

Downtown Construction Roundtable
Monday, February 23, 2010 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Mary Miller; Downtown Norfolk Council, **Tiffany Swindell**; Hampton Roads Transit, **Heather Maynard**; Hampton Roads Transit, **John Keifer**; City of Norfolk, **Ken Turner**; City of Norfolk, **Wayne Roundtree**; City of Norfolk, **Bob Batcher**; City of Norfolk, **Pamela Moreno**; City of Norfolk, **Charles Ridgely**; City of Norfolk, **Susan Roenker**; Dominion Enterprises, **David Klempt**; Serendip, **John Sires**; Cavalier Land, **Horace Mebane**; Macarthur Center, **Steve McCurdy**; Norfolk Southern, **Kevin Murphy**; Downtown Norfolk Civic League, **Jim Hughes**; GSA, **Jim O'Brien**; Sirena's, **Charles Cooper**, **Mark Putas**

Opening:

- Bob Batcher provided greeting and opening remarks & reminds everyone that construction is not calendar driven by job driven
- City of Norfolk passed out street light status, weekly roadway flyers, and construction reports

Colley Avenue (Light Rail)

- Reopening of all lanes on Colley Avenue is expected sometime this week

Boush Street (Light Rail)

- Anticipated to open the week of 2/22. StreetSmart notification will provide confirmation when street has opened.
 - Bute Street remains closed both east and west of Boush Street
 - Charlotte Street is accessible from Granby Street only

Monticello Avenue at Freemason Street (Light Rail)

- Upon re-opening of a single lane northbound between Freemason Street and Charlotte Street, the right turn off of Monticello Avenue at Freemason Street will close for light rail construction
 - Traffic should continue north on Monticello Avenue, turn right onto Charlotte Street, turn right onto Bank Street, and back to Freemason Street

City Hall Avenue at Monticello Avenue (Light Rail)

- Following the re-opening of all north and south bound lanes on Boush Street, City Hall Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Bank Street and Monticello Avenue.
 - Monticello Avenue, north and southbound, will be closed at City Hall Avenue, but Monticello will remain open and accessible from Tazewell Street to Freemason Street.
 - Work is expected to take several months.

City Hall Avenue at St. Paul's Blvd. (Sewer Installation)

- Early in March, the westbound side of the City Hall Avenue / St. Paul's Blvd. intersection will be closed for sewer relocation work.
 - One lane westbound (heading into downtown) and two lanes eastbound will be maintained on City Hall Avenue between St. Paul's Blvd. and Bank Street. This

work will be completed in conjunction with the work at City Hall Avenue / Monticello Avenue.

Open Discussion

- Charles Cooper asked if you can go down Plume to Bank westbound?
 - Heather Maynard responded: Yes, two-way traffic is maintained to Bank Street
- Steve McCurdy stated that Plume Street is working as smoothly as it can be
- Jim Obrien stated it is a challenge to turn from Botetourt to Bute because of some parking spaces that are there
 - Wayne Roundtree stated that there are several parking issues in Freemason and the city is looking into them
- Susan Roenker asked if a card reader had been installed on the west entrance of the Macarthur garage on City Hall Avenue
 - Horace Mebane responded that one had been installed but would not be active until the construction work begins on St. Paul's and City Hall

Meeting adjourned: 5:18 pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2010