

# Shockoe Valley Streets Improvement Project

*Steering Committee Update #5*

*February 2026*

**PREPARED FOR:**



**PREPARED BY:**





# Agenda

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*Welcome and Introduction*

*Project Overview*

*Project Status*

*Design Public Hearing*

*Public Hearing Feedback*

*Community Support*

# Steering Committee Members

Carlos Brown *VCU Health System*

**Anne Holton** *6th District, Richmond School Board*

Hon. Cheryl Burke *7th District, Richmond School Board*

Matthew Conrad *Union Hill*

Jeff Eastman *VCU*

Ed Fendley *Church Hill Association*

Brantley Tyndall *Bike Walk RVA*

Hon. Delores McQuinn *Slave Trail Commission*

Keith Westbrook *Legislative Assistant to Delegate McQuinn*

Brian White *Shockoe Partnership*

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Patricia Williford *Mosby Tenant Council*

Tom Wilds *Church Hill Association Transportation Committee*

Ellen Chapman *RVA Archeology*

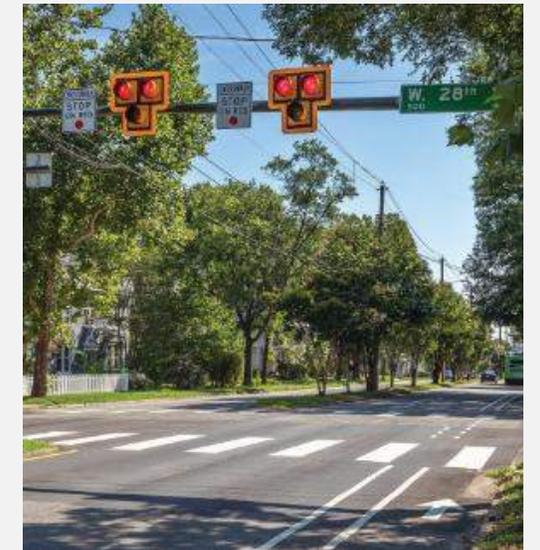
**Tim Davey** *Shockoe Partnership*

**Richard Hankins** *Partnership for Smarter Growth*



# Community Led Goals

- Improve **safe access** for all users regardless of age or ability
- Improve **circulation** and **connectivity** within the urban street grid
- Support **environmental sustainability** through transportation options
- Support additional **economic development** opportunities
- Support existing and proposed **land uses with multimodal, walkable street grid**



# Project Description

- Convert Oliver Hill Way and 18<sup>th</sup> St from one-way to two-way streets
- Traffic calming landscaped roundabouts at four intersections
  - OHW/Venable
  - 18<sup>th</sup>/Venable
  - Mosby/Venable
  - Leigh/Mosby
- New Upgraded signal at Broad/OHW with pedestrian signals
- Streetscape improvements including street trees and decorative lighting
- Shared use paths, cycle tracks, and enhanced pedestrian facilities
- Parking along east side of Oliver Hill Way



# Outreach & Engagement To Date

34 community activities

- 4 City Council ordinance hearings
- 5 public workshops / hearings
- UDC, CPC, and other public meetings



# Design Evolution From Public Input

- Elimination of the roundabout at Oliver Hill Way and Broad Street
- Reduced proposed right-of-way width and drainage system design along Oliver Hill Way
- Reduced the size and shifted the location of roundabouts at:
  - Venable Street and Mosby Street including shifting the roundabout to the west to avoid impact to Union Hill Historic District
  - Mosby Street and Leigh Street includes a complete reconfiguration of the roundabout to reduce size and eliminate the demolition of a residence within the historic Mosby Court property



# Project Status & Schedule

- UDC and Planning Commission **Conceptual Approval** June 2019
- Plans developed to 70% Design
- Project Conducted an Extensive Historical and Environmental Research Effort in Order to Protect and Preserve the History in the Shockoe Valley Area.
- MOA executed with all parties (CAO Executed July 31, 2025)
- Project Schedule
  - NEPA Document Completed Winter 2025
  - City Planning Commission Spring 2026
  - Right of Way Acquisition Summer 2026 – 2027
  - Utility Relocation Fall 2027 – 2028
  - Construction Begins 2029
  - Construction Completed 2031



