

Downtown Norfolk Construction Roundtable

March 15, 2010



Attendees:

Mary Miller; Downtown Norfolk Council, **Tiffany Swindell;** Hampton Roads Transit, **Heather Maynard;** Hampton Roads Transit, **Ken Turner;** City of Norfolk, **Wayne Roundtree;** City of Norfolk, **Bob Batcher;** City of Norfolk, **Pamela Marino;** City of Norfolk, **Charles Rigney ;** City of Norfolk, **Horace Mebane;** Macarthur Center, **Jim O'Brien;** Sirena's, **Jack Kavanaugh;** Freemason Civic League, **Rod McLeod;** Downtown Norfolk Council, **Don Lint;** Hampton Roads Transit, **Cathy Coleman;** Downtown Norfolk Council, **Jim Hughes, John Keifer;** City of Norfolk, **Tom Ewings;** Macarthur Center, **Harry Kenyon;** Department of Utilities, **Steve McCurdy;** Department of Utilities

BOB BATCHER PROVIDED GREETINGS

HEATHER MAYNARD GAVE UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION:

- Work on Charlotte Street between Webster's Court and Granby Street will occur over the upcoming weeks ahead of the work at the Granby/Charlotte intersection.
- Before the Granby/Charlotte intersection work begins:
 - 2 travel lanes on Monticello, one northbound and one southbound must be open.
 - Cooper lot and Sirena's lot must be accessible from Boush Street
- Jim O'Brien asked if all construction equipment will be gone from Charlotte Street during this time, if there will be 2 way access and if it will look like the street is open.
 - Heather Maynard responded there still may be equipment in the area but 2 way access will be maintained from Boush Street.
 - Cathy Coleman asked if some clear signage could be provided for this area
 - Freda Burns responded: yes, when a plan is developed for that area, it will be shared
- Plume Street traffic pattern will change over the next couple of weeks:
 - Commercial to St. Paul's will open to 2 way traffic
 - Court Street will support 2 way traffic
 - Plume/St. Paul's work will begin

WAYNE ROUNDTREE DISCUSSED THE WORK ON ST. PAUL'S/CITY HALL INTERSECTION

- City Hall/St. Paul's work has ceased. There will be a new work plan, will move about 30 feet, and will not start again until beginning of May.
- John Keifer stated that the work will take place after the Arts Festival and Tattoo Festival

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Mary Miller introduced the DNC's new snap map
- Bob Batcher stated that between the Downtown Norfolk Councils snap map and the City of Norfolk's new way finding program hopefully it will help people get around a little easier
- Jim O'Brien stated that he feels that there are less cars in downtown
- Horace Mebane said the mall customers are down during the week but not during the weekends
- Cathy Coleman and Mary Miller stated that new pedestrian access signs are being placed at Duke/Bute
- Wayne Roundtree discussed work that is being done on the west end of York Street completing the pedestrian access
 - Jack Kavanaugh asked when the Elizabeth River trail crossover was going to be completed
 - Wayne Roundtree responded: As soon as the rail is finished we can set panels across the track.

- Wayne Roundtree went over the street light report, stated that the updates on the current list are a little more complete.
- John Keifer stated that DVP will do a downtown light sweep next week
- Cathy Coleman reminded group that Phillip Shucet, Hampton Roads Transits new CEO will be attending the next Stay and Play event at Bodega's on Granby Street