

S. Abingdon Road (34th St. S – Bridge over I-395)

Resurfacing Projects for Complete Streets 2022

Final Concept Feedback Summary – July/August 2022

Project Background

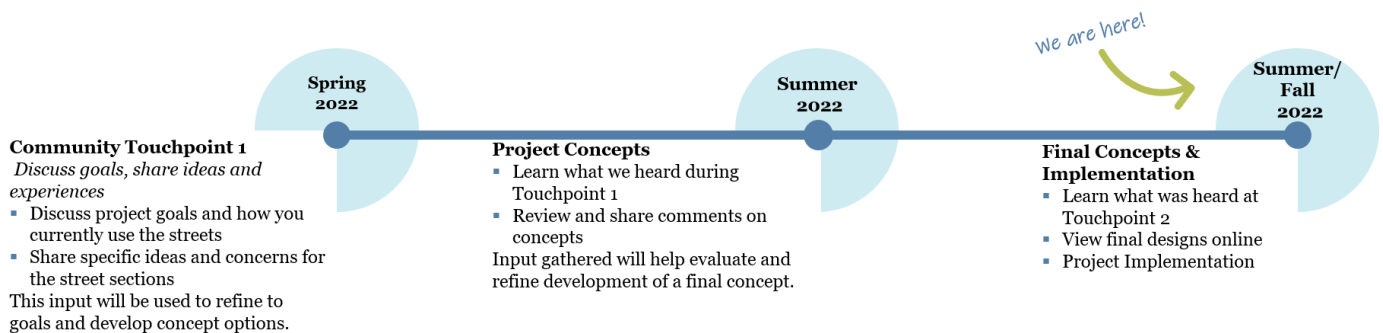
Complete Streets “enable safe access by all user groups including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles and users, and motorists of all ages and abilities.”

One of the ways Arlington County delivers on the Master Transportation Plan's Complete Streets policy is to review the annual list of streets up for routine maintenance and identify opportunities to implement proven safety interventions that provide safe access for all people using the street.

Public Engagement

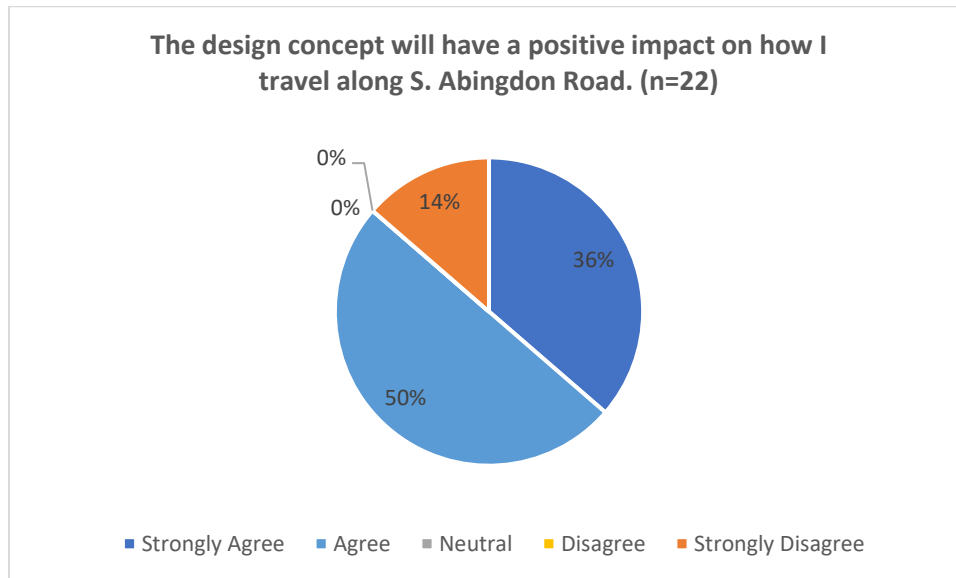
In April 2022, the county project team hosted a virtual open house and collected online feedback from community members about existing conditions for six street segments. This initial and critical phase of public engagement gave the County valuable insights into respondents’ challenges and concerns for the roadway. 205 open-ended comments and suggestions were shared via the online tool or with staff directly. This feedback helped inform the concept design. The existing conditions feedback summary is available on the project page.

In June 2022, the county project team hosted an in-person open house at Central Library and an online form to hear feedback from community members on the five proposed concept designs. 188 respondents took the online feedback form and left 183 open-ended comments or suggestions. For this section of S. Abingdon Road, there were 10 comments which received 3 interactions (3 likes; 0 dislikes). This feedback helped staff refine and finalize the concept plan.



Community Feedback on the Concept Design

Overall Feedback



Overall, how safe would the concept design make you feel while traveling along the roadway while using the following types of transportation (n=24):

- 67% would feel safe or very safe while walking (27% neutral and 21% unsafe or very unsafe)
- 75% would feel safe or very safe while biking (0% neutral and 15% unsafe or very unsafe)

Major themes from open-ended feedback:

- Addition of bike lanes is welcome, preference for additional protection
- Continued concern for vehicle speeds
- Continued desire for crosswalks (both sides of bridge)
- *Feedback for VDOT:* Respondents noted narrow sidewalks on the bridge

Location-specific feedback:

Location	Feedback Theme	How final plan reflects feedback/How feedback was considered
General	Can the bike lane be bollard protected? Desire to both project bike lane, but also discourage drivers from stopping on bridge	We will coordinate with VDOT to install bollards in the buffered space along the bridge.
General	Can anything else be done to slow vehicle speed? Speed bumps? Narrow lanes?	The scope of this project is limited to restriping the bridge, which is owned by VDOT. VDOT has a bridge rehabilitation project that could result in changes on the bridge (see link below).

Both sides of bridge	Can crosswalks be marked at either side of the bridge?	The scope of this project is limited to restriping the bridge, which is owned by VDOT. Marking crosswalks on either side of the bridge requires ADA-compliant ramps that are properly aligned. The ramps at the bridge are currently not ADA-compliant/aligned properly.
General	Sidewalks are narrow	Comments on narrow sidewalks have been shared with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). More information on the VDOT bridge rehabilitation project is available online: https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/northern-virginia/s-abingdon-st-34th-st-s-bridge-rehab.asp

Final Plan Highlights

- Buffered bike lane on the bridge to improve access for people biking
- Narrowed travel lanes to help manage vehicle speeds
- A marked crosswalk at 36th Street S. requires upgrading the pedestrian ramps, which is out of scope for this project.

[View the final plan on the project page.](#)

Next Steps

We anticipate milling and repaving work for will begin the week of August 15 and run through late September. Each location should take 1-2 weeks once started, weather permitting. Crews are still coordinating final schedules and as dates solidify, we will share updates with stakeholders and to the [project page](#).