# Project Funding and Expenditure

- PE (Survey, Environmental, Design)= \$4.3 Million
  - RW (Right of Way and Easement Acquisition, Utility Relocation = \$9.9 Million
  - CN (Construction, Oversight, Inspection, Contingencies) = \$35.4 Million
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- Total Estimated Project Cost = \$49.6 Million for 2025
  - Federally Funded with SMART SCALE funds for \$33.3 Million ( SS + Revenue Sharing)
  - Adopted FY26-FY30 **\$14 Million G.O. Bond**
    - **Adopted CVTA Regional Round 4 Proposal to Request \$17M CVTA Regional Funds**
  - Project expenditures to Date \$4 million
  - Numbers reflect updated estimate November 2025



# Design Public Hearing

November 18, 2025

Main Street Station





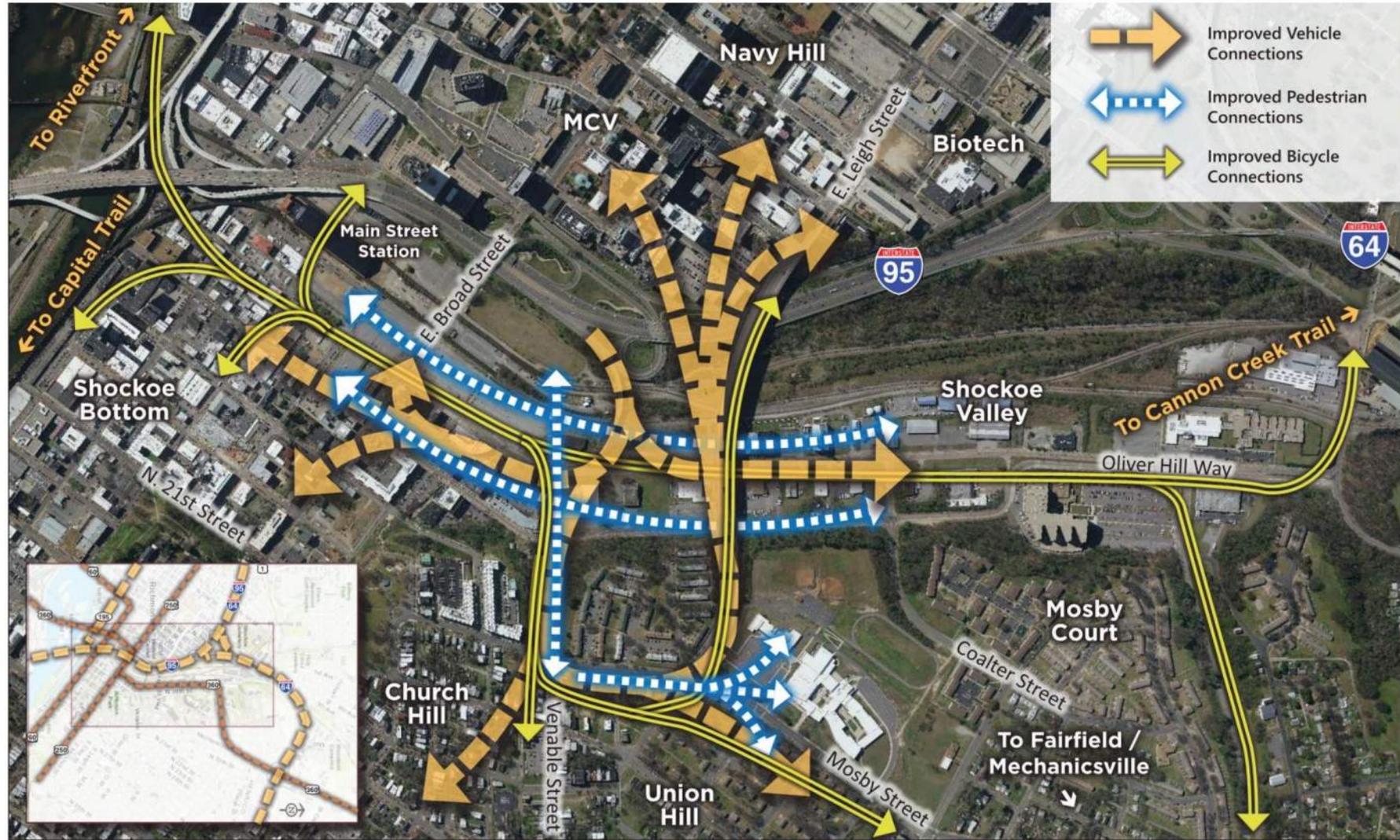


# Example Biking and Walking Facilities





# Connectivity Map





# Oliver Hill Way

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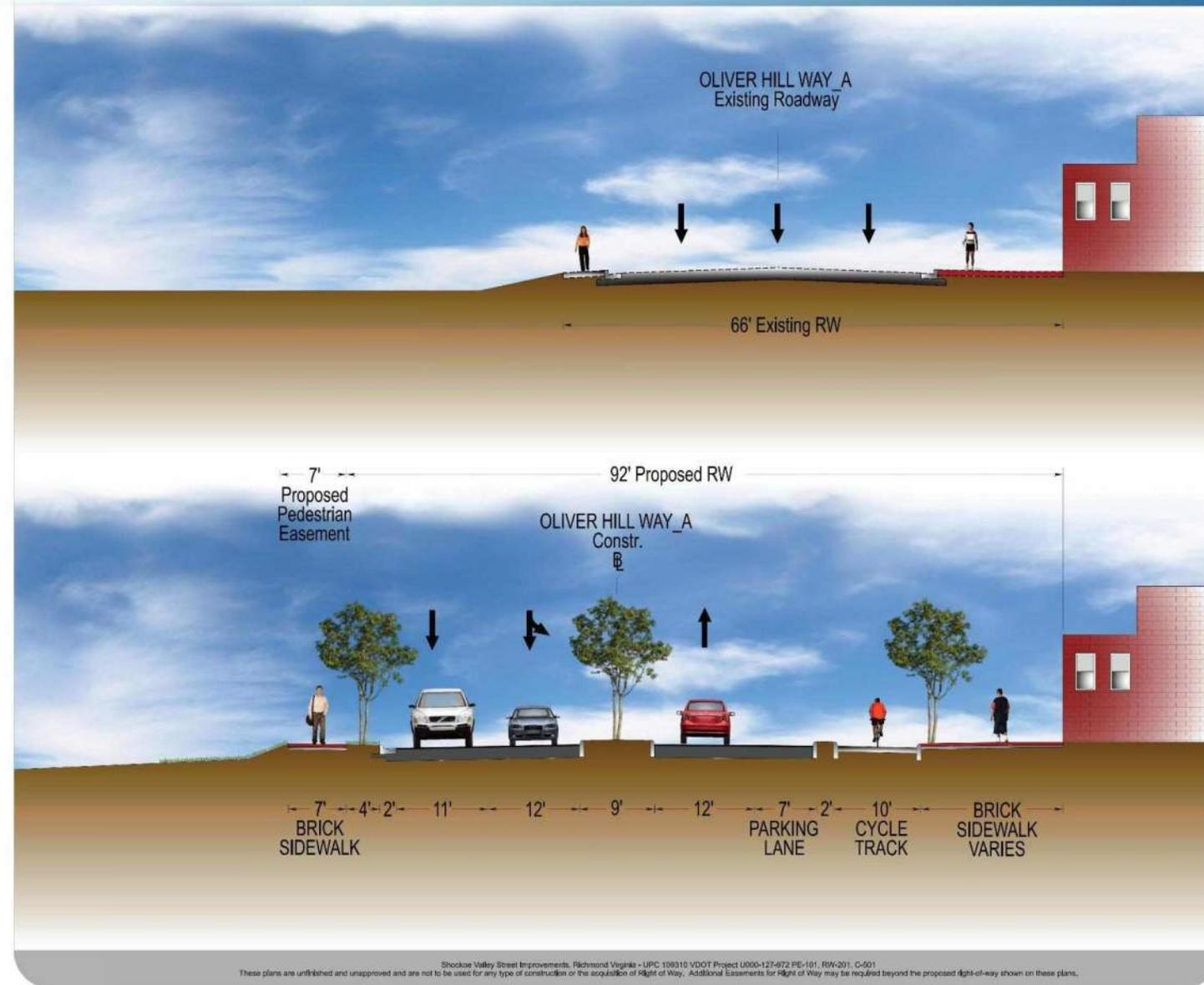


