

Downtown Construction Roundtable Monday, November 23, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Ken Turner, Department of Utilities; **Tiffany Swindell**, Hampton Roads Transit; **Heather Maynard**, Hampton Roads Transit; **Freda Burns**, City of Norfolk; **Tom Barney**; **Paul Filion**, City of Norfolk; **Charles Chavoustie**, City of Norfolk; **Bob Batcher**, City of Norfolk; **Jack Kavanaugh**, Freemason Civic League; **Susan Roenker**, Dominion Enterprises; **Charles Cooper**, **Cathy Coleman**, Downtown Norfolk Council; **Don Lint**, Hampton Roads Transit; **James Toscano**, Hampton Roads Transit; **David Klempt**, Serendip; **Kevin Murphy**, Downtown Civic League; **Jim O'Brien**; **Mary Miller**, Downtown Norfolk Council; **Bill Davis**, Macarthur Foundation; **Jim Hughes**, GSA; **Marie Hodges**, Seven venues; **Charles Ridgley**, City of Norfolk; **Maggie Mines**

Opening:

- Bob Batcher provided greeting and opening remarks. Stated that parade was a success.
- James Toscano stated that there was light rail float in the parade
 - Mary Miller responded that it was beautiful
- Jack Kavanaugh stated that the Norfolk State University band was amazing

Brambleton Avenue/Colley Avenue:

- Heather Maynard gave an update on light rail construction. Next community meeting will be on December 1, 2009
- Freda Burns stated that there is work on the Brambleton Avenue bridge railing, not related to light rail

West York Street:

- Delay in opening of intersection as a result of the storm
 - At very latest opening will be on December 15, 2009
 - Jack Kavanaugh asked: If the storm has delayed work 3 weeks, then what will happen when the train is running?
 - Bob Batcher responded that we will get someone here next week to explain this work
 - Freda Burns responded that if this storm would have happened 2 days later, this would not have happened
 - Tom Barney stated that this is a safety issue and if an emergency vehicle needed to get in this area, they would not have been able to
 - Freda Burns responded that there were indeed emergencies in Ocean View where there was heavy flooding and emergency vehicles were capable of getting through. They have the appropriate equipment
- Tom Barney asked about the ADA ramp that is being installed across the track and a fire hydrant location
 - Don Lint responded with an explanation of how the ramp will be installed.
- Maggie Mines asked what the concrete wall being built near the bridge is.
 - Don Lint responded that it is pedestrian access to the Elizabeth River Trail
- Maggie Mines asked if there will be additional parking on West York Street
 - Don't Lint responded that there will be additional parking
 - Paul Filion responded that there will be 9 spaces

York Street(Yarmouth to Duke):

- Work continues from Dunmore and Botetourt and should be completed with Botetourt intersection work.

Duke Street/Bute Area:

- Installation of OCS foundations, water and storm drain will start on or after Monday, November 23, 2009
- Ken Turner stated that the Department of Utilities is still working on Freemason installing cobblestones

Boush Street:

- Crossing at Boush Street will start on or after November 23, 2009
 - Expected to last through early February
 - Traffic flow and pedestrian access will be maintained
 - Will do track one half at a time in order to maintain two-way traffic at all times

Charlotte Street:

- Granby/Charlotte intersection will not close through the 1st of the year
- Installation of OCS poles are underway
- Storm drain work between Granby and Monticello will begin as soon as all utility conflicts are resolved
 - Road will close to thru traffic but access to parking lots will be maintained for local traffic
 - Pedestrian traffic will be detoured to Bute Street
- Jim O'brien asked if the Sirena's parking lot will be blocked
 - Access will always be maintained to the lot
 - Heather Maynard stated that we have tried to accommodate schedules, holiday, and other events. It's come time that we are running out of room and have to get this work done.

Monticello Avenue:

- Relocation of manhole on Southwest corner of Charlotte/Monticello intersection
- Jim Hughes asked about the why federal building employees can only make a right out of the garage onto Monticello Avenue. Stated that at the beginning of this project they were told that there would be no restrictions.
 - Heather Maynard stated that there are people looking into this and we will get back to you with a decision.

City Hall Avenue:

- All DVP work is being done during the day in intersection of City Hall/Monticello

Atlantic Avenue:

- Norfolk Utilities tying in waterline

Plume Street:

- Manhole installation to start within the next two weeks
 - One lane west bound maintained, parking removed from Atlantic to Bank

Government Center:

- City of Norfolk added encasement pipe for Courthouse sewer system relocation

Harbor Park:

- Work ongoing in intersection of Park/Main

Open Discussion:

- Santa will be arriving this week at Macarthur Mall on Friday, November 6th

Meeting adjourned: 4:58 pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 30, 2009