



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

731 Harrison Ave.

Salem, VA 24153-0560

**STEPHEN C. BRICH, P.E.**  
COMMISSIONER

September 26, 2024

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kenneth H. King, Jr., P.E.  
Salem District Administrator

**FROM:** Christopher L. Harrah, L.S.  
Project Manager, Salem District Location & Design

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Willingness to hold a Design Public Hearing  
Route: Walnut Avenue, Vinton  
Project: 0149-149-257, C501, P101, R201  
UPC: 119472  
From: 0.061 Mi. West of 4th Street  
To: 0.242 Mi East of 4th Street

Please find enclosed, the Notice of Willingness to hold a Design Public Hearing and location map for the subject project. The Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Circuit Court, other local officials for Town of Vinton and Roanoke County, as well as property owners adjacent to the project, will be notified by letter on or before October 10, 2024, which is fifteen days prior to the expiration date of the request period.

The Residency is requested to post the advertisement and map in local government buildings, public service buildings, post offices, and private facilities as appropriate and notify any other interested parties under standard procedures. Also, as stated in Memorandum IIM-TE-303.1, dated August 18, 2016, the Residency is requested to post signs at the termini of the project notifying the public of the proposed project on or before October 10, 2024, which is fifteen days prior to the expiration date of the request period. The signs may be removed after October 25, 2024, the expiration date of the Notice.

The Office of Communications is publishing the advertisement on October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> in the local newspaper having circulation in the project area. The deadline to request a hearing be held is October 25, 2024. Please charge project expenses to UPC 0000119472; Activity Code 616.

If a request to hold a public hearing is received, a hearing will be scheduled per standard procedures. Prints of the plans and other data are to be available in the District L&D office and the Resident Administrator's office fifteen days prior to the stated expiration date.

Thank you,

Christopher L. Harrah, L.S.

Attachments



## **Walnut Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Town of Vinton**

**Find out** about a project to provide pedestrian improvements and designated bicycle lanes on the section of Walnut Avenue in Vinton from just west of 4th Street to just west of 1st Street. This project will connect with other completed projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle access between the City of Roanoke and the Vinton Farmers' Market.

The project will provide sidewalks, a crosswalk at 2nd Street, handicapped ramps and pedestrian lighting. Approximately 1,600 linear feet of new sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of Walnut Avenue and about 700 linear feet of new sidewalk will be added the south side.

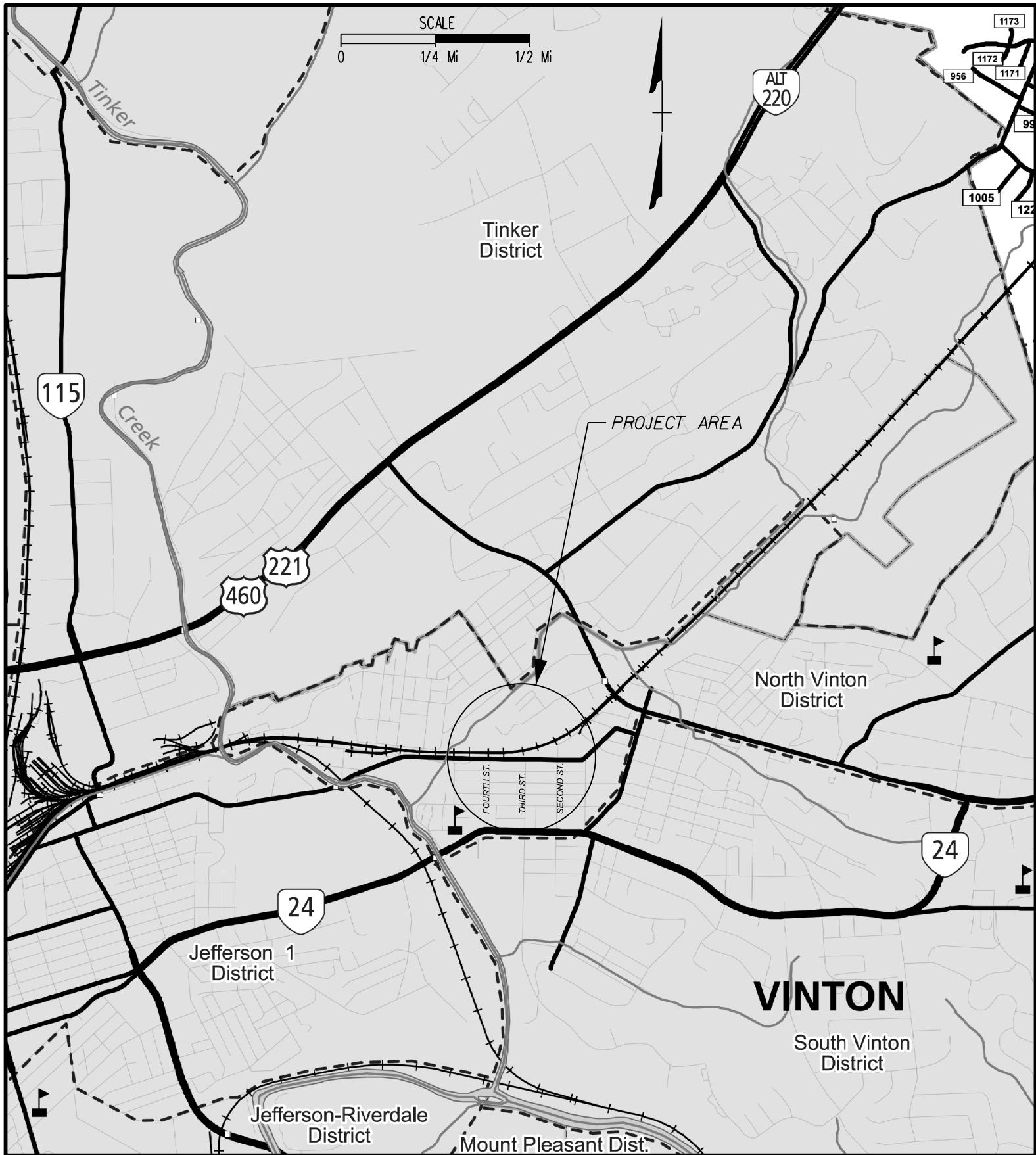
In addition, pavement markings will be added to designate about 1,600 feet of bike lanes along Walnut Avenue. Curb and gutter and drainage improvements are also included in the project.

**Review** the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 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 Chris Harrah, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153, on or prior to **October 25, 2024**. 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 have questions or concerns about your civil rights in regards to this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Chris Harrah at the phone numbers listed above.

UPC: 119472  
State Project: 0149-149-257, C501, P101, R201  
Federal Project: STP-5128(488)  
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To: 0.242 mile east of 4th Street



WALNUT AVENUE  
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

ROUTE 0149 (WALNUT AVENUE)  
TOWN OF VINTON  
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