

## **PRELIMINARY DESIGN PHASE**

The Preliminary Design Phase includes:

- Design of roadway, structures and bridges, traffic control devices/intelligent transportation systems, and landscaping;
- Determining right of way and utility impacts;
- Performing constructability and work zone reviews;
- Completing the environmental document for NEPA;
- Holding the public hearing team meeting and public hearing; and
- Obtaining design approval.

A preliminary design is prepared and reviewed by all stakeholders in the project, such as affected property owners and local governments. VDOT conducts information meetings and/or public hearings to involve citizens before making a final decision on the location of the roadway and details such as right-of way width, type of intersections and interchanges, and materials needed. Information meetings and public hearings are advertised in the newspaper and other media, and citizens have 10 days to offer comments or documents about the proposed location and/or design after the information meeting or public hearing. The CTB must approve the location and major design features before final design and right-of-way acquisition can begin.

### **[Public Hearing Team Meeting](#)**

### **[Public Hearing](#)**

### **[Project Management Policy](#)**