COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

Nicholas M. Donahue
Chairperson

1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

(804) 482-5818

Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 22, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Good**, Seconded By:** Mr. Payne

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot Rockingham County

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1991, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), designated Route 257 to be a Limited Access Highway between the points delineated on the plans 0257-082-106, C-502, B-601 in accordance with then Article 4, Chapter 1, Title 33.1, Section 33.1-58 of the 1950 *Code of Virginia,* as amended; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Project 0257-082-913 P101, R201, M501 (UPC# 119648) provides for the expansion of the Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride lot (the "Park and Ride") from 50 to 100 parking spaces to include curb and gutter, bus stop, lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act access (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Park and Ride requires a change to the limited access line on the southbound side of Route 257 and an adjustment in the limited access end point as shown on the Limited Access Line Exhibit and the Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offsets Table (attached); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) posted a Notice of Willingness to Hold a Design Public Hearing ("Willingness") on April 29, 2026, and May 7, 2026, in the *Daily News-Record*, and on April 29, 2026, in *The Valley Trail* for the proposed LACCs for the Project, including the current and proposed locations of the limited access lines, and allowed public input to be collected concerning the request; and

WHEREAS, the Willingness expired on May 14, 2026, with no comments or other input from the public; and.

WHEREAS, the economic, social and environmental effects of the Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence, has been carefully reviewed; and

WHEREAS, VDOT's Staunton District Office has reviewed and approved the transportation planning study completed in February 2020 and found that it adequately addresses the impacts from the Project and the proposed LACCs; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements and a Categorical Exclusion was prepared under an agreement between the VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration and approved on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in the County of Rockingham and the proposed LACCs are supported by a letter from the County Administrator dated April 21, 2026 (attached); and

WHEREAS, VDOT's Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed LACCs will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has reviewed the requested LACCs and determined that all are in compliance with Va. Code § 33.2-401 and that the requirements of 24 VAC 30-401-20 have been met; and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends approval of the LACCs as shown on the Limited Access Line Exhibit and the Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offsets Table.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Va. Code § 33.2-401 and 24 VAC 30-401-10 *et seq.,* that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein, and directs that the Route 257 continues to be designated as a limited access control area, with the boundaries of limited access control being modified from the current locations as shown on the attached exhibits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to take all actions and execute any and all documents necessary to implement the LACCs described herein.

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Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief
Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs)
Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot
Rockingham County

Issues: The area designated as limited access previously approved for Route 257 needs to be modified to accommodate the expansion of the Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride lot**.** These changes require the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2-401 and 24 VAC 30-401-10 *et seq*.

Facts:

- Limited access control for Route 257 was previously established on May 16, 1991 by the CTB in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 1, Title 33.1, Section 33.1-58 of the 1950 *Code of Virginia* as amended.

- State Highway Project 0257-082-913 P101, R201, M501 (UPC# 119648) provides for the expansion of the Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride lot from 50 to 100 parking spaces to include curb and gutter, bus stop, lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act access (the "Project").

- The construction of the Project will impact the existing limited access control lines, as shown on the Limited Access Line Exhibit and the Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offset Table (attached).

- The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) posted a Notice of Willingness to Hold a Design Public Hearing ("Willingness") on April 29, 2026, and May 7, 2026, in the *Daily News-Record,* and on April 29, 2026, in *The Valley Trail* for the proposed LACCs for the Project, including the current and proposed locations of the limited access lines, and allowed public input to be collected concerning the request.

- The Willingness expired on May 14, 2026, with no comments or other input from the public.

- The economic, social, and environmental effects of the Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence, has been carefully reviewed.

- VDOT's Staunton District Office has reviewed and approved the transportation planning study completed in February 2020 and found that it adequately addresses the impacts from the Project and the proposed LACCs.

- The proposed Project is in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements, and a Categorical Exclusion was prepared under an agreement between VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration and approved on June 5, 2025.

- The Project is in Rockingham County and the proposed design features and LACCs are supported by a letter from the County Administrator dated April 21, 2026 (attached).

- VDOT's Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed LACCs will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways.

- The proposed LACCs are in compliance with Va. Code § 33.2-401 and with the policies and requirements of the CTB contained in 24 VAC 30-401-10 *et seq*.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends, pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2-401 and 24 VAC 30-401-10 *et seq.*, that Route 257, in Rockingham County, continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway with the LACCs modified and/or established as shown on the attached exhibits. This action will modify the limited access line and right of way previously approved by the CTB on May 16, 1991.

Action Required by CTB: Va. Code § 33.2-401 and 24 VAC 30-401-10 *et seq.* require a majority vote of the CTB to approve the recommended LACCs. The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve the LACCs for the Project and to provide the Commissioner of Highways the requisite authority to execute all documents necessary to implement the LACCs.

Result, if Approved: The Commissioner of Highways will be authorized to execute any and all documents needed to comply with the resolution, and the Project will move forward.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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July 1, 2026

The Honorable Nick M. Donohue
The Honorable Raymond D. Smoot Jr.
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The Honorable Tom Fowlkes
The Honorable Burwell Wayne Coleman
The Honorable Darrell R. Byers
The Honorable H. Randolph Laird
The Honorable Thomas Moore Lawson
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The Honorable Joel "Rex" Davis
The Honorable Linda Green
The Honorable D.J. Gribbin
The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop
The Honorable John P. Good, Jr.
The Honorable J. Randall Minchew
The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E.
The Honorable Mariia Zimmerman

Subject: Approval of Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for the Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot in Rockingham County.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for LACCs for your consideration. The proposed LACCs on State Highway Project 0257-082-913, P101, R201, M501 (UPC# 119648) have been determined as a necessary design feature and recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that approving these LACC's will not adversely affect the safety or operations of the affected highway network. I have determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Bart Thrasher
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Barton A. Thrasher, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the location and major design features of this project be approved in accordance with the plan as proposed and presented at the said Location and Design Public Hearing by the Department's Engineers.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Smalley, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that

WHEREAS, in accordance with current policies and procedures a notice of willingness to hold a combined Location and Design Public Hearing was posted for Route 257 from 0.129 miles northwest of the intersection of Route 11 to the intersection of the west ramps of Route I-81 in the County of Rockingham, State Project 0257-082-106, C-502, B-601; and

WHEREAS, the location and major design features of this project were approved as shown on the plans on January 31, 1991; and

WHEREAS, to protect the integrity of the corridor and the industrial interchange at Interstate Route 81 and control the development between Route 11 and Interstate Route 81 it is necessary to declare new Route 257 a limited access facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that new Route 257 be declared a Limited Access Highway between the points delineated on the plans for Project 0257-082-106, C-502, B-601 in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 1, Title 33.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended and in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board Policy.

