

Downtown Construction Roundtable

Monday, July 13, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bob Batchter, Heather Maynard, Tiffany Swindell, Paul Fillion, Lauren Harris, Jack Kavanaugh, Mary Miller, John Sires, Ken Turner, Sarah Parker, Pamela Marino, Steve McCurdy, Jim Hughes, Susan Roenker, Bob Epstein, Jim O'Brien, Rod McLeod, Bill Davis, Jimmy Schools, Freda Burns, Charles Chavoustie, Kristi Kennedy, Don Lint, Greg Reck, Horace Mebane

Bob Batchter, City of Norfolk gave welcome and opening remarks:

Ken Turner, Department of Utilities provided update:

- Freemason/Duke work starts tomorrow
- After Freemason/Duke work ends will proceed to Yarmouth/College Place
- Dept of Utilities has looked into last weeks concern about barrels and has determined that barrels went up by Skanska to protect OCS foundations, do not belong to Dept of Utilities
- Pump Station will take a few more months, wet well is in, working 40 ft under ground right now
- After Skanska finishes storm drain work, will repave Brambleton Ave

Freda Burns, City of Norfolk provided update:

- On Friday DVP starts phase 1 of work at Boush Street and Bute Street
 - Will have Norfolk police on duty to direct traffic at Boush/Bute
 - Asked Sentara to have their employees use Brambleton to St. Pauls to access 264
 - CCS anticipate that the southbound side will take less time to do than the northbound side
 - This work is further away from water so the pumps are used less
 - Cannot work 24 hours a day because of complaints from condo's, 10pm cut off

Heather Maynard, Hampton Roads Transit provided update:

- Skanska started grading for temporary asphalt, starting curb and gutter tomorrow.
- 200 block of York Street, due to finish at end of month
- Monticello Avenue will continue one way northbound
 - Sidewalk Demo will begin tomorrow and sidewalk will close between Market & Tazewell
 - Jim Hughes gave Kudos to Skanska for always having information when asked
 - Jim Hughes requested more notification when there are utility cut offs
- Kirn library is still being torn down
- Plume Street is still one way west bound
 - Steve McCurdy stated that VICO blocks his parking garage with trucks turning around
 - Freda Burns responded that she will be out there tomorrow morning
 - Jimmy Schools stated that storm drain was backed up and bottom level of parking garage had flooded

Open Discussion:

- Bob Batchter stated that we are gathering the information from the community. The give and take is great
- Jim Hughes stated that he would like to see more work completion dates
- Jim O'Brien stated that he tries to visit the intersection of Duke/Bute once a day at least and there needs to be more signage. Cant tell if Duke/Bute is closed from a distance

Next Meeting: July 20, 2009
Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm