

Meeting set for three Route 610 projects

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Details on what to expect with upcoming State Route 610 work in Garrisonville will be given at a meeting on Jan. 11.

The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled the meeting to provide updated details and to tell residents what to expect while work is being done on three projects slated for the busy North Stafford road. The meeting will be held at Anne E. Moncure Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m.

Maps will be available, as will be officials to answer questions. A presentation on the projects will start at 6:30 p.m.

The widening of a section of Route 610 is the biggest of the three projects.

The estimated \$13.8 million project will extend the six-lane divided highway farther west, from Onville Road to Eustace Road. Utility relocation is expected to start in January with the road work scheduled to start in August. Stafford County is overseeing the public-private project.

Another project is focused on the Onville Road intersection on Route 610.

Work has already started on this project. Onville Road has been reduced to one lane each way and traffic shifted to the east side so work can be done on the west side. The work zone speed limit is 35 mph.

The \$14.9 million project includes the construction of double left-turn lanes on eastbound Route 610 and triple turn lanes on Onville Road for traffic turning onto eastbound Route 610. A pedestrian crossing also will be added.

Most lane closures for that project will be scheduled for overnight. Work is expected to be completed in May 2017.

The other project calls for the addition of a second right-turn lane at the intersection of U.S. 1 and Route 610.

The additional turn lane will be added on southbound U.S. 1 for traffic heading west on Route 610. The new lane is aimed at alleviating backups on U.S. 1.

The \$1.4 million project is expected to be put out for bid in March 2016 and completed by the summer.