

VDOT to unveil Rappahannock River Crossing study

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The Virginia Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing Wednesday on the results of an environmental study for the proposed Rappahannock River Crossing project.

The study covers such things as the project's purpose and need, along with the impact it would have on the area.

The hearing will be held at James Monroe High School from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday. The report will be available and VDOT officials will be on hand to answer questions.

The Rappahannock River Crossing would add collector–distributor roads and bridges parallel to I–95 between U.S. 17 in Stafford and State Route 3 in Fredericksburg.

In its most recent long-range plan, the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ranked the crossing as the area's the second-most important road project. It will have to compete for funding in the state's new prioritization program, which will rank certain projects to determine which ones get funding.

Local and state transportation officials expect the crossing project to score well in the new program.

VDOT will accept comments on the project study through July 9.

Email comments to Heather.Williams@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Include "I–95 Rappahannock River Crossing" in the subject line. Comments can be sent by regular mail to: Heather Williams, Virginia Department of Transportation, Project Manager, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.