

**Downtown Construction Roundtable**  
**Monday, May 4, 2009 4:00 p.m.**

**Bob Batcher, City of Norfolk, gave welcome and opening remarks:**

- Next Stay and Play at Todd's Bistro
- This weekend, Downtown Norfolk was filled with energy

**Department of Utilities provided update:**

- Continuing work down Yarmouth. Set well points today
- 3 weeks of work still left to complete.
- Sidewalk restoration on Dunmore is ongoing
- Will discuss access with residents and businesses along Freemason on Wed.
- Brambleton Ave down to one lane on each side near Park Ave, exits are open and unaffected, about 6 more weeks of work

**Heather Stein, Hampton Roads Transit, provided update on new and updated light rail construction activity**

- Demolition of Baylor Building is completed and contractor should finish site work this week
- Work to complete the sidewalk, curb & gutter modifications along W. York Street is taking longer than expected
  - Skanska must wait for DVP to cut off power to street lights
- Work on the south side of West York Street should continue for another three and a half weeks
  - Work on the north side of the street will continue through July
- Mobilization on Monticello Avenue has started. Skanska's permit allowed work to begin on or after April 22.
- Sidewalks around the Kirn Library have not closed as expected this week. Coordination with HRSD work will drive schedule for sidewalk closures.

**Freeda Burns, City of Norfolk, provided update on private utility relocations and other downtown construction projects**

- Plume street remains closed
- St Paul's Avenue and Plume Street work will start and last for 14 days, will not be able to turn left onto Plume Street from St Paul's Avenue.
  - Main Street will be used as the detour
  - Bank Street will be open when the Plume Street/St Paul's Avenue work starts
- DVP contractors will begin work 5/5/09 on Charlotte Street at Websters Court
  - Charles Cooper requested information about power/OCS poles and what the landscape will look like at Charlotte/Granby when construction is completed.
    - Don Lint states that traffic poles are necessary and is revisiting the street light design because they do not want to "over pole" it
    - Don Lint will provide a visual of how it will look when complete
    - Freeda Burns will provide a visual of other cities light rail lines where similar poles are located
- Grass has been planted at Town Point Park

- Permit was issued for SKANSKA to install OCS poles along York Street from Botetourt to Dunmore.

**Open Discussion:**

- Question from Rod McLeod, DNC, raised question to HRT about bus stop relocation at St. Paul's and Plume
  - Heather Stein responded: it was done on Friday 5/1/09

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 2009**