

## Get Involved

Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to the City within 10 calendar days of tonight's hearing in order to be included in the hearing record. Ten days after this public hearing, the public comment period will close on September 1, 2024

A comment sheet is enclosed and can be submitted at tonight's hearing or by mail to Mr. Josephus Johnson-Koroma, Project Manager, City of Roanoke, 215 Church Avenue, SW, Room 350, Roanoke, VA 24011.

Comments also can be emailed to [josephus.johnson-koroma@roanokeva.gov](mailto:josephus.johnson-koroma@roanokeva.gov). Please reference "Orange Avenue Intersection Improvements" in the subject heading.

City representatives will review and evaluate all comments and information received as a result of the hearing.

Public hearing information will be available for review at the City Engineer's Office located at 215 Church Avenue, S.W., Room 350, Roanoke, VA 24011.

After all comments have been addressed, the major design features for this project will be confirmed by the City and the project design will advance to completion in 2027.

## Contact Information

Primary Contact: Josephus Johnson-Koroma	Project Manager	215 Church Avenue, S.W., Room 350 Roanoke, VA 24011	540-853-2706
Brad Bowles	VDOT Right of Way Assistant Regional Manager	731 Harrison Ave. Salem, VA 24153	540-387-5372



### Design Public Hearing

## Orange Avenue (Route 460) Road Improvement Project City of Roanoke

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Bonsack Elementary School  
5437 Crumpacker Drive, Roanoke, VA 24019

### Design Public Hearing

Welcome to the City of Roanoke's design public hearing about highway safety improvements on Orange Avenue (Route 460) between Hickory Woods Drive and Blue Hills Village Drive.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give the City comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. The hearing will be held in an 'open-house' format.

The City strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

City representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting and your input is encouraged.

All oral and written comments received on this project will be reviewed by City personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

## Project Overview



King Street at Orange Avenue (Route 460)

**Available Allocations** – \$13.7 million

**Purpose** – To improve safety and traffic flow

**From** – Hickory Woods Drive

**To** – Blue Hills Village Drive

**Improvements** –

- Reconfiguring multiple intersections using innovative intersection concepts such as restricted crossing U-turns (RCUT) and thru-cuts

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and safety along Orange Avenue from Hickory Woods Drive to Blue Hills Village Drive by reconfiguring multiple intersections as restricted crossing U-turns (RCUT) or thru-cuts.

An RCUT redirects traffic that currently would turn left onto Orange Avenue from a side street to make a right turn and proceed to make a U-turn. A thru-cut redirects side street through traffic to turn left or right at a signal and make a U-turn.

Improvements to the corridor include:

- RCUT at Hickory Woods Drive
- RCUT at Seibel Drive NE
- RCUT at the crossover located 0.1 mile east of Seibel Drive NE
- Thru-cut at King Street
- RCUT at Lynn Brae Drive
- RCUT at Patrick Road NE
- Thru-cut at Mexico Way and Blue Hills Drive NE
- RCUT at Blue Hills Village Drive

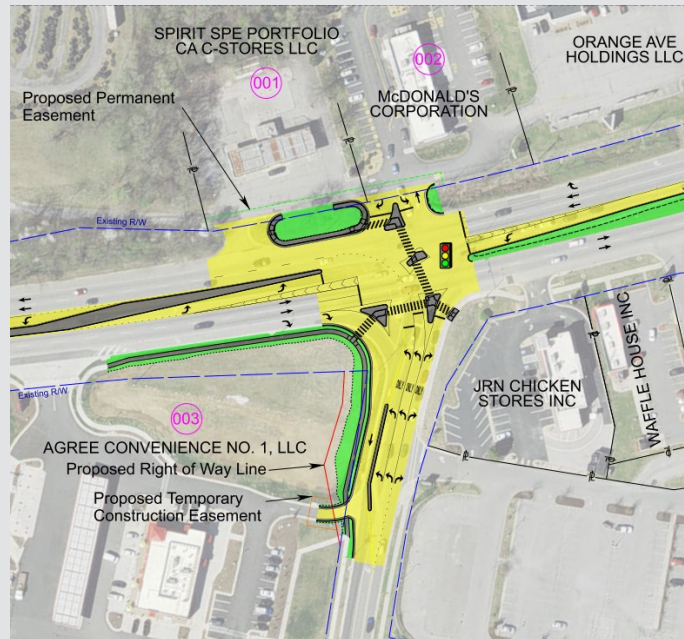
In 2022, approximately 38,000 vehicles used this section of Orange Avenue each day.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, City of Roanoke’s Stormwater Management Code and Design Manual stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

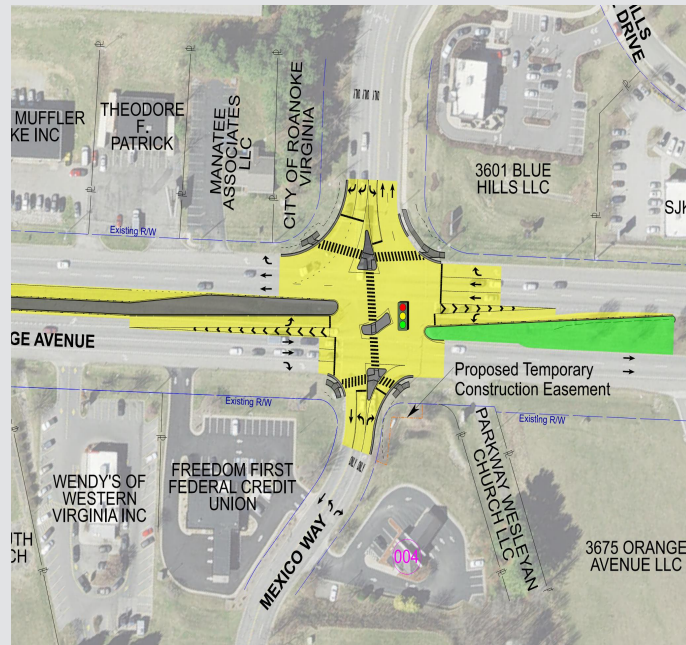
Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

## Project Graphic



Orange Avenue (Route 460) at King Street



Orange Avenue (Route 460) at Blue Hills/Mexico Way

## Estimated Project Cost

Available Funding: \$13.7 million

- Preliminary Engineering: \$1.3 million
- Right of Way and Utilities: \$0.4 million
- Construction: \$12 million

*These costs are subject to change because development of the project is in its early design stages. The project will be funded using state and federal funds.*

## Civil Rights

The City 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 more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

## Right of Way

As the City further develops and finalizes this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans.

Construction will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled “Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants. Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

## Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed for the project:

- Public Hearing – Summer 2024
- Advertise for Construction Bids: Spring 2027
- Construction Begins – Fall 2027
- Construction Completed – Fall 2029

## Environmental Review

The City of Roanoke and the City’s Engineering Consultant, WRA, have performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion is being developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document will include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT’s specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.