

Project Information

Project Name: Chain Bridge
 Road Sidewalk & Bus
 Improvements

Federal Project#: NHPP-5B01(300)

Project Number: U000-151-
 237,C501, P101, R201

Project Type: Construction

UPC: 119089

Charge Number:

**Project
 Number(Assoc)(UPC):**

Route Number: VA SR 123

Route Type: Primary

Project Limit--From: Taba
 Cove Court

To: Warwick Avenue

IPM Project Description: Pedestrian improvements along Chain Bridge Road in the City of Fairfax, Virginia.

Additional Project

Description: The proposed project will construct approximately 1,850 linear feet of sidewalk with curb and gutter, two bus stop shelters, drainage improvements and a retaining wall along the west side of Chain Bridge Road (Virginia State Route 123). Improved access to an existing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) marked crossing is also included.

Purpose And Need: The purpose of the project is to provide continuous and compliant pedestrian facilities to connect Old Town Fairfax and the Northfax activity centers.

District: Northern Virginia

City/County: City of Fairfax

Residency: Fairfax

The subject project meets the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:

X 23 CFR 771.117

Description of PCE Category:

C3 Federally-funded projects:
 Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. The proposed action will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Finding: Other; brief narrative provided in notes.

Notes: *Based on a review of the scope and location of the project by the City of Fairfax Project Manager (PM), the context and intensity of the impacts to the natural and human environment are not significant.*

2. The proposed action will not result in substantial controversy on environmental grounds.

Finding: Other; brief narrative provided in notes.

Notes: *Based on a review of the scope and location of the project by the PM, no substantial controversy on environmental grounds is anticipated.*

3. The proposed action will not result in significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Finding: Other; brief narrative provided in notes.

Notes: *The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determined on 02/07/23 the project would have no adverse effect on historic properties protected under Section 106 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) made a Section 4(f) finding of de minimis impact on 10/26/23 for the potentially NR-eligible Fairfax Triangle Residential Historic District. This project will not result in significant impacts to properties protected by Section 4(f) or Section 106.*

4. The project sponsor confirms that proposed action will not result in any inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action.

IMPACTS:

5. The proposed action will not involve acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way.

Source or finding: Confirmed by Locality PM.

Notes: *Based on a review of the scope and location of the project by the PM, only minor amounts of temporary and permanent right of way easements will be required.*

6. The proposed action will not involve residential or non-residential displacements.

Source or finding: Confirmed by Locality PM.

Notes: *Based on a review of the scope and location of the project by the PM, the project does not involve residential or non-residential displacements.*

7. The proposed action will not result in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes.

Source or finding: Review of project plans indicates there is no capacity expansion.

Notes: *The project scope will not result in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes.*

8. The proposed action does not involve the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps that would result in major traffic disruptions based on the context and intensity of the impact.

Source or finding: The project will not result in any road closures or detours constituting a major traffic disruption.

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope and location by the PM, this project will not involve the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps that would result in major traffic disruptions, based on the context and intensity of the impact.*

9. The proposed action does not result in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108).

Source or finding: Coordination with DHR resulted in a No Adverse Effect Determination. Date of Finding: 2/7/2023

Notes: *The SHPO determined on 02/07/23 that the project will not have an adverse effect on historic properties.*

10. The proposed action does not require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) (49 U.S.C. § 303/23 U.S.C. § 138) that cannot be documented with an FHWA *de minimis* determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation signed by FHWA.

Source or finding: FHWA made a *de minimis* impact finding. Date of Finding: 10/26/2023

Notes: *The FHWA made a Section 4(f) finding of de minimis impact on the potentially NR-eligible Fairfax Triangle Residential Historic District.*

11. The proposed action does not require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (54 U.S.C. § 200305) or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with federal public-use-money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property.

Source or finding: Based on documented review of available mapping and databases, there will be no acquisition of lands protected by Section 6(f) or other unique areas or special lands.

Notes: *Based on review of local GIS data by the PM, the project does not require acquisition of Section 6(f) properties, or other unique areas or special lands*

12. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344) permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit.

Source or finding: The project will not require a water quality permit based on the documentation provided.

Date of Finding: 7/19/2023

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope and location by the PM, this project will not require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344) permit.*

13. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401).

Source or finding: The project does not involve work on bridges over navigable waters necessitating a USCG permit.

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope and location by the PM, this project will not require a U.S. Coast Guard Bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401).*

14. The proposed action does not require work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to 23 CFR §650 subpart A.

Source or finding: Other; brief narrative provided in notes.

Notes: *Based on the project scope and location, the PM determined that this project will not cause an increase of more than one foot in the flood levels in or adjacent to the project area.*

15. The proposed action is not defined as a "Type I project" per 23 CFR §772.5 and the VDOT noise manual for purposes of a noise analysis.

Source or finding: (LAP ONLY) Review by the Locality PM and per the VDOT noise manual

Notes: *Per VDOT Noise Manual, this project is not Type I and therefore does not require a noise analysis.*

16. The proposed action is not likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, with the exception of a "may affect, likely to adversely affect" (MALAA) determination for a species with a Section 7 programmatic biological opinion.

Source or finding: The project is Not Likely to Adversely Affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Date of Finding: 7/21/2023

Notes: *Based on the Concurrence Letter dated 07/21/23 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the project may affect, not likely to adversely affect (MA/NLAA) the federally endangered Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB) relying on the Range-wide NLEB determination key (Dkey). No designated critical habitat was identified in the project area.*

17. The proposed action does not involve any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve.

Source or finding: (LAP ONLY) EQ-121

Notes: *Based on an ERIS Database Report dated 01/31/23, no known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve are present as determined by the PM.*

18. The proposed action is fiscally constrained and meets the provisions of the "Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals" document in accordance with 23 CFR §450.

Source or finding: This project is included in a STIP Grouping.

Notes: *The project is programmed in a STIP grouping for Construction : Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements and meets the provisions of the "Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals" document.*

19. The proposed action will not cause disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations.

Source or finding: The project does not involve displacements, changes in access, major traffic disruptions, more than minor

amounts of right of way acquisition, community disruptions, or disruption of emergency services.

Notes: *In accordance with IIM-ED-714.1, the project will not cause a Disproportionately High and Adverse Effect (DHAE) to minority or low-income populations.*

20. The project sponsor confirms the project does not involve consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives and is not listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a).

02/15/2024

Environmental Manager, CE Determination on behalf of FHWA

Date