



W. Beverley St. and Churchville Ave. Improvements

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New Bike Lanes



W. Beverley Street Improvements

- ◆ City's 1st bike lane!
- ◆ Repaving from City Limits on west end to W. Frederick St. on east end
- ◆ Public Forum September 25, 2023
- ◆ Bike lanes, sharrows, new curb ramps
- ◆ City Project page:

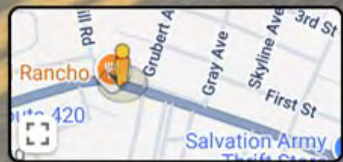
<https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/government/projects/west-beverley-street-project>

Before:



After:









Before:



After:





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Staunton, Virginia

Google Street View

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Churchville Avenue Improvements

- ◆ City's 2nd bike lane!
- ◆ From Shutterlee Mill Rd. to Lewis St.
- ◆ Bike lanes and sharrows
- ◆ Public Forum on October 25, 2022
- ◆ Public Presentations to City Council September 22, 2022 and June 8, 2023
- ◆ City Project page:

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Google Maps







Why?



Why Change the Roadway?

Last half of the 20th century = roads designed to accommodate vehicles only. Walking and bicycle connectivity as well as community context were afterthoughts.

- ◆ More lanes = higher speeds/more lane changes = more crashes
- ◆ Over built roadways = more pavement = more runoff = more heat island effect
- ◆ Roads focus on moving vehicles only instead of serving the needs of the

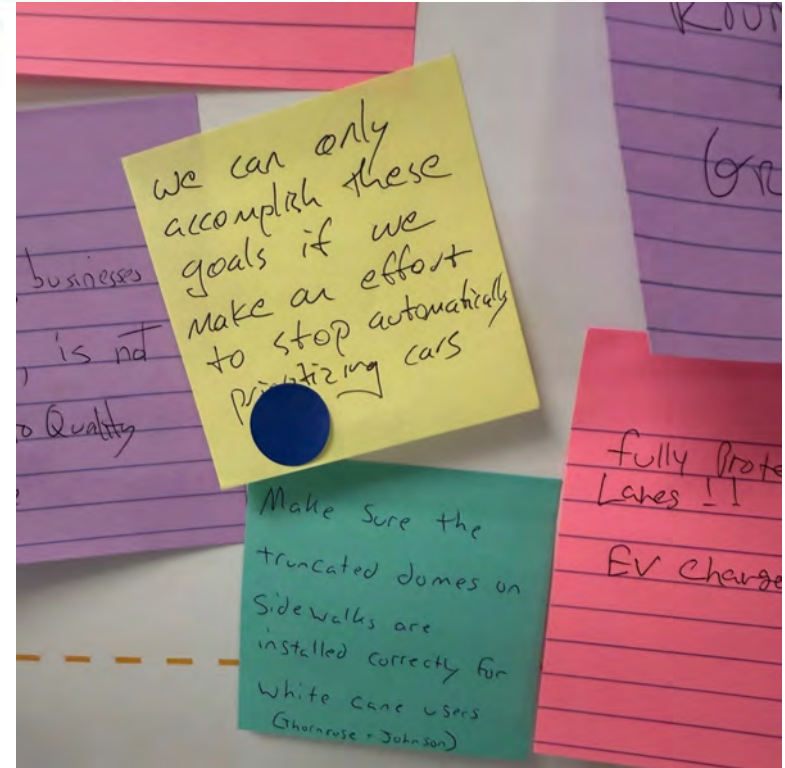




Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

A Community Priority

Improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities and connectivity has been a top priority from public feedback for at least the past decade.





Why Add Bike Lanes & Sidewalks to Our Streets?