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# Oliver Hill Way Typical Section

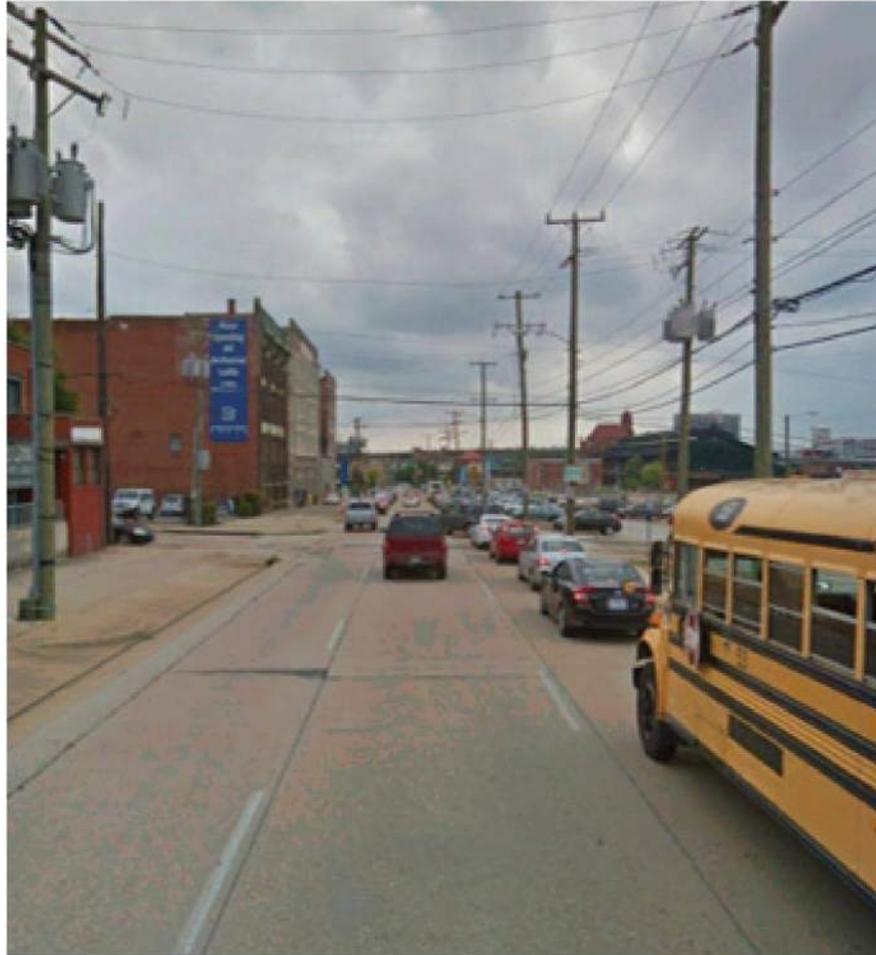
Marshall Street to Clay Street



Shockoe Valley Street Improvements, Richmond Virginia - UPC 100310 VDOT Project U000-127-072 PE-101, RW-201, C-001  
These plans are unfinished and unapproved and are not to be used for any type of construction or the acquisition of Right of Way. Additional Easements for Right of Way may be required beyond the proposed right-of-way shown on these plans.



