the City ownership of the proposed pedestrian bridge

# Thank You