- ◆ Our public streets and right-of-way provide cost effective opportunities to improve our community
 - ◆ Instead of a car focused barrier, re-envision to improve connectivity for all users
 - ◆ People want options
 - ◆ Not everyone can drive (6.1% zero car households regional average)
 - ◆ Better access to neighborhood schools, parks, businesses, and public services
- ◆ 2018 VDOT STARS Study
Greenville Ave
 - ◆ 2018 Comprehensive Plan update
 - ◆ 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
 - ◆ 2020 VDOT STARS Study
Downtown Intersections
 - ◆ 2023 West End Revitalization Plan
 - ◆ 2024 National Community Survey
 - ◆ 2025 Comprehensive Plan update



Plan. This is an α

Low + Middle income
Housing $\frac{1}{10}$

very important to
develop and
with adequate lighting
saves especially
flight

don't have space
in the house
at our location

Citizens want to see..



67 Individual Stakeholders

11 Stakeholder Groups



5
Community
Events Attended

115
People the
Planning Team
Talked to At the
Events



...more **biking**
and walking
opportunities



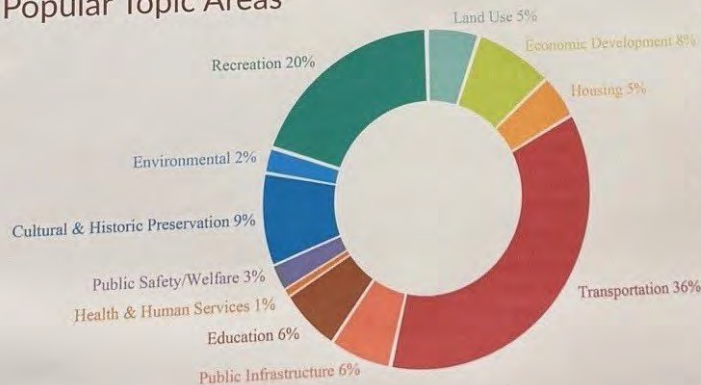
...more building and
infrastructure
maintenance



...more events and things to do

Citizens said Staunton is...
artistic (x14), **friendly** (x12),
community (x11), **historic** (x9),
and welcoming (x8)

Popular Topic Areas



Most Common Comments

1. Sidewalks
2. Intersection
3. Property Maintenance
4. Crosswalks
5. Gypsy Hill
6. Outdoor Recreation
7. Small Business
8. Revitalization
9. Downtown
10. Traffic



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Greenway Plan

- ◆ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee established Jan. 8, 2015
- ◆ Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan adopted May 24, 2018
- ◆ Greenway Plan adopted Dec. 10, 2020



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan



RED ROUTE RECOMMENDATIONS

STREET	ROUTE SEGMENT	CURB TO CURB WIDTH	ROADWAY WIDTH & LANE CONFIGURATION	SPEED LIMIT
1 Beverley St.	Sheets St. to Straith St.	32' - 40'	- 32' min. - two 16' travel lanes - 40' max. - three 13' travel lanes	25 mph
2 Beverley St.	Sharrows & buffered bike lanes; refer to green route segments 4 & 5			
1 7800 - 8000 vpd	None	None	- Multiple curb cuts - Speed limit sign needed - Not many signalized intersections - Utilities close to the right-of-way - Lane configuration changes often - Interchange at Woodrow Wilson parkway	
2			- Bike lanes - Paved shoulder at narrow cross section	

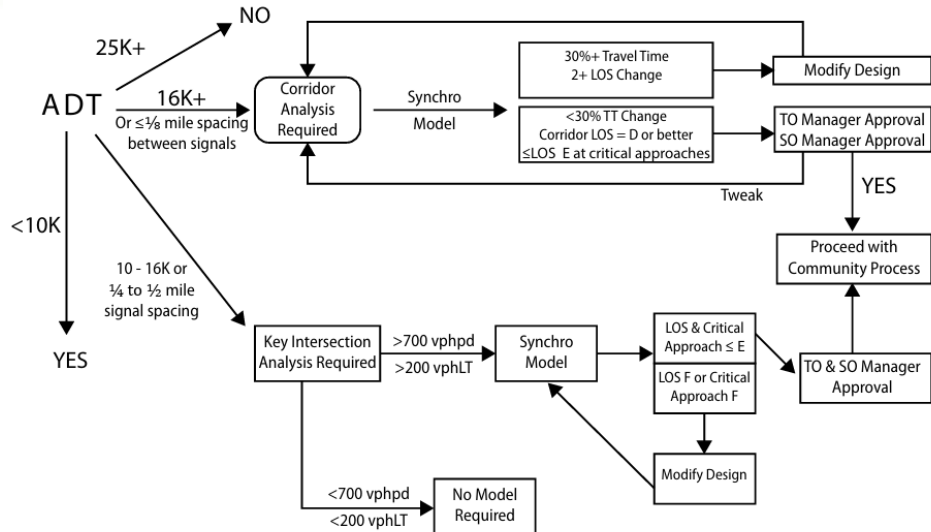


Assessment of Roadway Modifications

- ◆ Timmons Group hired by Staunton to evaluate roadway operations and develop pavement marking plans
 - ◆ Traffic data collected (peak hour turning movement counts)
 - ◆ Intersection operational analysis
 - ◆ Review of crash data



Assessment of Roadway Modifications



NOTES: vphpd = Vehicles per hour per direction
vphLT = Left-turning vehicles per hour
ADT = Average Daily Traffic
LOS = Level of Service

City of Seattle Guidance (FHWA Referenced)

	AADT	Initial Screening	Capacity/LOS Analysis	Traffic Study	CONTEXT ELEMENTS
Level 1	to 3: <12,000	✓			+
	to 5: <18,000 <i>(Likely Approved)</i>				
Level 2	to 3: >12,000 or <20,000	✓	✓		+
	to 5: >18,000 or <30,000 <i>(Moderate Analysis Required)</i>				
Level 3	to 3: >20,000 to 5: >30,000 <i>(Significant Analysis Required)</i>	✓	✓	✓	+

Tennessee DOT Guidance

- ◆ Churchville Ave: 7,400 – 9,700 ADT
- ◆ W. Beverley St: 4,700 – 7,400 ADT



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Benefits



Benefits of Roadway Reconfigurations

VDOT'S ROADWAY RECONFIGURATIONS ACROSS THE STATE



REDUCE
VEHICULAR
SPEEDS



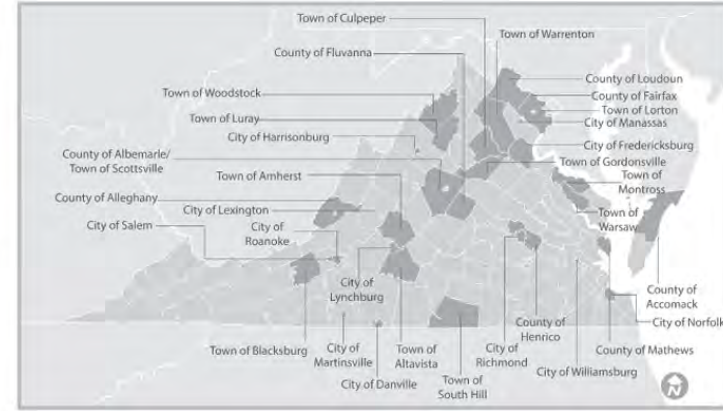
ENCOURAGE
ECONOMIC
GROWTH



IMPROVE
ROADWAY
SAFETY



CREATE SPACE FOR
BICYCLISTS AND
WALKERS



- ◆ Roadway Reconfigurations utilizes existing pavement width to better accommodate all roadway users
 - ◆ Traffic calming and more consistent speeds (reduced speed differential = reduced crashes)
 - ◆ Reduction of vehicular conflict points (where crashes may occur)
 - ◆ Opportunities to install bicycle lanes and improve pedestrian crossings (less lanes to cross, improves visibility of non-motorized roadway users)
- ◆ Secondary benefits of bicycle lanes
 - ◆ Increases user comfort level of existing sidewalks to pushing vehicles farther from curb
 - ◆ Provides alternative travel surface for pedestrians when no sidewalk is present