# Oliver Hill Way Improvements at Clay Street



EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS





# Oliver Hill Way + 18th Street + Venable Street Roundabout

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# Venable Street Roundabout







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# Cultural Resources & Section 106 Review Process



**June 2018:** Consulted with the Virginia DHR and Consulting Parties.

Section 106 regulations define a Historic Property as buildings, structures, objects, districts, and sites that are listed in the NRHP or determined eligible for listing in the NRHP.

- APE:** Area of Potential Effects
- NRHP:** National Register of Historic Places
- DHR:** Department of Historic Resources
- MOA:** Memorandum of Agreement

An **adverse effect** is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register.

**March 2019:** Completed an archaeological survey within the APE.

**March 2019:** Consulting Parties Meeting

**April 2020:** Developed interpretive historic context to identify and evaluate potential archaeological sites.

**November 2020:** Completed a Phase I Archaeological Survey.

**January 2022:** Completed a Phase II Archaeological Evaluation.

**RESULT:** Identification of six historic archaeological sites and seven historic architectural properties.

**November 2023:** Consulting Parties Meeting to discuss effects on historic properties and potential mitigation measures.

**May 2024:** DHR concurrence with the effect findings.

**RESULT:** Adverse effect on historic properties.

**August 2025:** The City of Richmond, DHR, and VDOT signed an MOA to resolve the project's adverse effects on historic properties.

**Early 2026:** Mitigation measures will begin being implemented.





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# Cultural Resources: Addressing Adverse Effects

Section 106 regulations state that resolution of adverse effects includes development and evaluation of alternatives or modifications "that could **avoid, minimize, or mitigate** adverse effects on historic properties."

## AVOID

### THE PROJECT AVOIDS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SIX HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

- Main Street Station and Trainshed
- Winfree Cottage
- Seaboard Air Line Railroad Corridor
- Oliver Chilled Plow Works Branch House/Herod Seeds Inc.
- Mosby Court
- One archaeological historic property.

## MINIMIZE

### SHOCKOE VALLEY AND TOBACCO ROW HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Eliminated the roundabout at Oliver Hill Way and Broad Street
- Reduced project width along Oliver Hill Way
- Redesigned the drainage system

### UNION HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Adjusted the roundabout at Oliver Hill Way and Venable Street, and reduced the number of lanes
- Shifted the roundabout at Venable and Mosby to the west
- Reconfigured the roundabout at Mosby and Leigh Streets, and reduced number of lanes

### MOSBY COURT

- Shifted the roundabout at Mosby and Leigh Streets to avoid demolition of a building within the historic property.





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# Cultural Resources: Addressing Adverse Effects