Motion carried.

Moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Musselwhite, that

WHEREAS, in connection with Route 29 (formerly Route 14), State Highway Project 577-C, the Commonwealth acquired certain lands from W. V. Gray

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CASEY B. ARMSTRONG
County Administrator

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

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April 21, 2026

Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad St.
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot, Rockingham County

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as Rockingham County's support for a revision to the Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs), as a part of the Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot project as shown in the attached exhibit.

Please let us know if there is anything else Rockingham County needs to complete for this process.

Respectfully,

Casey B. Armstrong
County Administrator

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SURVEYED BY, DATE James.Pezar.LS.(540)290-8314
DESIGN BY Staunton.District.Design.Team
SUBSURFACE UTILITY BY, DATE AFSC

THIS PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED UTILIZING THE DEPARTMENT'S ENGINEERING DESIGN PACKAGE (GEOPAK).
GEOPAK Computer Identification No. 119648

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1	TITLE SHEET
1A	-- NOT USED --
1B	RIGHT OF WAY DATA SHEET
1C	REVISION DATA SHEET
1D	SURVEY ALIGNMENT DATA SHEET
1E	CONSTRUCTION ALIGNMENT DATA SHEET
1F	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
1G(1-2)	SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION
2	GENERAL NOTES
2A(1-2)	TYPICAL SECTIONS
2B(1-2)	QUANTITY SUMMARY SHEET
2C	ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT SHEET Not Included
2D(1-4)	DRAINAGE DESCRIPTION AND PROFILE SHEET
2E(1-4)	STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN
2F	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT SHEET
2G	SITE DETAILS
3	PLAN SHEET
3A	PROFILE SHEET
3B	GRADING PLAN
3C	EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL
3RW	RIGHT OF WAY PLAN
4(1-3)	LIGHTING PLANS
5(1-3)	PAVEMENT MARKING

CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

STATE LINE
COUNTY LINE
CITY/TOWN OR VILLAGE
RIGHT OF WAY LINE
FENCE LINE
UNFENCED PROPERTY LINE
FENCED PROPERTY LINE
WATER LINE
SANITARY SEWER LINE
GAS LINE
ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND CABLE
TRAVELED WAY
GUARD RAIL
RETAINING WALL
RAILROADS
BASE OR SURVEY LINE

LEVEE OR EMBANKMENT
BRIDGES
CULVERTS
DROP INLET
POWER POLES
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH POLES
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH LINES
HEDGE
TREES
HEAVY WOODS
GROUND ELEVATION
GRADE ELEVATION

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DESIGN FEATURES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OR TO REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TRAFFIC MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THIS PROJECT IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S 2020 ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS, 2016 ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARDS, 2026 VIRGINIA SUPPLEMENT TO THE MUTCD, 2026 VIRGINIA WORK AREA PROTECTION MANUAL AND AS AMENDED BY CONTRACT PROVISIONS AND THE COMPLETE ELECTRONIC PDF VERSION OF THE PLAN ASSEMBLY.

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VA.	(SEE TABULATION BELOW FOR SECTION NUMBERS)	257	0257-082-913 (SEE TABULATION BELOW FOR SECTION NUMBERS)	1

PLAN AND PROFILE OF PROPOSED STATE HIGHWAY

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

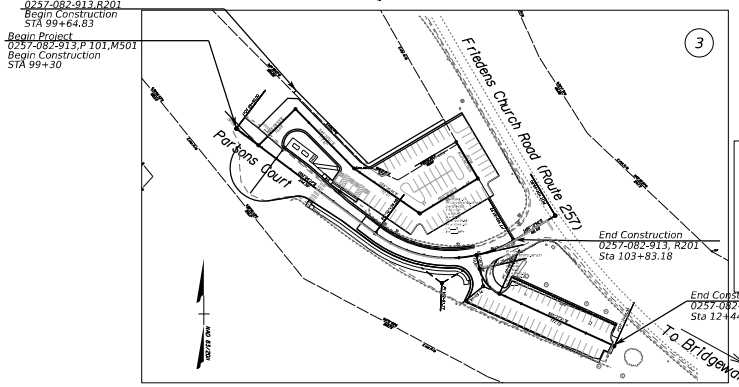
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TO: LOT IMPROVEMENTS

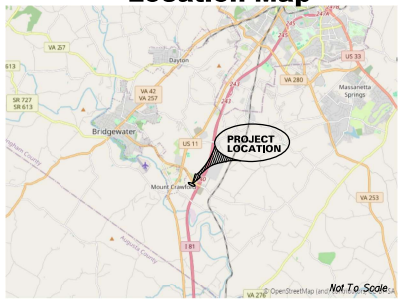
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PARK AND RIDE LOT		
PROPOSED	EXISTING UNMARKED	PARKING SPACE TYPE
97	50	REGULAR SPACE 18'X9'
3	--	ADA SPACES
100	50	TOTAL SPACES



Population 86,568 (2023 Census)

Location Map



TIER 1 PROJECT

PAC PLANS

THESE PLANS ARE UNFINISHED AND UNAPPROVED AND ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION
DISTRICT PLANNING AND INVESTMENT MANAGER
DISTRICT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER
APPROVED FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION
DISTRICT ENGINEER/ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION
DISTRICT PLANNING AND INVESTMENT MANAGER
DISTRICT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER
APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION
DISTRICT ENGINEER/ADMINISTRATOR