Benefits for all of us

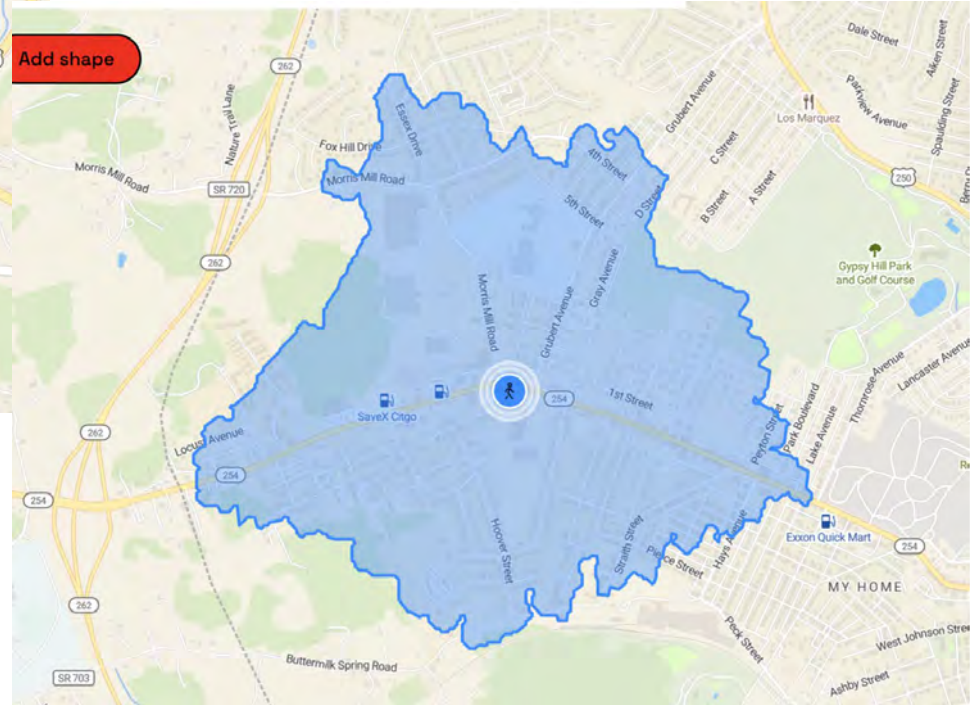
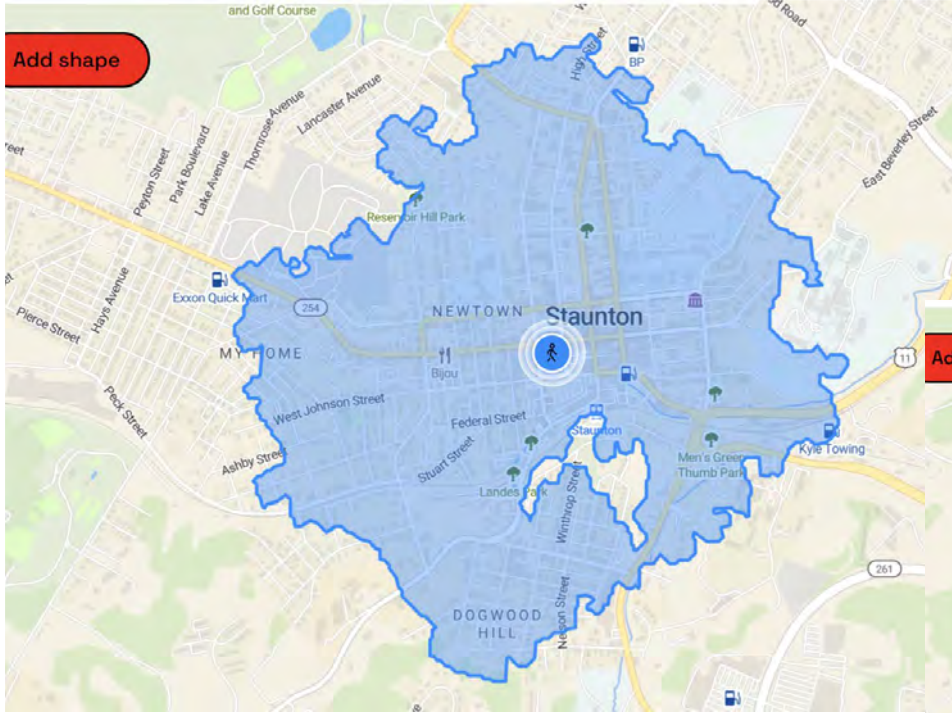
- ◆ Economic benefits
 - ◆ Increase in entry-level employment
 - ◆ Better-defined road space = slower speeds = easier access to businesses
 - ◆ Shoppers arriving by bike spend the same amount as comparable shoppers arriving by car– they make smaller purchases in more frequent trips
 - ◆ Increased property values

