ROUTE 58 UPDATE

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Route 58 in Virginia

Route 58 is Virginia's longest roadway, stretching 508 miles from the Atlantic Ocean to the southwest tip of Virginia.

It traverses five VDOT districts – Hampton Roads, Richmond, Lynchburg, Salem and Bristol.
Route 58 Corridor Development Fund

The General Assembly created the Route 58 Corridor Development Fund and Program in 1989 (code sections 33.2-2300 and 33.2-2301).

The goal was to improve travel and enhance economic development potential across the largely rural southern portion of the state.

The fund provides $40 million per year from real estate recordation taxes.
Route 58 Improvements

Work generally began on the east coast and proceeded westward.

As a result by 2003, the 270 miles of Route 58 between Virginia Beach and Stuart was an improved four-lane highway.

The 36-mile section between Stuart and Hillsville in the Salem District was the last segment needed to connect the improved Route 58 corridor from the Port of Virginia to Interstate 77.
Route 58 in Salem District – Stuart to Hillsville

- **Hillville Bypass**: Completed, $106.3 M
- **Crooked Oak**: Remaining, Fully Funded $168.5 M
- **Laurel Fork Phase III**: Completed, $120 M
- **Meadows of Dan**: Completed, $20 M
- **Vesta**: Remaining, Fully Funded $98 M
- **Lover’s Leap**: Remaining, Fully Funded $258.3 M

[Map showing project progress along Route 58 from Stuart to Hillsville, including distances and funding status for each segment.]
Three segments of widening have been completed.

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<td>Meadows of Dan Bypass</td>
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<td>Hillsville Bypass</td>
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<td>Tri-County and Laurel Fork</td>
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The three remaining projects are fully funded in the SYIP.

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2013 HB1953 prioritized widening the Lovers Leap, Crooked Oak and Vesta sections above any other sections of Route 58 in Virginia and legislated Lovers Leap as the next project to be constructed.
Lovers Leap versus WB I-64 Afton Mountain Elevations

Approximate 9% Grade

Approximate 4% Grade

Route 58 Lovers Leap

Route 640

Lovers Leap Overlook (2,900 ft)

Mountain Curve

Truck Escape Ramp

Blue Ridge Parkway (1,920 ft)

VDOT Memorial

I-64 WB Afton Mtn

Exit 107 (Rt 250)

Rest Area

VDOT

Virginia Department of Transportation
Route 58 – Lovers Leap Alignment
Route 58 – Lovers Leap Project

VDOT is proceeding with preliminary engineering and updating plans for Lovers Leap.

Right of Way Status: 55 of 80 parcels cleared and 17 of 22 relocations cleared.

Construction is expected to begin by 2021.