REVISED
12/18/2025

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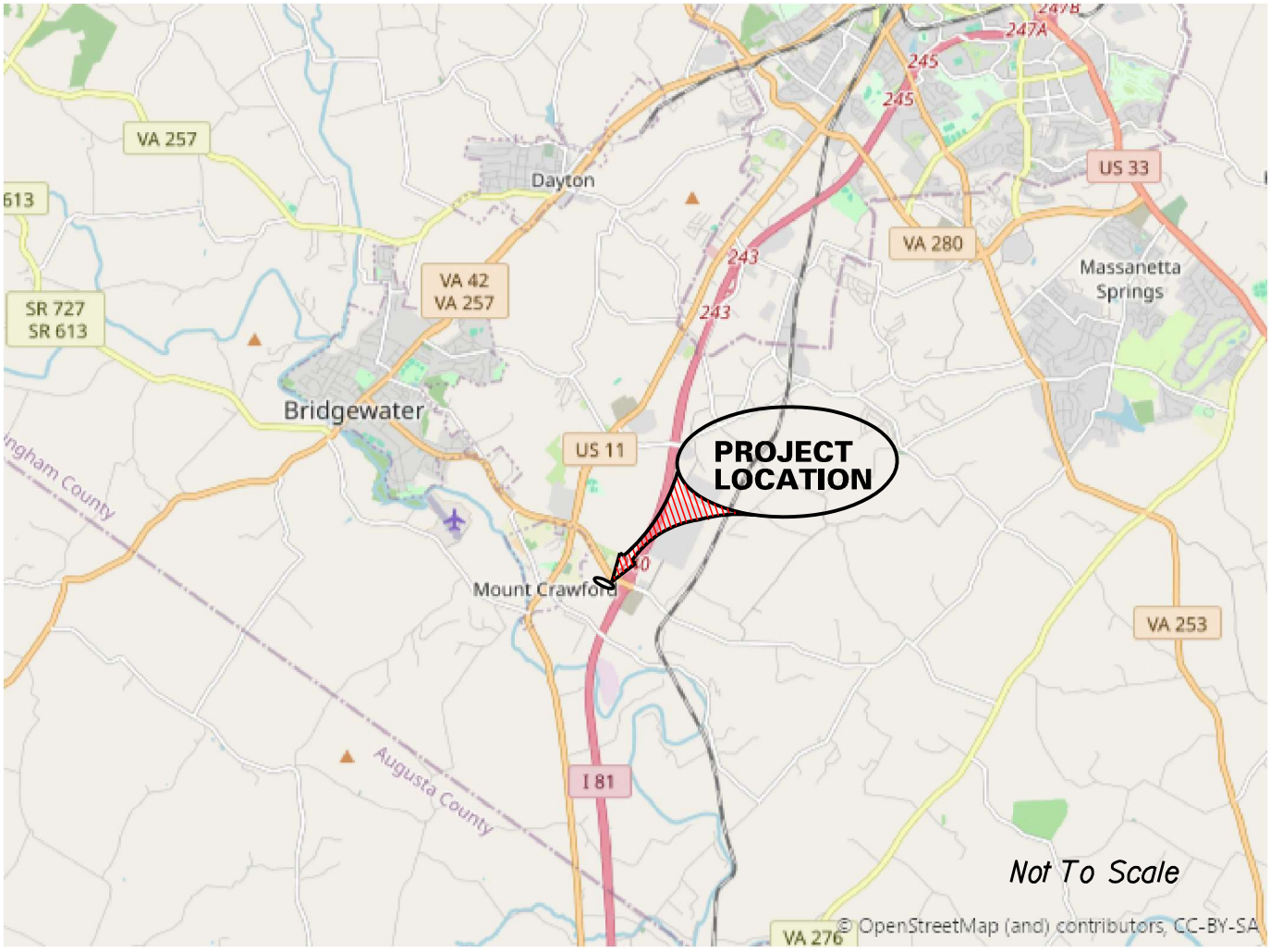
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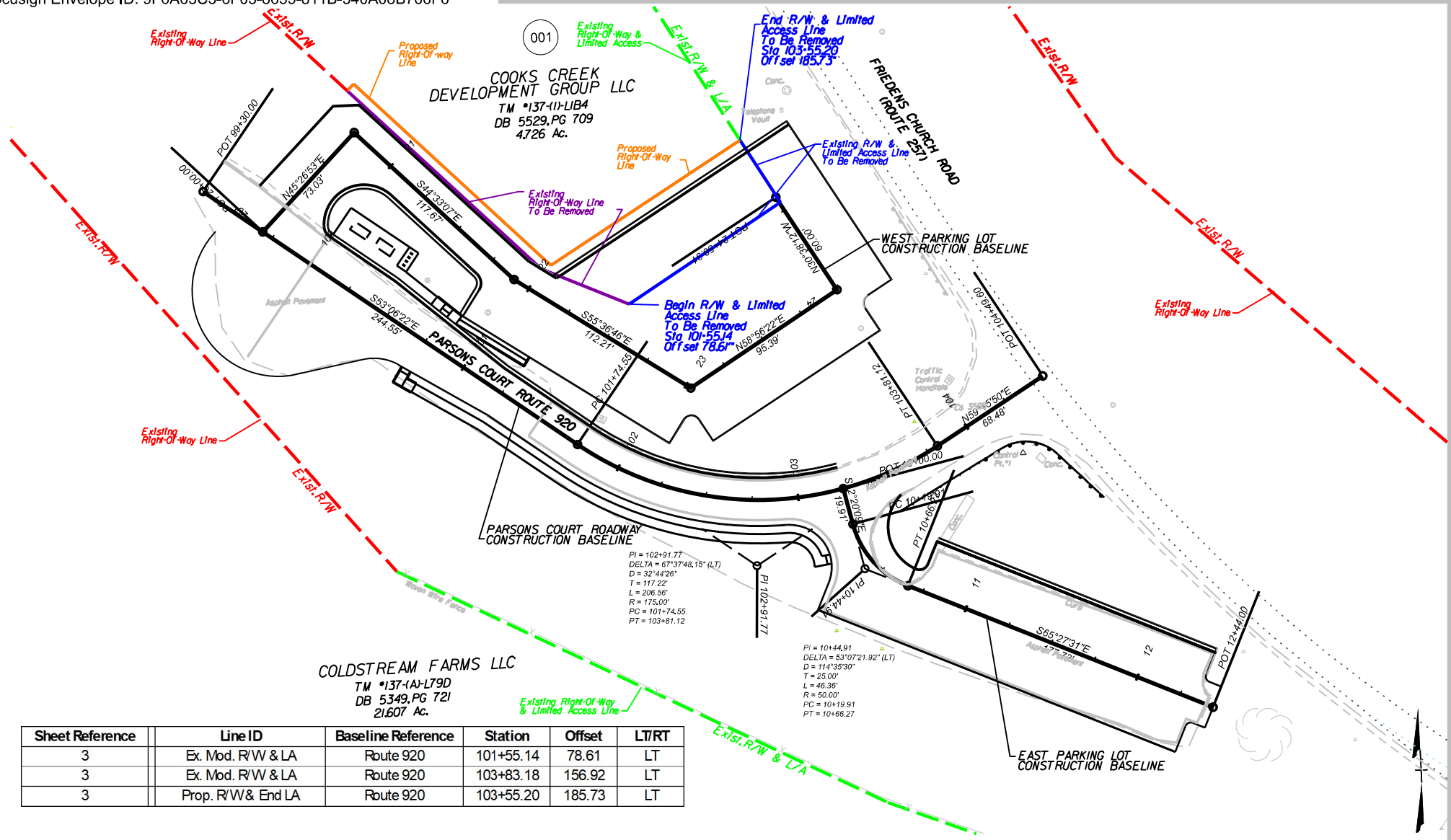
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Location Map



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Sheet Reference	Line ID	Baseline Reference	Station	Offset	LT/RT
3	Ex. Mod. R/W & LA	Route 920	101+55.14	78.61	LT
3	Ex. Mod. R/W & LA	Route 920	103+83.18	156.92	LT
3	Prop. R/W& End LA	Route 920	103+55.20	185.73	LT

Notes

Limited access control modifications approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board by resolution dated May 16,1991.