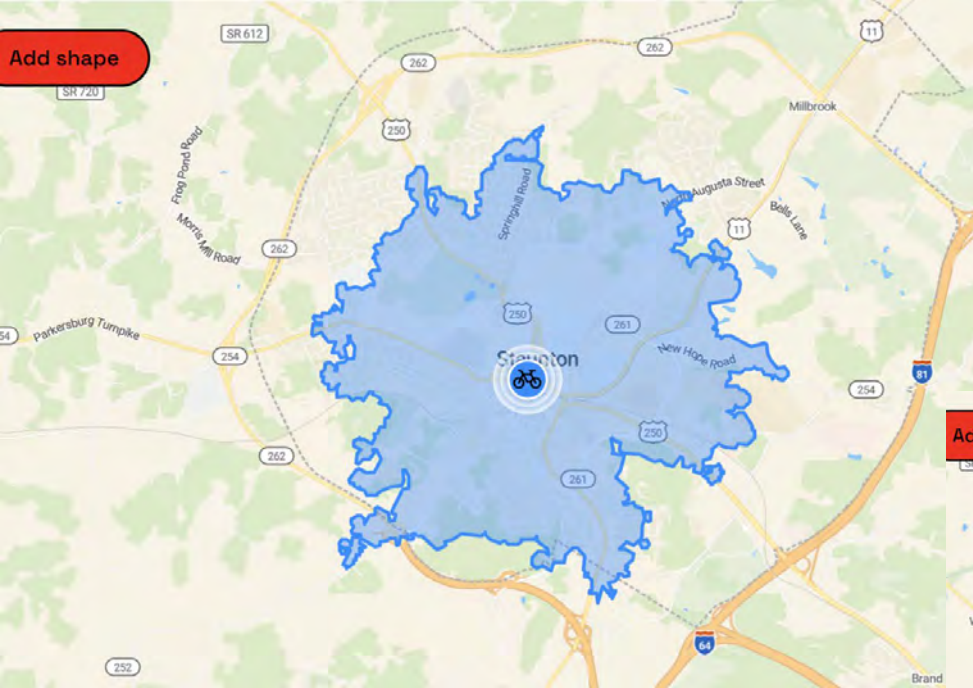


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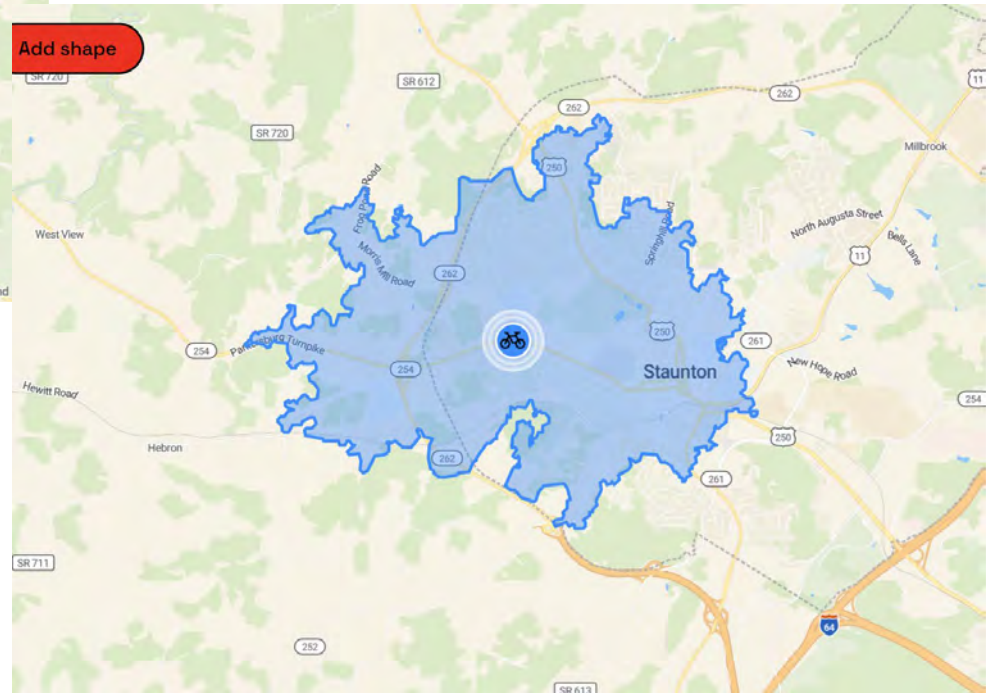
- ◆ Local and personal benefits
 - ◆ Tourism \$\$\$ > cost of bike lanes
 - ◆ Increases access and options
 - ◆ Reduced transportation costs
 - ◆ Reduced medical costs
 - ◆ Safety!

15 Minute Walk





15 Minute Bike Ride





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**Where does the
funding come from?**



VDOT Urban Maintenance Program

- ◆ VDOT Owns and Maintains the majority of Virginia's transportation network (3rd largest state DOT in the nation)
- ◆ Virginia's independent cities own and maintain their networks
- ◆ To support these jurisdictions, VDOT Urban Program provides annual reimbursements for transportation activities
- ◆ FY25 Staunton reimbursement = \$5.66 million
- ◆ Eligible activities include repaving, sidewalk/curb repair, signage, pavement markings, signal maintenance, snow operations, maintenance equipment/operations, drainage and stormwater



Other Funding Sources

- ◆ Staunton's Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 - ◆ New Sidewalk Reserve (FY14): \$1.1 million (\$100k to \$300k, increasing to \$500k in FY28)
 - ◆ CIP Bike/Ped Reserve (FY20): \$0.6 million (\$125k annually)
 - ◆ CIP Greenway Reserve (FY17): \$0.8 million (\$100k annually)
- ◆ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - ◆ As annual funding allows
 - ◆ Can fund sidewalk improvements



Repaving & Other Opportunities

- ◆ VDOT State of Good Repair Repaving (primary roadways only) → bike lanes, ADA improvements
- ◆ City Annual Repaving Projects (VDOT Maintenance Reimbursements) → bike lanes, ADA improvements
- ◆ City Utility (Water and Sewer) Projects → bike lanes, maybe sidewalks & ADA improvements



VDOT Funding Programs



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*Funding the Right
Transportation Projects
in Virginia*

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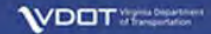
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STRATEGICALLY TARGETED AND
AFFORDABLE ROADWAY SOLUTIONS



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Lessons Learned

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- A decorative horizontal bar composed of several colored rectangular segments in shades of purple, green, blue, grey, yellow, red, dark blue, tan, teal, and olive green.
- ◆ Implementation Issues: Churchville Avenue repaving segments were too long, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) issues, Churchville Avenue and W. Beverley Street pavement marking schedule and initial install were problematic
 - ◆ Timing of project implementation: Churchville Avenue should have been better aligned with public school schedule