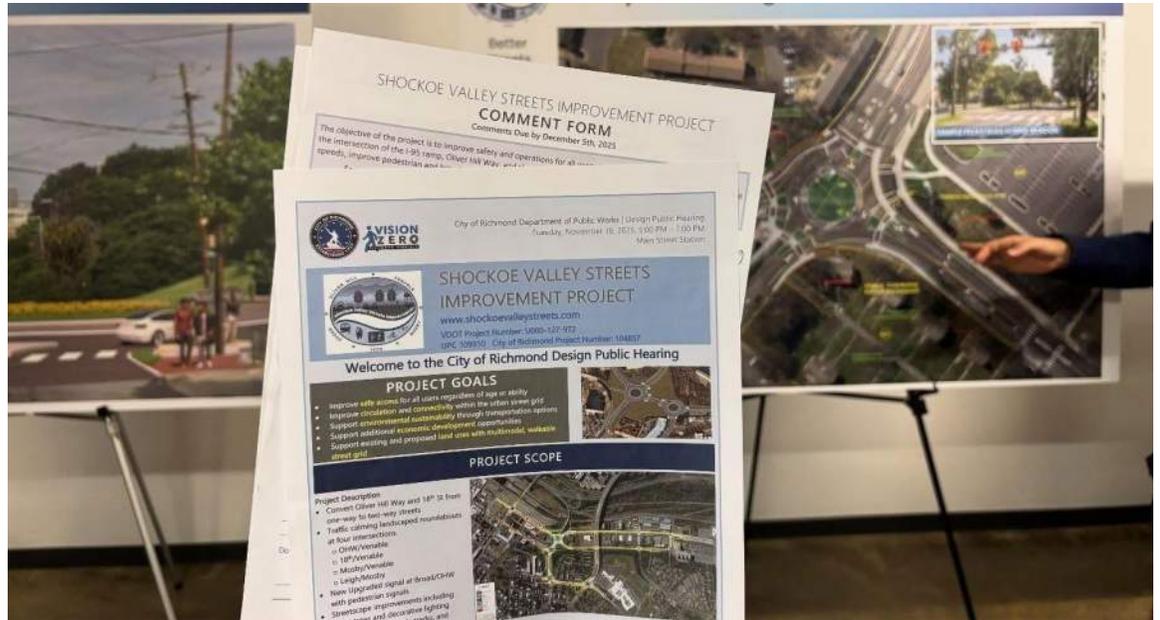
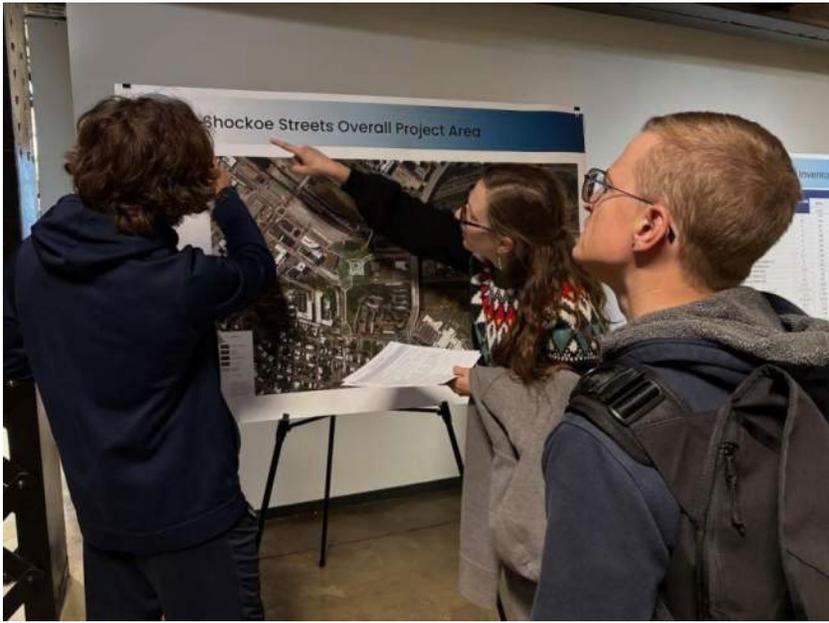
## MITIGATE

The MOA requires the City of Richmond to complete mitigation measures to resolve the adverse effects on historic properties, specifically the **Shockoe Valley and Tobacco Row Historic District**, the **Union Hill Historic District**, and **six historic archaeological sites**.

- **Archaeological Site 44HE1231** is a mid-19th through mid-20th century historic block that formerly contained a slave jail. The City will complete archaeological data recovery of the site to provide information related to the interpretation of slavery in the Shockoe Valley.
- The history and significance of the **Shockoe Valley and Tobacco Row Historic District** and **five historic archaeological sites** will be documented in web-based interpretive content. Interpretive signs will be installed to display the history of the area.
- The roundabout design at Mosby and Venable will include a visual design element that reflects the **Union Hill Historic District**.

The MOA includes procedures for discoveries made during construction.

