

Downtown Construction Roundtable

Monday, October 26, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: **Ken Turner**, Department of Utilities; **Tiffany Swindell**, Hampton Roads Transit; **James Toscano**, Hampton Roads Transit; **Rod McLeod**, Downtown Norfolk Council; **Mary Miller**, Downtown Norfolk Council; **Paul Fillion**, City of Norfolk; **Bill Davis**, MacArthur Foundation; **Jennifer Cauldwell**, Department of Utilities; **Jim Hughes**, GSA; **Charles Chavoustie**, City of Norfolk; **Freda Burns**, City of Norfolk; **Bob Batcher**, City of Norfolk; **Jack Kavanaugh**, **Steve McCurdy**, Norfolk Southern; **Chuck Ridgely**, City of Norfolk; **Susan Roenker**, Dominion Enterprises; **Charles Cooper**, **Cathy Coleman**, Downtown Norfolk Council;
Jesse Scaccia

Opening:

- Bob Batcher provided greeting and opening remarks.

Brambleton Avenue/Colley Avenue:

- Fort Norfolk meeting was held on October 20, 2009 and another will be held at Red Cross on November 10, 2009

West York Street:

- Crossing is being completed at Botetourt/Brambleton, work will continue for 2 more weeks
- Jack Kavanaugh stated that pedestrians are going across Botetourt Street & Brambleton Avenue. It's unsafe and we need a defined pedestrian crossing in this area.

York Street(Yarmouth to Duke):

- DVP completing terminations & cutovers, paying in front of Minute Man press

Duke Street/Bute Street:

- Street restoration work will continue for a couple more months
- Jack Kavanaugh asked if OCS foundations will be done in this area next week
 - Freda responded that it would

Charlotte Street:

- Will start OCS pole foundations, may see drill on Charlotte street this week
- Charles Cooper stated that he would like to be notified when OCS and storm drain work begins in order for him to notify his tenants. Requests a sketch be created and distributed.
- Charles Cooper asked if the OCS drill will cause damage to buildings since the foundations are so close to the buildings on Charlotte
 - Freda Burn responded, the drill will not cause damage to buildings and is very quiet

Monticello Avenue:

- Mary Miller stated that she has been contacted by some taxi companies as to when the taxi stand will be able to be used again.
 - Freda Burns stated that they can expect to come back on November 6th
- Bob Batcher asked what can we expect to see on Monticello Avenue on November 6th

- Freda Burns stated that we can expect to see one lane open in each direction, light towers, electrical lines will not be hung yet, work will continue on the TCC student center, and light rail work will continue from Freemason to Charlotte.
- Paul Filion stated that a tank needs removed from the street
 - Tiffany Swindell asked where that tank is located
 - Paul Filion responded that it was on the west side of Monticello, south of Charlotte, near the Welton Condos

Kirn Library Site:

- Still being used for staging

Plume Street:

- Steve McCurdy says its going good on Plume Street

Government Center:

- All relocations are done, sewer system relocation, Hampton Roads Mechanical resumed work on the steam tunnel

Harbor Park:

- Electrical work is underway; track work is next

Open Discussion:

- Jim Hughes asked what the status was of the removal of large buses driving down Granby Street.
 - Cathy Coleman responded that small buses are being used now. In the event that one breaks down, the bigger one will be used
- Cathy Coleman stated that Santa will be coming to town on November 6, 2009 and the parade is on November 21, 2009
- Cathy Coleman stated that the DNC Member briefing will be on November 5, 2009. Stanley Stein will be the speaker and the subject will be light rail stations
- Stay and Play is at Havana's this week.

Meeting adjourned: 4:47pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 2, 2009