

Agenda

Chapters 28 & 29 (2026 Acts of Assembly) Work Group Meeting #2

August 6, 2026

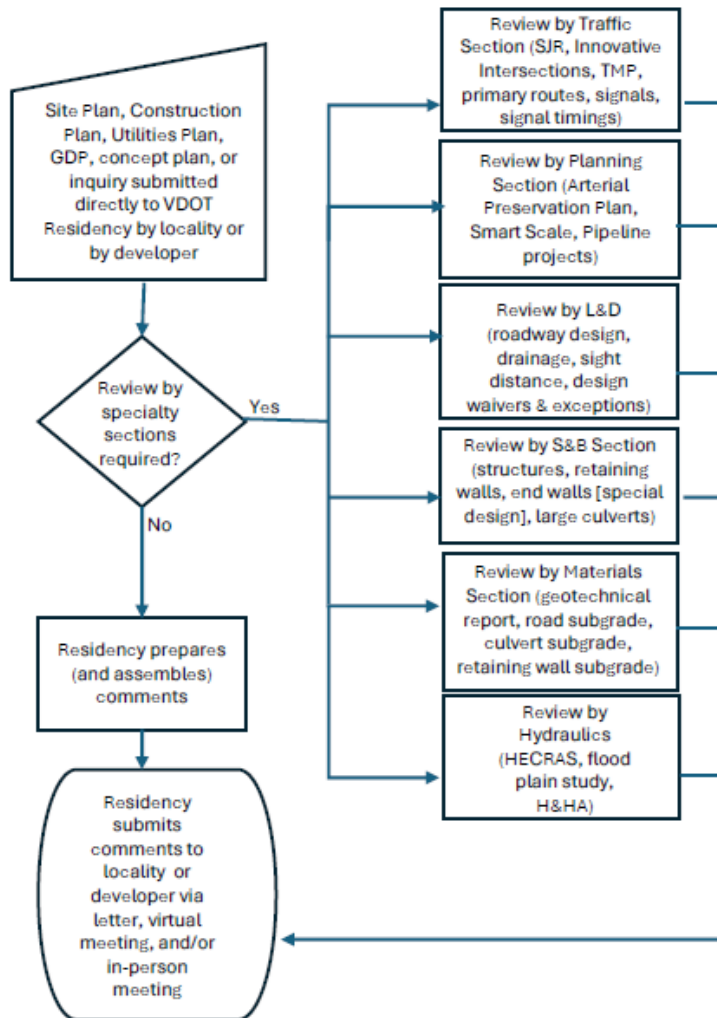
9120 Lockwood Blvd, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

- A. Welcome and Safety Message
- B. Electronic Participation
- C. Approval of July 23 Minutes
- D. Discussion of Potential Changes to 24VAC30-21 and 24VAC30-151
- E. Short Discussion on VDOT Permit Process
- F. Work Assignments and Next Meeting
- G. Adjournment

Fredericksburg Residency Processes

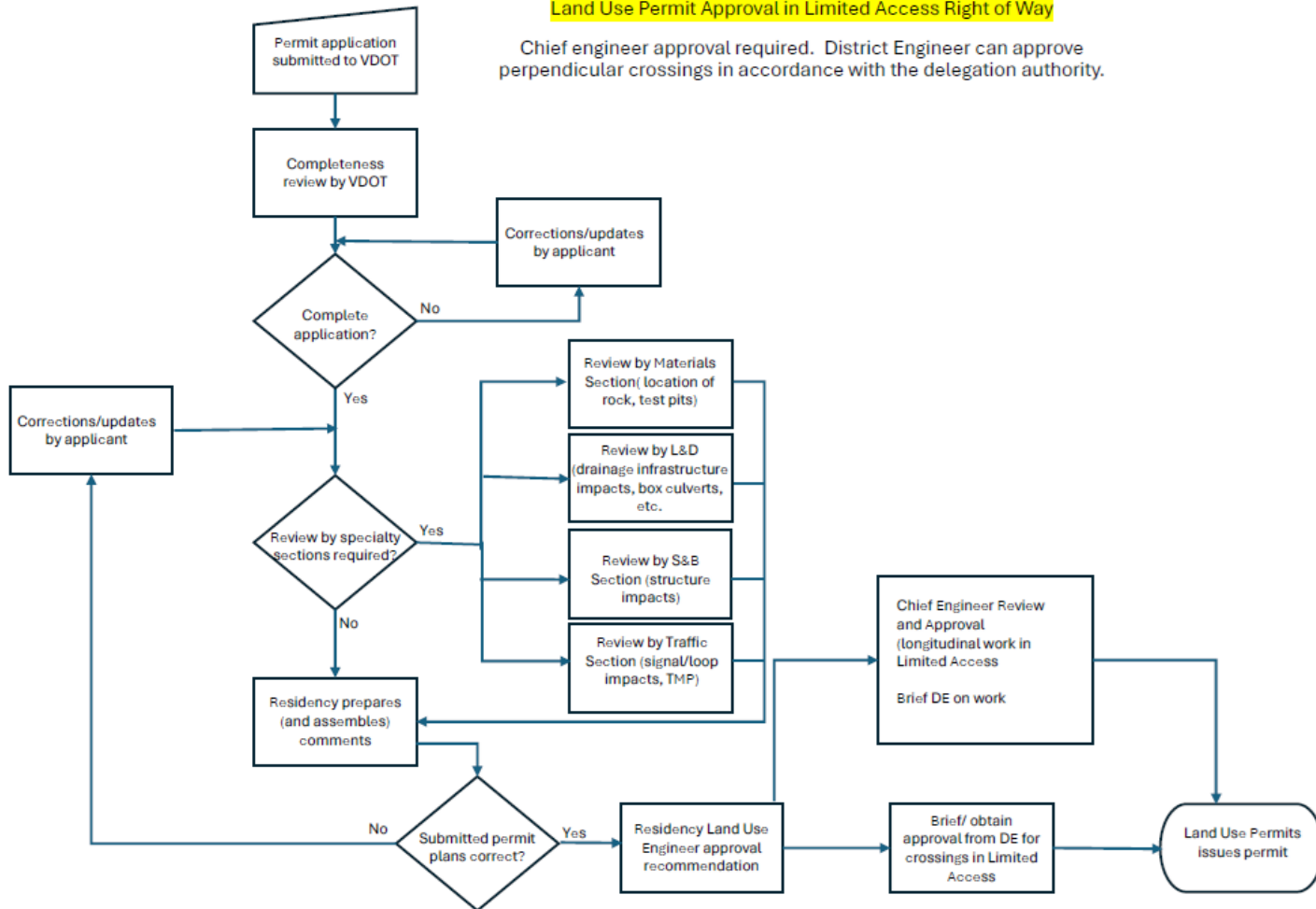
Working Drawings and Concepts

(Review of a working drawings separate from other potential preliminary or pre-applications plans)



Land Use Permit Approval in Limited Access Right of Way

Chief engineer approval required. District Engineer can approve perpendicular crossings in accordance with the delegation authority.