Disclaimer

These plans are unfinished and unapproved and are not to be used for any type of construction or the acquisition of right of way. Additional easement for right of way may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on these plans.

Legend

- Exist.R/W & Limited Access Line
- Exist.R/W Line
- Exist.Limited Access Line
- R/W & Limited Access Line To Be Removed
- Prop.R/W Line
- Existing R/W Line To be Removed

Project Location



North Arrow and Scale

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SCALE 0 50' 100'

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Mount Crawford Park and Ride Improvements
VDOT Project # 0257-082-913,RW201,M501
(UPC# 119648)

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PROJECT MANAGER Anthony Peling
SURVEYED BY, DATE Staunton District
DESIGN BY Staunton Location and Design Team A

Exhibit A

STATE	STATE ROUTE	STATE PROJECT	SHEET NO.
VA.	257	0257-082-913	A

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DESIGN FEATURES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OR TO REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TRAFFIC MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT

COOKS CREEK DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC
TM #137-111-LIB4
DB 5529, PG 709
4.726 Ac.

FRIEDENS CHURCH ROAD (ROUTE 257)

PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY

WEST PARKING BASELINE

ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION BASELINE

EAST PARKING BASELINE

PARSONS COURT

COLDSTREAM FARMS LLC
TM #137-1-A-L79D
DB 5349, PG 721
21.607 Ac.

RM-2 93.85ft +64.83
RM-2 88.90ft +64.08
RM-2 72.27ft +08.27
RM-2 185.73ft +55.20
+83.18 156.92ft
+04.94 67.71ft Conc. Mon.
+55.14 78.61ft

POT 99+30.00
POT 20+00.00
POT 24+58.31
POT 10+44.60
PC 101+74.55
PT 103+81.72
PC 10+19.91
POT 10+00.00

N44°33'07"W 390.20'
N45°26'53"E 73.03'
S44°33'07"E 117.67'
S53°06'22"E 244.55'
S55°36'46"E 112.21'
N58°56'22"E 95.39'
N30°38'09"W 71.00'
N59°15'50"E 68.48'
S65°20'06"E 51.31'
N58°52'32"E 98.59'
12°20'09" 19.91'

PI = 102+91.77
DELTA = 67°37'48.15" (LT)
D = 32°44'26"
T = 117.22'
L = 206.56'
R = 175.00'
PC = 101+74.55
PT = 103+81.12

PI = 10+44.91
D = 114°35'30"
T = 25.00'
L = 46.36'
R = 50.00'
PC = 10+19.91
PT = 10+66.27

Existing End L/A
Proposed End L/A
Begin L/A
Exist. R/W
Exist. R/W & L/A

SCALE 0 25' 50'

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LEGEND:

- IRF · Iron Rod Found
- IPF · Iron Pipe Found
- RM-2 · VDOT RM-2 Monument Set
- 45.30 / 30.00' · Existing Parcel Corner Station & Offset
- 34.75' / 23.0' · Proposed Highway Acquisition Station & Offset
- (34.55' / 02.65') · Proposed Temporary Construction Easement Station & Offset
- [55.19' / 50.20'] · Proposed Utility Easement Station & Offset
- [30.55' / 22.54'] · Proposed Permanent Easement Station & Offset
- Proposed or Existing Temporary Easements (dot-dot-dashed lines)
- Proposed or Existing Permanent or Utility Easements (dot-dashed lines)
- Proposed Limited Access Modification
- Proposed Right of Way

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 257 (Friedens Church Road)
Rockingham County
Park and Ride Improvement Project

Find out about the proposed plans to improve the Park and Ride facility in Rockingham County with expanded parking capacity. This project will involve a change and/or break in limited access control.

Review the project information and environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) at VDOT's Staunton District Office located at 811 Commerce Road, Staunton, VA 24401-9029, 540-332-9075 or 1-800-367-7623 or TDD/TTY 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Anthony Pelina, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 811 Commerce Road, Staunton, VA 24401-9029 on or prior to May 14, 2026. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager at the phone numbers listed above.

State Project: 0257-082-913,C501, P101, R201 UPC: 119648
Federal Project: STP-082-8(083)
From: 0.20 miles west of I-81 interchange
To: 0.12 miles south of Route 257

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April 29 publication in the Daily News Record



leads away from Humpback.

This hike is a loop. As I said, if you go clockwise, then you start on the north trailhead. If you go counterclockwise, then you need to start on the middle trailhead. The counterclockwise advantage is that you get to the overlook (Glass Hollow Overlook) faster, but the disadvantage is that the hardest part of the trail — the rocky stair steps — will be uphill. Either way, you will cover just under four miles and climb (or descend) about 700 feet in elevation. This is a nice hike that takes you on the Appalachian Trail for just over a mile, an old turnpike (Howardsville), past a plane crash site, and provides one beautiful view into the Rockfish Valley.

As noted, I prefer to go clockwise to go downhill on the hard part of the trail, but that means an uphill at both the beginning and the end.

The entire hike is through the forest, and after climbing for a while on what was once the Howardsville Turnpike, the trail starts descending around the knob of Dobie Mountain before looping back south. The path becomes very rocky at this point, with stair-step rocks set into the hillside. When you are almost through this section watch for a well-worn trail to the right leading approximately 75 feet up to

The plane, piloted by James Oliver Carter (about 50) took off from the city of Franklin for a trip to Marion on April 29. Ryan Lee Tulloh, about 42, and Harry B. Brown, about 62, both of Emporia, were on board. Tulloh was the general manager of Trego Stone Company in Emporia and Brown was the master mechanic and quarry supervisor. They went to Marion to inspect a new stone crushing machine. They were on their way back at night when they crashed into the side of the mountain. After about three months, the three missing men were declared dead.