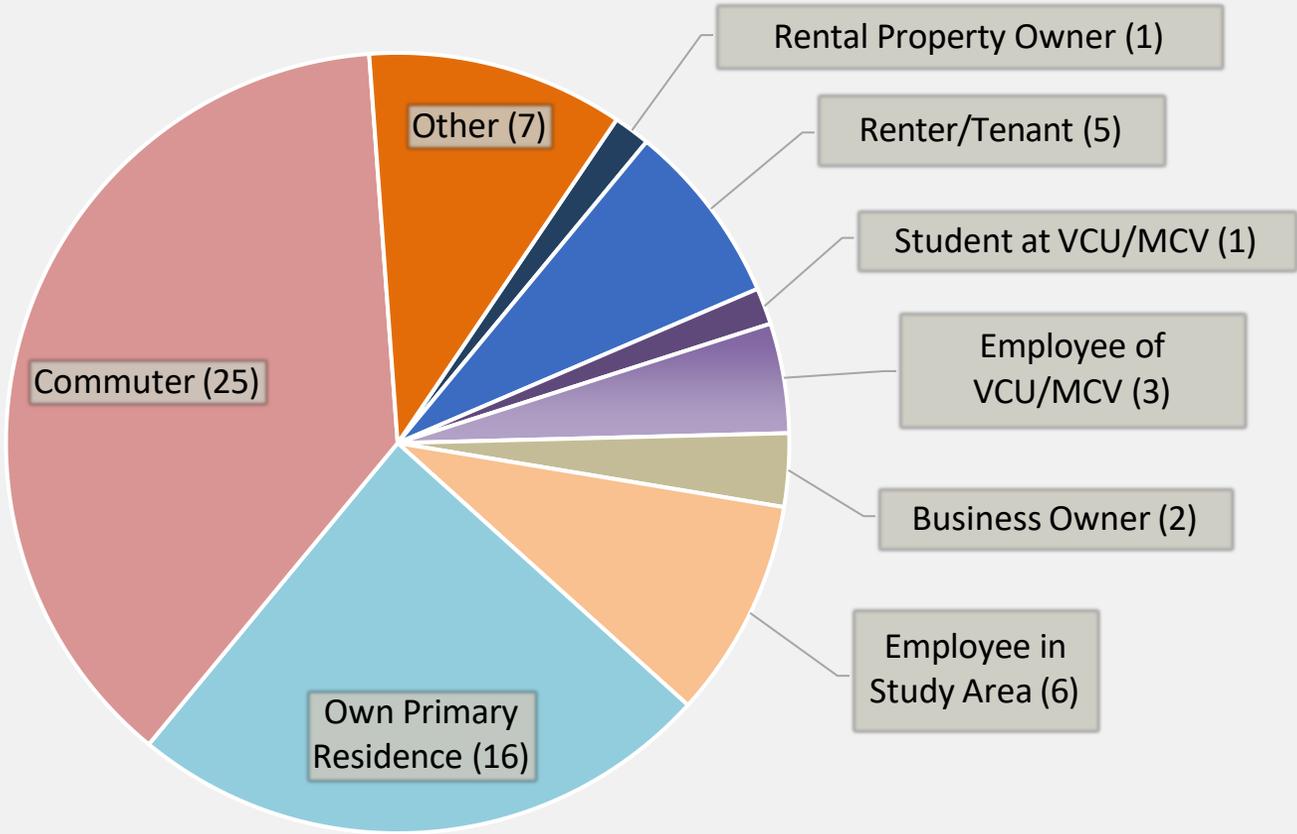




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## Public Interest in the Project Area