Goal: 30 days from submission to VDOT Approval

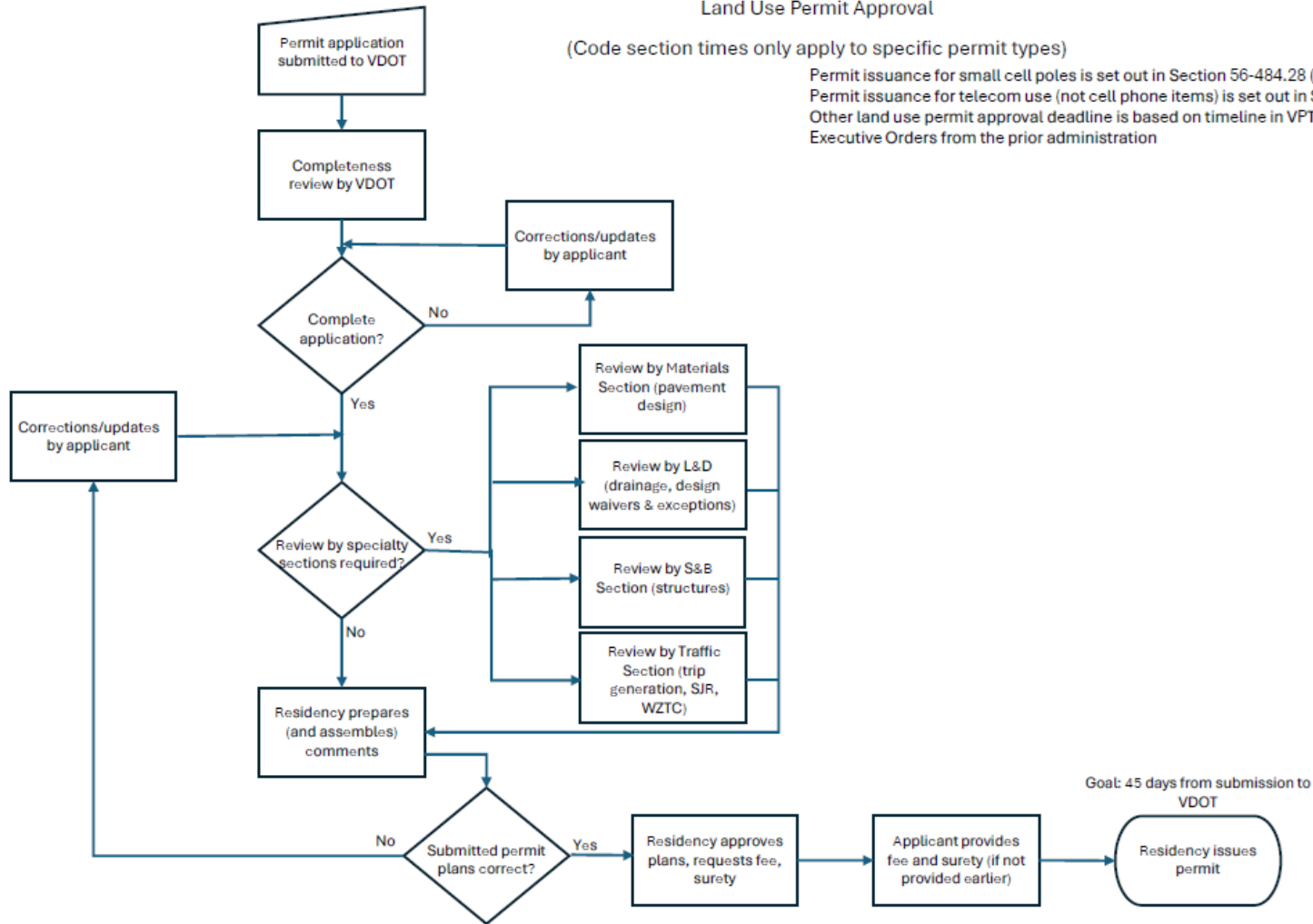
Land Use Permit Approval

(Code section times only apply to specific permit types)

Permit issuance for small cell poles is set out in Section 56-484.28 (30 to 60 days)

Permit issuance for telecom use (not cell phone items) is set out in Section 56-458 (45 days)

Other land use permit approval deadline is based on timeline in VPT (45 days), created in response to Executive Orders from the prior administration



Utility Transmission Process
Prince William Land Use Section

- NOVA District meets with Dominion on a regular basis to discuss all proposed transmission lines. The meeting includes representatives from all 3 residency Permit sections, Traffic engineering, Traffic Operations, Dominion designers and folks from their construction section. These meetings keep us in the loop with what they have coming up. They also provide an opportunity for both sides to discuss any concerns with construction, work hours, and methods.
- Prince William Permits also meets routinely with representatives from Dominion to discuss their projects. We work with them on a routine basis to find the best route which makes the permitting process smoother.
- All of the transmission lines that we have processed from Dominion have been for aerial road crossings. However, they mentioned at some of our meetings that are getting a lot of public pressure to install under ground lines. They have not been able to give us an idea of the size of the line because they are still in the design phase. If they exceed the size requirements for Trenchless construction, it will add time to the permit process to do the necessary materials testing and review. The one location they have discussed underground with us would have required open cutting a primary road because they would be utilizing a gas easement.
- For aerial road crossings for non-limited access highways we are generally able to process permits within 5 to 10 working days.
- For aerial road crossings on limited access roads, additional time is required to allow for the District Administrator to sign off on the permit.
 - Our Engineer Technician IV puts the assembly together after he has approved the plan, and then sends it to our Area Land Use Engineer. This is generally sent within 5 to 10 working days.
 - The Area Land Use Engineer then forwards the assembly to the District Administrator for approval. This is generally sent within 1 to 2 days, and at most 1 week.
 - The District Administrator is generally reviewing these within 1 week, but occasionally has taken longer.
 - After DA approval, the permit is generally issued within 1 to 2 days.
- We have not had any parallel transmission lines in the limited access right-of-way. In general, permits for parallel utility lines are taking approximately 2 months to process because of the additional approvals that are needed. They require an approved Maintenance of Traffic plan (can take 45 to 60 days for review), Regional Traffic Operations Center, Richmond District Operations, Structure and Bridge and Interstate Maintenance. After all approvals are obtained, the permit package gets sent to the Central Office for approval.