Sixteen months later, on September 10, 1964, two men from Nelson County were out in the mountains looking for ginseng to dig up and sell. They came across the plane's remains and the men. The skeletal remains of one man were still strapped in the plane, and the other two were about 20 feet outside the plane. Earphones, pilot manuals, and papers were scattered about the forest floor.

So there you have it. James Oliver Carter, Ryan Lee Tulloh, and Harry B. Brown are the three men who perished on that mountain. They were all married.

Not long after the spur to the plane crash site, the trail intersects with the rocky, but not very long. The view from the rock outcropping into the valley below is worth the detour.

From the overlook it is about a mile back to the parking lot.

MINT SPRINGS VALLEY PARK

Don't expect to actually visit a crash site at this park, because the rugged mountainside location is too remote. There is, however, a very moving memorial here to the nearby crash site 1.5 miles outside the park. Inside the park, you can log some nice hiking in this gem that backs up against Shenandoah National Park. In the summertime, don't forget to bring your swimsuit.

Mint Springs Valley Park is located at 6659 Mint Springs Park Road in Crozet. In addition to five miles of hiking trails through mature hardwood forests, the 520-acre park includes two full-size lakes and a pond.

Just inside the park's entrance is a memorial to the Piedmont Airlines crash of Flight 349 that occurred way back on Oct. 30, 1959. Although I don't personally remember the crash, being only a few months old at the time, I knew of the crash because of my years working for the Staunton newspaper back in the 1980s. Some reporters and photographers who had covered the crash were still around. Their stories were legendary.

On that day in 1959, a Piedmont Airlines regular hip and some abrasions and bruises.

When Bradley was found 36 hours after the crash, he was still strapped in his seat. Included among the victims were three men who were employed at DuPont and the parents of a Staunton Military Academy cadet who were coming to visit their son. The sister of another man killed in the crash resided in Staunton, and another victim was from Highland County.

The memorial at the park was designed and placed there by the sole survivor, Phil Bradley, who wanted those who perished on the mountain to be remembered and who wanted to thank his rescuers. Bradley, 33 at the time of the crash, was a WWII veteran and a survivor of D-Day. He passed away in 2013 at the age of 87.

After paying your respects at the memorial, I recommend hiking the trails. My friend and I spent about 3 hours hiking here and hit nearly every trail except the very top one, the Big Survey Trail, while covering 4.5 miles. Although there are a few somewhat steep sections, they are not long or hard, and we covered most of the steeper ones by going downhill. Included in our list of park trails were the Fire Trail, Bridge Path, Hollow Trail, Little Yellow Trail, Lake Trail, Mountain Orchard Trail and the Upper Lake Trail.

The park has some significantly sized trees. The most impressive one that we saw was a giant Northern

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The sponsor of the Piedmont Airlines crash memorial was E. Phil Bradley, the lone survivor of the airplane accident.

Red Oak, dubbed the Boundary Oak, which stands at the park boundary. Because much of this land was once farmed, hikers will also pass through old orchards (a good place to see wildlife in late summer) and spot a chimney from an old home site that once stood where the park is now.

These aren't the only two plane crash sites that you might find on your outdoor adventures. One on my bucket list is a monument that marks the spot on Brush Mountain near Roanoke where Audie Murphy died in a small plane crash in 1971. Murphy was one of America's most decorated WWII soldiers. He received the Medal of Honor for single-handedly (while wounded) holding off 250 German infantrymen and six tanks for over an hour. He became a Hollywood actor after the war, starring in over 40 films.

My husband and I visited the patch of woods in France where 19-year-old Murphy stood alone atop a tank for an hour while holding off the advancing Germans. It is only fitting, then, that I should also hike to the mountain where his luck finally ran out just shy of his 46th birthday. Perhaps that is a hike for later this summer. If it happens, I will let you know.

Nancy Sorrells is an award-winning freelance writer who has been weaving words together for stories focusing on the great outdoors, human interest, and history since the 1970s. She and her husband share a household with two dogs and a cat and whatever other critter decides to take up residence on their few acres of land in southern Augusta County. Since March of 2020, she and a retired friend have tried to go for a weekly walk in the woods. If you have ideas about outdoor spaces and places that should be explored, email her at lotswife1959@gmail.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Stephanie Gardner to give author talk at Rocktown History

BY LORI D'ANGELO
Daily News-Record

DAYTON — Stephanie Gardner's new novella once again delves into local history. But with her third book, rather than exploring the history of Thornton Gap, which was the setting for her first two Rattlesnake Granny books, Gardner now turns her attention to Dayton, her home.

"This one moves away from the Mountaineer culture of my 'Rattlesnake Granny' books and is about Victorian Dayton," Gardner said. "It was a lot of fun to write in this voice, this fictional 17-year-old diarist who was coming from Charlottesville to attend Shenandoah Institute here in Dayton."

Gardner will give an author talk Friday morning at Rocktown History on her third book, "Maddie's Story: Adventures in Dayton." The 69-page novella, which is told in diary format, was published this year.

Gardner, 53, who is originally from Western North Carolina, moved here 15 years ago to work as a librarian at Bridgewater College, and her fictional works demonstrate a love of both historical research and local history.

Although this novella, unlike its two predecessors, isn't set in Thornton Gap, it does share some characters and locations with the previous two books. One recurring character in this novella is Temple, who was featured in the second "Rattlesnake Granny" book.

This new novella focuses on Temple's daughter, Matilda, who goes by Maddie. The book is written as a series of diary entries that begin in September 1852 and continue through June 1853.

"The book is her diary of exploring Shenandoah Institute, learning about herself, meeting local people, and exploring the area," Gardner said.

In this book, Gardner, a student of history, mentions classes offered at Shenandoah Institute. Shenandoah Institute, which is now Shenandoah University, moved to Winchester in 1960 and is still there today.

"The title character, Maddie, and most of her classmates are fictional, but her professors are inspired by historical administration and faculty at Shenandoah Institute in the time this story is set, and she also meets and interacts with a fictionalized version of historical people who were in the area at that time," Gardner said.

While the two previous Rattlesnake Granny books were set in the 1860s and 1870s and told from Nancy Pulham's point of view, this one is set a little later, in the 1880s, allowing Gardner to focus on the Victorian era.

"It was a lot of fun exploring local history and some things that were nationally and internationally important during 1852-1853," Gardner said.

Some of the things explored in the novella are Victorian fashion and manners, Gardner said.

One of the things that was going on in the world at that time, Gardner said, was "the idea that women were in danger of becoming 'the new woman,'" Gardner said. "And this would be a woman in England or America who was quite liberated in her ideas and her fashion, and they weren't sure if this was a good thing or not."