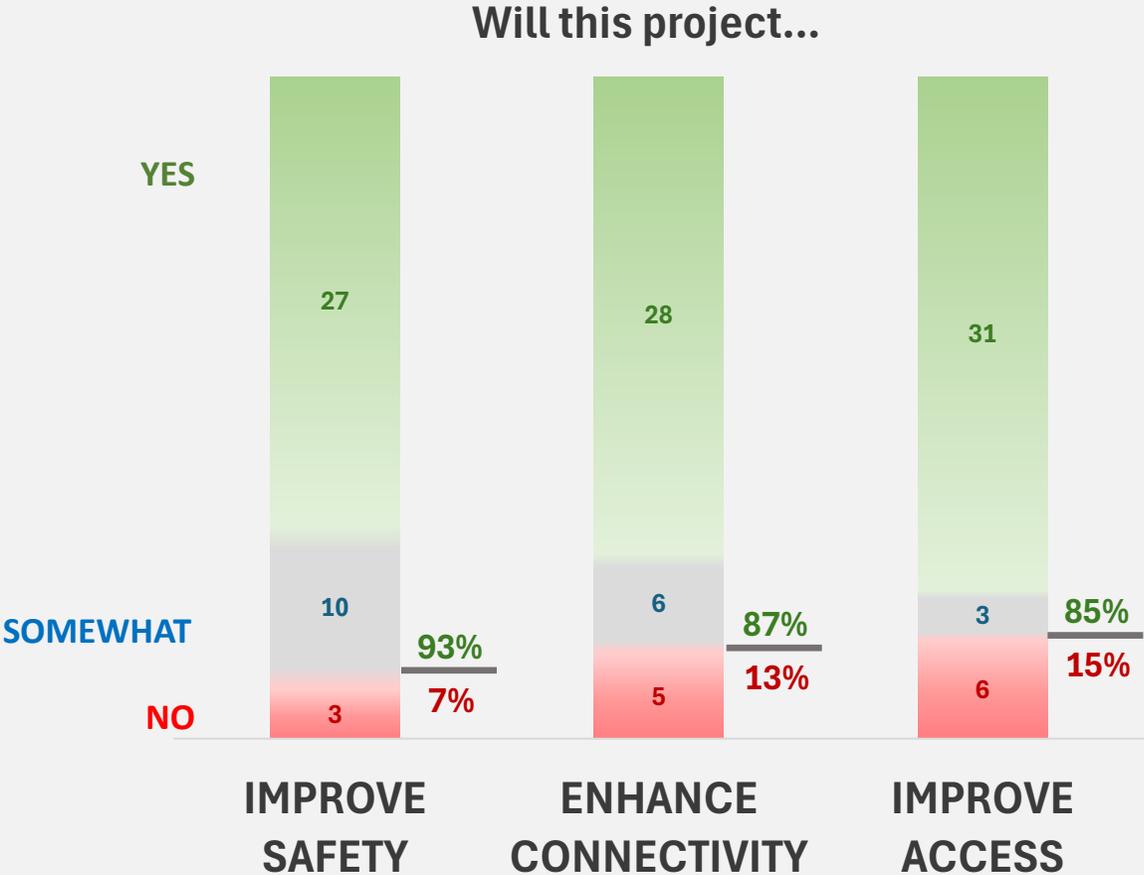


40 Total Responses



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# What Did Stakeholders Tell Us?

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## Existing Corridor Complaints



## Project Design Benefits



# Diverse Coalition of Support

- CPC/UDC (conceptual approval)
- Safe & Healthy Streets Commission
- Dept. of Planning & Development Review
- Dept. of Economic Development



# Diverse Coalition of Support

All organizations submitting letters of support believe the design team's Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals were achieved.



# Diverse Coalition of Support

“The Shockoe Valley project exemplifies forward-thinking urban design, aiming to transform highway-like street designs from the interstate era into vibrant, safe, and accessible public spaces for all users.”

National Association of City Transportation Officials



# Diverse Coalition of Support

“The roundabouts are the design feature that stood out to us from the Shockoe Project because of their proven success improving safety for all users. Our youngest residents who might be walking,

riding a bike, or sitting in the backseat of a car will benefit from the proposed street designs. We’re encouraged by this project that demonstrated a priority to keep kids safe”



Children’s Hospital of Richmond

# Diverse Coalition of Support

Additional letters of support from

- Active Towns
- Bike Walk RVA
- Strong Towns RVA
- RVA Rapid Transit
- AAA Mid-Atlantic
- RVA YIMBY
- Hoffman Science Associates
- VCU and VCU Health System
- Virginia Department of Health





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