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BRANCH PLANS PUBLIC MEETING

Community Invited to Learn about Hillsville Bypass

Branch Highways, the contractor for the Hillsville bypass, has scheduled a public information meeting next month.

Branch is inviting the community to attend the meeting at **6 p.m. December 4** at the VFW post at 701 West Stuart Drive in Hillsville.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community about the six-mile road project which will be built on Hillsville's south side. Completion is scheduled in November of 2011.

"We will provide information and answer questions about the project," said Will Karbach, President of Branch Highways. Refreshments will be served.

"We have planned construction to minimize disruptions to the traveling public," Karbach said. "We look forward to continuing our long-term working relationship in the Hillsville area and are glad to meet in this type of forum to inform the community about the project and its benefits to the region."

Karbach said Branch is building the bypass under Virginia's Public Private Transportation Act. Branch is under contract with VDOT to design and build the 36 miles of the Rt. 58 corridor between Hillsville and Stuart as funding becomes available from the state. Branch completed the first segment, the Meadows of Dan bypass, in 2006.

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