Another Victorian idea that "we might think was patronizing" today, Gardner said, was viewing people from other nations "as quite exotic." In the book, Maddie is interested in learning about people in Asia. Maddie is also interested in attending the World's Columbian Exposition, or the World's Fair, held in Chicago in 1893.

"There was a women's building there," Gardner said. "Buffalo Bill had his Wild West show. At the World's Fair, the Ferris Wheel premiered. There was a building for electricity. So it was a time of great change for the country and for women."

The book also focuses on women's organizing, Gardner said.

"Women were organizing for suffrage and for temperance," Gardner said.

In Gardner's book, she said that the character of Maddie is interested in organizing to fight the killing of birds that was done to make women's hats, which was unfortunately common at the time.

"They would wear feathers, but sometimes they would wear whole birds on their hats," Gardner said.

One real-life woman that Gardner hopes more people will learn about through the book is writer and suffragist Orra Langhorne, who lived in the Valley.

"I'm excited to introduce more people to Mrs. Langhorne," Gardner said. "She was considered progressive in her time. Not a lot of people know about her now."

Some local haunts featured in the book include Silver Lake Mill, as well as some of the houses and buildings on College Street in Dayton that were once part of Shenandoah Institute and still exist today. The names and locations of those buildings are listed in a Dayton walking tour brochure available for free at Rocktown History.

"When you walk downtown and see the remnants of the college, I think there are a lot of stories that the remnants of old buildings tell," Gardner said.

Gardner will give an author talk on Friday at 10:30 at Rocktown History, located at 382 High Street in Dayton. She will also give a talk about the Historic Wayside Inn in Middletown, 7783 Main St, Middletown, at 6 p.m. Saturday. On June 13, she'll be signing books at Winchester Book Gallery in Winchester from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gardner's books are available and sold at Rocktown History but also at OASIS Fine Art & Craft in Harrisonburg, Cottage Gifts in Bridgewater, the Choose Shop in Stuart's Draft, and James Blakey's Read Local Author's booth.



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Stephanie Gardner stands near historical artifacts at Rocktown History in Dayton that are from the Victorian period. Gardner will give an author talk at Rocktown History on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

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– AUTHOR STEPHANIE GARDNER

POLITICS

AP source: FBI searches Va. Senate leader's office as part of corruption probe

BY ERIC TUCKER, ALLEN G. BREED AND JENNIFER PELTZ
The Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH — The FBI searched the Virginia state Senate leader's office on Wednesday as part of a corruption investigation, a person familiar with the matter said. Federal agents also were seen at the senator's nearby cannabis business.

The search at Virginia Sen. L. Louise Lucas's district office in Portsmouth comes after the Democrat helped lead the state's recent redistricting effort.

The FBI said only that it was conducting a court-authorized search warrant in Portsmouth. The person who confirmed the FBI's search was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation by name and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Besides the search at Lucas' office, agents in FBI T-shirts also went into the nearby Cannabis Outlet, which she opened in 2021. Several entrances to the store's parking lot were blocked by unmarked vehicles with flashing blue lights, as was an entrance to the politician's office.

Lucas — a prominent backer of legalizing marijuana — has said the store sells legal hemp and CBD products. It has drawn scrutiny from local media amid allegations that some products were mislabeled.

Virginia has legalized pot possession, but retail sales of recreational marijuana remain illegal in the state.

A message seeking comment was left Wednesday on a cellphone for Lucas, who has been a state senator for 34 years.

State House Speaker Don Scott said he was deeply concerned by the FBI search.

"Right now, there is far more theorizing and speculation than actual information available to the public," Scott, a Democrat, said in a statement, adding that more facts were needed "before anyone rushes to political conclusions."

Gov. Abigail Spanberger declined to comment. Some other Virginia Democrats were quick to note that the search comes as the FBI and Justice Department have opened a spate of politically charged investigations into perceived adversaries of President Donald Trump.

Last week, the Justice Department charged former FBI Director James Comey with making a threatening Instagram post against Trump, an accusation that Comey — who for nearly a decade has drawn the president's ire — has denied. A court had dismissed federal prosecutors' earlier case accusing Comey of lying to Congress.

A separate mortgage fraud case, also ultimately dismissed by a court, targeted Democratic New York state Attorney General Letitia James, who had brought a major civil fraud lawsuit against Trump and his business. Both she and Comey, a Republican-turned-independent, denied the charges and said the prosecutions were vindictive.

Such cases "have undermined public confidence" in federal prosecutors in Virginia, state Attorney General Jay Jones, a Democrat, said in a statement.

The FBI and Justice Department have also provoked concerns among Democrats about ongoing election-related investigations, including the seizure by agents of ballots and other information from Fulton County, Georgia.

Lucas has been a vocal leader of Virginia's redistricting effort, which voters approved last month. A sign urging people to "vote yes" to "stop the MAGA power grab" still hung Wednesday on a fence separating her office's parking lot from the parking for the cannabis shop.

Amid a national, state-by-state partisan redistricting fight kicked off by Trump's desire to aid his fellow Republicans, Virginia voters OK'd a Democrat-backed constitutional amendment authorizing new U.S. House districts. The plan could help the party win up to four additional seats.

"We are not going to let anyone rig the system without a response," Lucas said after the vote. Trump, meanwhile, denounced the results.

The state Supreme Court let the referendum proceed, but has yet to rule whether the effort is legal. The court is considering an appeal of a lower court judge's ruling that the amendment is invalid because lawmakers violated procedural requirements.

Voting districts typically are redrawn once a decade, after each census. But Trump last year urged Texas Republicans to redraw House districts to give the GOP an edge in the midterms. California Democrats reciprocated, and redistricting efforts soon cascaded across states.

Lucas, 82, has been a figure in Virginia politics since the 1980s, when she became the first Black woman elected to city council seat in her native Portsmouth. She now is the first woman and first African American to serve as the body's president pro tempore.

Earlier in life, she was the Norfolk Naval Shipyard's first female shipfitter, according to her biography in the state library. The job entails making, installing and repairing sometimes enormous metal assemblies for vessels.

In recent years, she has been the CEO of a Portsmouth business that runs residences, day programs and transportation for intellectually disabled adults



Ryan M. Kelly / The Associated Press

Virginia Senate President pro tempore Louise Lucas, D-Portsmouth, listens to debate on the Senate floor on Feb. 17 in Richmond.

