

Downtown Norfolk Construction Roundtable

March 7, 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 Obrien 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 Obrien 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
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- Jack Kavanaugh stated that Skanska employees working near Duke/Bute are very helpful in guiding people through pedestrian access