UTILITY TRANSMISSION PROCESS

Prince William County

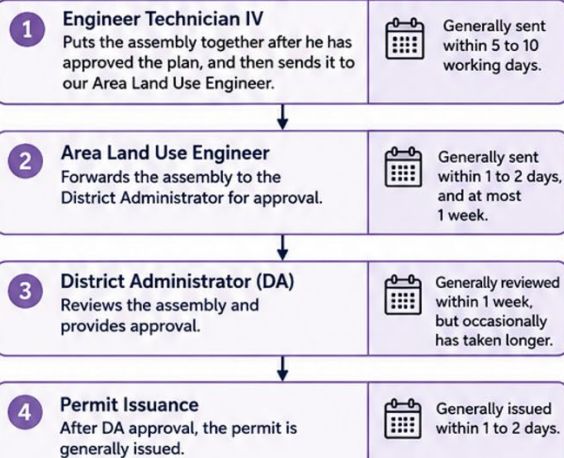
ONGOING COMMUNICATION

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- Prince William Permits also meets routinely with representatives from Dominion to discuss their projects. We work with them on a routine basis to find the best route which makes the permitting process smoother.
- Dominion has mentioned they are under public pressure to install underground lines. They are still in the design phase and cannot provide line size. If they exceed trenchless construction size requirements, additional time will be needed for materials testing and review. One location discussed underground would have required open cutting a primary road because they would be utilizing a gas easement.

AERIAL ROAD CROSSINGS – NON-LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS

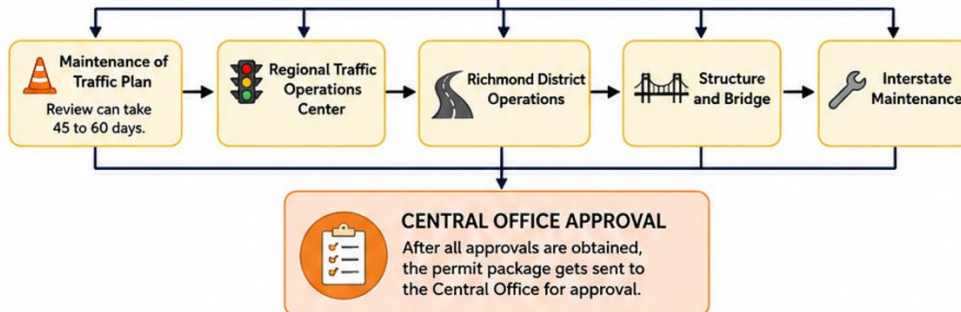
Permits are generally able to be processed within 5 to 10 working days.

AERIAL ROAD CROSSINGS – LIMITED ACCESS ROADS



PARALLEL TRANSMISSION LINES – LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY (In General)

Permits for parallel utility lines are taking approximately 2 months to process because of the additional approvals that are needed.