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Project Information

Project Name:	#SMART22 - Mount Crawford Park And Ride Lot Improvements	**Federal Project#:**	STP-082-8(083)
Project Number:	0257-082-913, C501, P101, R201	**Project Type:**	Construction
UPC:	119648	**Charge Number:**	0000119648-688
Project Number(Assoc)(UPC):	00257-082-26726363		
Route Number:	257	**Route Type:**	N/A
Project Limit--From:	Park And Ride	**To:**	Lot Improvements
Additional Project Description:	Improve existing park and ride lot to add 50 additional spaces, bus stop shelter, bike racks, lighting, and an electric vehicle charging station.		
Purpose And Need:	The purpose of this project is to improve an existing park and ride lot.		

District:	**City/County:**	**Residency:**
Staunton	Rockingham	Harrisonburg

Date CE level document approved by VA Division FHWA: 07/09/2024
FHWA Contact: Jones, Kevin
Project in STIP: Yes **In Long Range Plan?** Yes
CE Category 23 CFR 771.117: d04
Description of Category: Transportation corridor fringe parking facilities.
Logical Termini and Independent Utility: Yes
Next Phase of Funding Available? Yes
Comments: This project would improve an existing park and ride lot, which would include creating an additional 50 parking spaces, bus stop shelter, bike racks, lighting, and an electric vehicle charging station.
Typical Section: This project consists of improvements to an existing Park and Ride. There is no typical section.
Structures: There are no structures associated with this project.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Minority/Low Income Populations: Present with no impact **Disproportionate Impacts to Minority/Low Income Populations:** No
Source: PFI Plans, dated December 4, 2024
Existing or Planned Public Recreational Facilities: Not Present
Community Services: Not Present
Consistent with Local Land Use: Yes
Source: PFI Plans, dated December 4, 2024; VDOT Staunton District Environmental Staff
Existing or Planned Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Not Present
Source: VDOT Staunton District Environmental Staff
Socio-Economic Comments: This project would improve and expand an existing Park and Ride facility, adding an additional 50 parking spaces. There would only be minor amounts of right-of-way impacts and no relocations would be necessary.

SECTION 4(f) and SECTION 6(f)

Use of 4(f) Property: No

Source: VDCR Conservation Lands and VDCR LWCF 6f data in VDOT eMaps (GIS) database as reference on the ERP Buffer Report, dated January 17, 2025, in CEDAR and the Cultural Resources Summary Report, dated December 5, 2024, in CEDAR

6(f) Conversion: **Acres of Conversion:**

4(f) Comments: This project would require right-of-way acquisition, however, no Section 4(f) resources are present within the project area and therefore, there would be no use of Section 4(f) resources.

6(f) Comments: This project would require right-of-way acquisition, however, no Section 6(f) resources are present within the project area and therefore, there would be no use of Section 6(f) resources.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Section 106 Effect Determination: None

Name of Historic Property: N/A **DHR Concurrence date:** None

A Section 106 effect determination of No Historic Properties Present or Affected has been concluded pursuant to Stipulation II.A of the 2016 Federal Programmatic Agreement among FHWA, USACE, TVA, VA SHPO, and VDOT.
Stip. II.A Determination Date: 12/05/2024

MOA/PA Execution Date: None

Cultural Resource Comments: Based on PFI plans, dated 12/04/24, project limits have been extensively disturbed by very recent cut-and-fill activity and no further archaeological study is warranted. Plans also show no impacts to the Coldstream Farm/Switzer House (VCRIS #082-0444) property; therefore, project will have no effect on historic properties.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Are Waters of the U.S. present? No

Linear Feet of Impact: Approximately 0

Federal Threatened or Endangered Species:
Madison Cave Isopod (Antrolana lira)-Federal:FT-No Effect
Indiana Bat (Myotis sodalis)-Federal:FE-May affect, Not Likely to adversely affect
Virginia Big-eared Bat (Corynorhinus (= Plecotus) townsendii virginianus)-Federal:FE-No Effect

Based upon review of federal databases including IPaC, federal T&E species have a potential to occur in the project area. ✓ 04/13/2022 R Clark

100 Year Floodplain: Not Present **Regulatory Floodway Zone:** Present with no impact **Zone Code:** A

Public Water Supplies: Not Present **Are any tidal waters/wetlands present?** No

Wetlands: Not Present **Tidal Acres of Impact:** 0 **Tidal Wetland Type:** None

Are any Non-Tidal Wetlands Present? No **Non Tidal Acres of Impact:** 0 **Non Tidal Wetland Type:** None

Total Wetland Acres of Impacts: 0

Are water quality permits required? No

Natural Resource Comments: Coordination with USFWS completed on November 18, 2024, with a May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect determination to Indiana Bat due to tree removal as per the PBO. No streams or wetlands are within the project limits and no water quality permits would be required for its construction per the Permit Determination Form, dated April 28, 2022.

AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE

Open Space Easements:

Agricultural/Forestal Districts:

Source: Project Definition Form

Agricultural/Open Space Comments: There are no Agricultural/Forestal Districts or Open Space Easements in the project vicinity.

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FARMLAND

NRCS Form CPA-106 Attached? No

NRCS Form CPA-106 not attached because:

Land already in Urban use.

Alternatives Analysis Required? No

Source: PFI Plan dated December 4, 2024, Mt. Crawford Parcel Information, and VDOT Environmental Staff Field Reviews

Farmland Comments: The project area is primarily within existing VDOT right-of-way and disturbed land along a primary route and on-ramp to the interstate. The adjacent property from which right-of-way will be acquired is currently zone as Commercial and is under development.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive Species in the project area? Unknown

There is potential for invasive species to become established along the limits of disturbance of the project during and following construction. Section 244.02(c) of VDOT's Road and Bridge Specifications includes provisions intended to control noxious weeds (which includes non-native and invasive species).

While rights-of-ways are at risk from invasive species colonization from adjacent properties, implementing the above provisions would reduce or minimize potential for introduction, proliferation, and spread of invasive species. Additionally, the implementation of best management practices for erosion/sediment control and abatement of pollutant loading would minimize indirect impacts to adjoining communities and habitat by reducing excess nutrient loads that could encourage invasive species proliferation.

Invasive Species Comments: Standard VDOT seed mixes would be used.

AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Status and Regional Conformity

Jurisdiction Description: This project lies in an area that is currently in attainment with all of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). In accordance with 40 CFR Part 93, transportation conformity requirements are not applicable to the project since the project is not located in a nonattainment or maintenance area for any transportation-related criteria pollutant (i.e., ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide). The following VDEQ air pollution regulations must be adhered to during the construction of this project: 9 VAC 5-130, Open Burning restrictions; and 9 VAC 5-50, Article 1, Fugitive Dust precautions.