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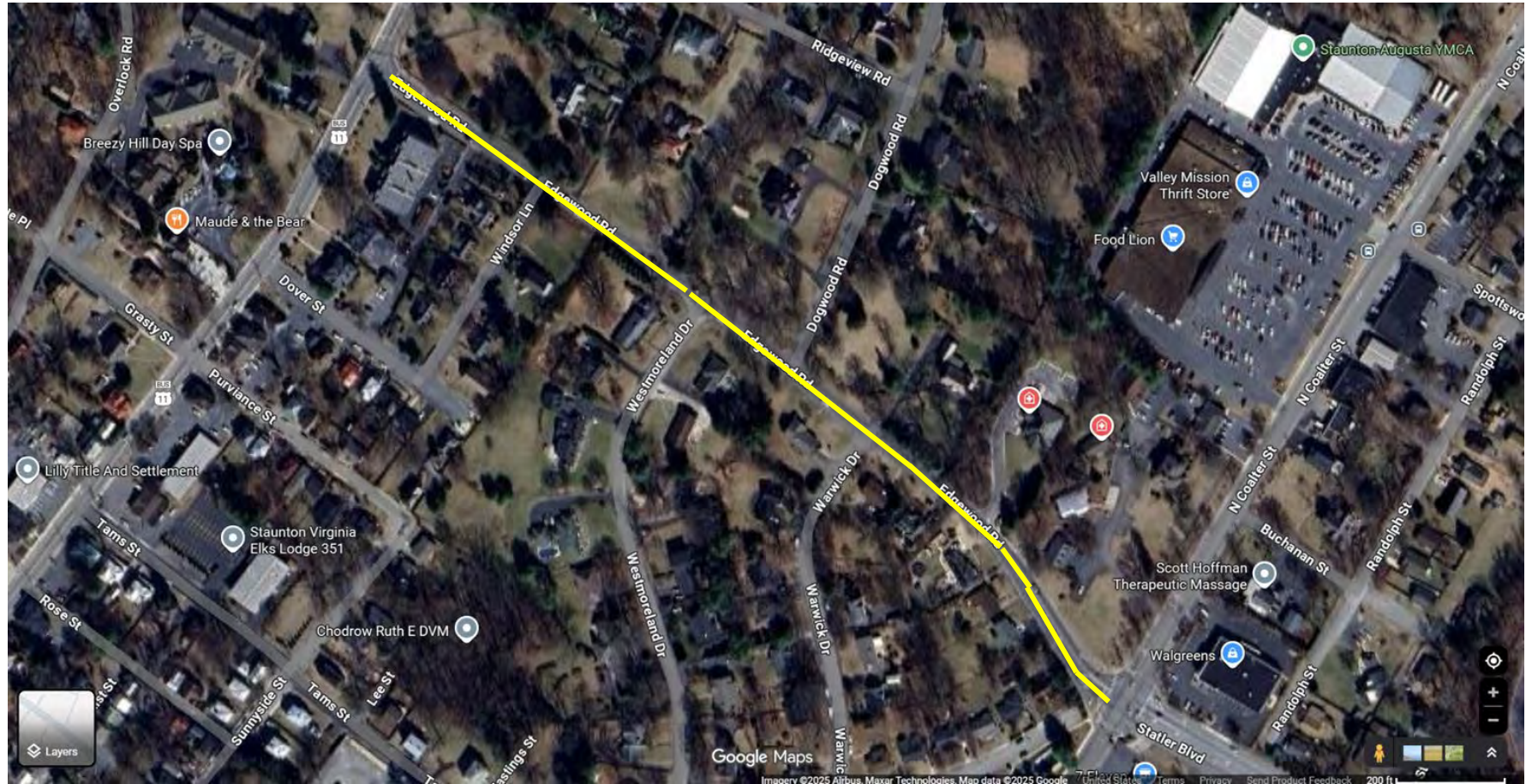
What's next?



Edgewood Road Sidewalk

VDOT Smart Scale: \$3.6 million

VDOT Rev. Sharing: \$1.1 million request





Greenville Avenue Road Diet

VDOT Smart Scale: \$3.7 million





Commerce Road Greenway

VDOT Smart Scale: \$5.0 million





Churchville Ave. Streetscape Extension

VDOT Rev.
Share: \$2.2 million



Thank You

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