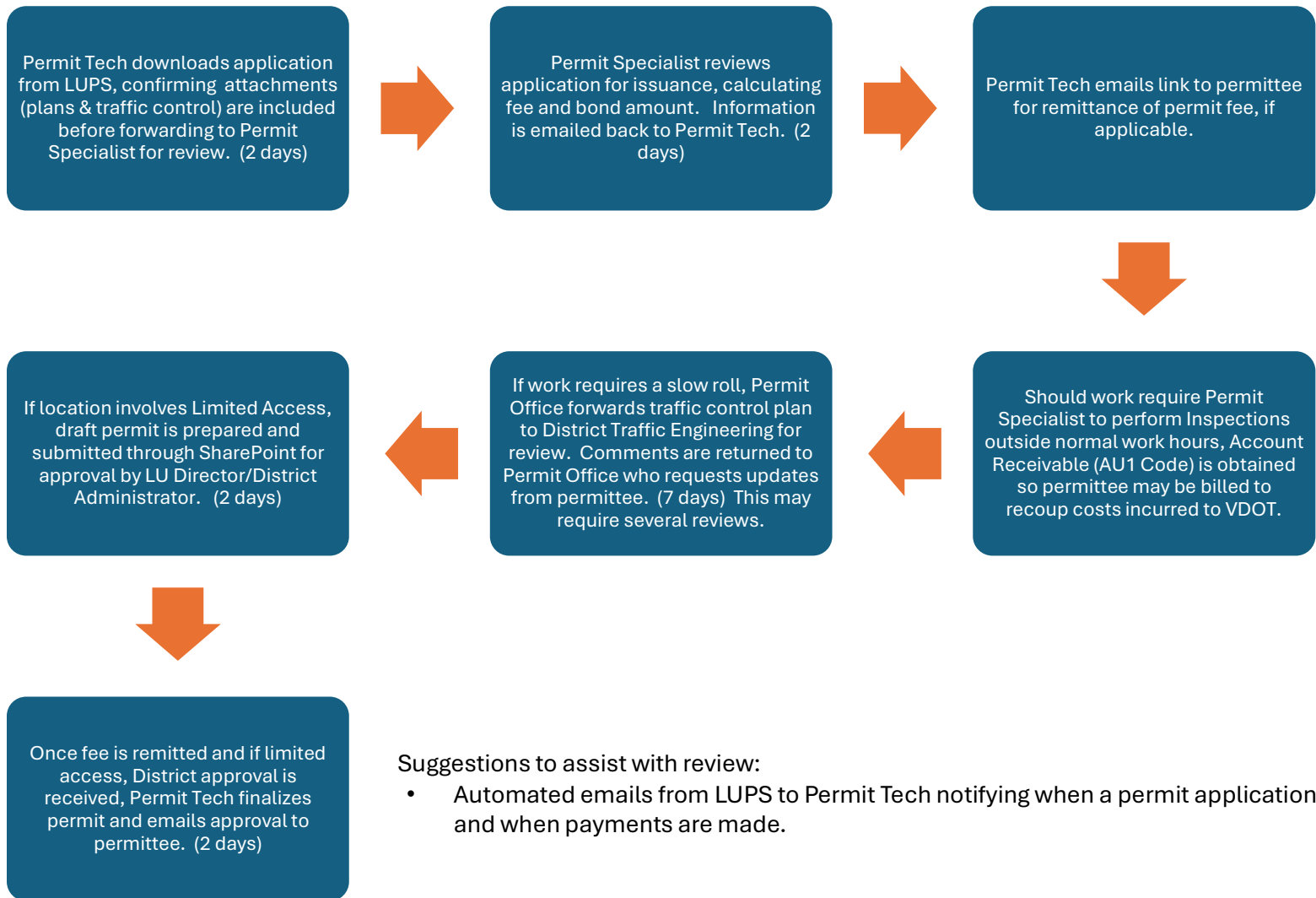
Salem District Typical Utility Permitting Process

- LU staff receives permit application including plan sheets via LUPS or paper (email) submission. (2 days)
- LU staff reviews application and plans for accuracy seeking District section review if necessary/required. Example of required District section review is work impacting limited access right of way. (5 to 7 days)
 - Proposed work within the limits of a construction project requires coordination with District Construction staff as well as Contractor staff. (2 to 5 days which can run concurrent with other District review time) (This is critical and absolutely required for Design Build projects)
- After/during review LU staff communicates any additions/edits to applicant. If additions or edits are required follow-up review occurs once additions/edits are received. (3 to 7 days)
- Upon receipt of acceptable/approvable plans LU staff requests District Engineer approval if work is within Limited Access (2 days)
- Concurrent to seeking District Engineer approval or once plans are otherwise approved, LU staff requests permit fees, etc. if required. (2 Days)
- Contingent upon the need for District Engineer approval and once required fees/surety are received, LU staff issues permit.

Note - Additional plan review cycles will add 3 to 5 days minimum to process.



Utility Permitting Process



Suggestions to assist with review:

- Automated emails from LUPS to Permit Tech notifying when a permit application is submitted and when payments are made.