Carbon Monoxide

CO Microscale Analysis Required for NEPA? No

EPA project-level (“hot-spot”) transportation conformity requirements for CO do not apply as the project is located in a region that is in attainment of the NAAQS. A project-specific analysis or assessment for CO is also not needed for NEPA per the programmatic approach specified in the VDOT Resource Document (Protocol 4.2.2.2). Based on the overall weight-of-evidence, it may reasonably be concluded that the CO NAAQS will be met given: •Continued implementation of effective emission control technology, increasingly more stringent motor vehicle emission and fuel quality standards implemented over the past few decades by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that have had the combined effect of substantially reducing CO emission rates nationwide, resulting in long-term downward trends in emissions and near-road ambient concentrations of CO despite increasing vehicle-miles-travelled (VMT)•Extensive experience in project-specific modeling for CO for a wide variety of project types, configurations and operating conditions in which compliance with the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) established by EPA for CO is readily demonstrated given the substantially reduced CO emission rates, and despite the use of multiple worst-case assumptions for emission and dispersion modeling that have a compounding effect such that emissions and near-road ambient concentrations are substantially over-estimated; and •Extensive experience in programmatic agreements for project-level agreements for CO that established ever-increasing thresholds for such analyses given the substantially reduced emission rates.

Particulate Matter

This project is located in: A PM2.5 Attainment Area

PM Hotspot Analysis Required? No

The final rule that establishes the transportation conformity criteria and procedures for determining which transportation projects must be analyzed for local air quality impacts in Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) nonattainment and maintenance areas was published on March 10, 2006. This project is located in a PM2.5 attainment area and therefore no further discussion of PM2.5 is necessary.

Mobile Source Air Toxics

This project requires: No further discussion of MSAT

✓ The project qualifies for a categorical exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117.

This project is excluded from further analysis following FHWA’s Interim Guidance Update on MSAT Analysis in NEPA dated January 18,2023 for projects qualifying as a categorical exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117.

NOISE

Noise Scoping Decision: Type I - Noise study required

Barriers Under Consideration? No

Noise Comments: A qualitative noise analysis was completed for this project by VDOT's Environmental Division Noise Staff. The Memo To File dated January 18, 2024, concludes that the proposed project would not increase ambient noise levels.

RIGHT OF WAY AND RELOCATIONS

Residential Relocations: No

Commercial Relocations No

Non-Profit Relocations: No

Right of Way required? Yes

Fee Simple: 0.12

Temporary Easement: 0

Permanent Easement: 0

Utility Easement: 0

Amount of Right of Way Acreage: 0

Septic Systems or Wells: Not Present

Hazardous Materials: Not Present

Source: RW Data Sheet dated January 21, 2025, VDOT Hazardous Materials Summary Report dated December 12, 2024

ROW and Relocations Comments: This project would require only minor right-of-way acquisition and there would be no relocations associated with it.

CUMULATIVE AND INDIRECT IMPACTS

Present or reasonably foreseeable future projects (highway and non-highway) in the area: Yes

Impact same resources as the proposed highway project (i.e. cumulative impacts): No

Indirect (Secondary) impacts: No

Source: ICE Note to File dated February 12, 2025

Cumulative and Indirect Impacts Comments: Per IIM-ED-715.1, the indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed action have been considered as part of this document. The impact causing activities proposed as part of the project are not great enough to result in measurable indirect effects to the surrounding environment. While there are past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects planned in the area, the proposed project would not contribute to the cumulative effects of these projects.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Substantial Controversy on Environmental Grounds: No

Source: VDOT Staunton District Program Manager

Public Hearing: Yes **Type of Hearing:** Willingness

Other Public Involvement Activities: No

Public Involvement Comments: The CE was approved for Public Availability on February 27, 2025. Willingness was posted Friday, April 25, 2025, and Friday, March 2, 2025, in the Daily News-Record and on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in the Valley Trail Newspaper. No comments were received after the postings and thus, a Public Hearing was not held, and no environmental questions or issues were raised.

COORDINATION

State Agencies:

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Department of Wildlife Resources

Federal Agencies:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Local Entity:

Mt. Crawford Town/City Manager

Other Coordination Entities:

This project meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.4 and 23 CFR 771.117 and will not result in significant impacts to the human or natural environment.

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Documentation of FHWA Review

Project Name: Mount Crawford Park And Ride Lot Improvements
State Project Number: 0257-082-913
UPC: 119648

Based on preliminary environmental impact information compiled by VDOT, FHWA approved this project as a Categorical Exclusion on June 5, 2025. Based on my review of the Categorical Exclusion documentation submitted by VDOT, I find this information acceptable and sufficient as supporting documentation to support the original Categorical Exclusion determination.

Amanda L Heath

Approving FHWA Official

June 5, 2025

Date

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LOCATION AND DESIGN
LIMITED ACCESS CONTROL CHANGES REVIEW SIGNATURE FORM

Project Information			
UPC	119648	State Project Number	0257-082-913, P101, R201, M501
District	Staunton	City/County	Rockingham County
Federal Project Number	STP-082-8(096)		
Project Name	Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) Park and Ride Lot		

The following reviewed the Limited Access Control Change package for the above subject project for Chief Approval

Title	Signature	Name	Date
State Geometric Engineer [Acting]	Signed by: Adam Wilkerson 07B8382DA0264ED...	Adam Wilkerson	6/17/2026
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Re: LACC package review request - UPC 119648 - July CTB Meeting

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I approve this LACC from a Right of Way and Utilities perspective.

Thank you,
Lori

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Lori,

I have received and reviewed the attached project related LACC request from L&D. I recommend your approval from a Right of Way and Utilities perspective. If you concur, please indicate your approval with a response to Adam and Joe, whom are cc'd.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Kim and Michael,

A Limited Access Control Change package has been prepared for VDOT Project Number 0257-082-913 (UPC 119648) - Mount Crawford Park and Ride Lot Improvements in Rockingham County (Staunton District). In order to expand the existing park and ride facility along Route 257, the existing limited access line along Route 257 (Friedens Church Road) will be modified as shown in the attached exhibit.

Please review the following attached documents included in the LACC package being prepared for the July 22, 2026 CTB Meeting:

- Draft Decision Brief
- Draft Resolution
- Exhibit with table
- Vicinity Map
- Project Title Sheet
- Public Hearing Information
- Locality Support Letter
- Previous CTB Resolution
- VDOT CE determination
- FHWA approval for CE

Please review and provide comments on these documents by Wednesday, June 10th.

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