

Downtown Construction Roundtable

Monday, July 6, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bob Batchner, Cathy Coleman, Paul Fillion, Lauren Harris, Jack Kavanaugh, Mary Miller, John Sires, Tiffany Swindell, Ken Turner, Sarah Parker, Pamela Marino, Steve McCurdy, James Toscano, Jim Hughes, Tom Ewings, Susan Roenker, Bob Epstein, Bill Davis, Charles Cooper, Jessica Saucedo, Jim O'Brien, John White, Tammy Gillikin

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

Ken Turner, Department of Utilities provided update:

- Work continues south of Freemason Mews proceeding to College Place, 1-2 months for completion
- Freemason street sewer installation continues to progress
- Dept of Utilities is allowing SKANSKA to get in to do storm drain on Brambleton, then paving can begin.

James Toscano, Hampton Roads Transit provided update:

- On Monticello Ave, Skanska will change traffic pattern to 1 northbound lane tonight at 7pm
- West York Street curb and gutter has not started yet. Work is to begin late this week or early next week. This is due to a shallow gas line.
- Parking lot at Duke and York, Residence Inn manager said she would remind her staff that the lot is private property, hopes that problem has ceased.
 - John Sires replied that it has been better
- Plume Street running smoothly
- Kirn Demo impact has not changed. Had a small ceremony this morning before demo began.
 - There is also a YouTube video, so check that out if you get a chance
 - Jim O'Brien stated that barrels are being used in front of YMCA by people making up their own parking spaces
 - Dept of Utilities responded saying that they would remove the barrels but they will return eventually
 - Bob Epstein stated that VA Natural Gas shut off his gas service and then another representative came out to re-light pilot and was not even sure if the gas had ever been cut off

Open Discussion:

- Tammy Gillikin stated that DVP should be out of Duke/Bute intersection on Friday afternoon
- Tammy Gillikin stated that DVP would begin working at Boush/Bute intersection on July 17th
 - Jim O'Brien said this would have a very large impact at rush hour, need to work at night
 - Cathy Coleman stated that there were too many complaints about night work in this area
 - Jim O'Brien asked if the night work could be reevaluated
- Bob Batchner stated that Harborfest went great
- Cathy Coleman stated that Harborfest went great, the garages were filled, everyone had smiles on their faces, and had a good time.
- Bob Batchner announced that Stay and Play is this Wednesday at California Pizza Kitchen
- Bill Davis announced that there will be a book signing this Saturday July 11, 2009 at the MacArthur Memorial
- Mary Miller announced that Restaurant week was July 12-17th

Next Meeting: July 13, 2009
Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm