

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

Attendees:

Ken Turner; Department of Utilities, **Tiffany Swindell**; Hampton Roads Transit, **Heather Maynard**; Hampton Roads Transit, **Bob Batcher**; City of Norfolk, **Jack Kavanaugh**; Freemason Civic League, **Susan Roenker**; Dominion Enterprises, **Cathy Coleman**; Downtown Norfolk Council, **Don Lint**; Hampton Roads Transit, **Jim O'Brien**; Sirena's, **Jim Hughes**; GSA, **Charles Rigney**; City of Norfolk, **Tom Ewings**; Macarthur Center, **Kevin Murphy**; Downtown Norfolk Civic League, **Pamela Moreno**; City of Norfolk, **Charles Chavoustie**; City of Norfolk, **Charles Cooper**, **Bill Davis**; Macarthur Foundation, **David Klempt**; Serendip, **Freda Burns**; City of Norfolk, **Mary Miller**; Downtown Norfolk Council, **Paul Filion**; City of Norfolk, **Rod McLeod**; Downtown Norfolk Council, **Horace Mebane**; Macarthur Center,

Opening:

- Bob Batcher provided greeting and opening remarks.

Brambleton Avenue/Colley Avenue:

- Heather Maynard gave an update on light rail construction.
- Work to install rail across Colley Avenue continues
- Duration of work is approximately 90 days from start date 12/15/09

York Street:

- On Tuesday January 5, 2010, Botetourt Street, at Brambleton Avenue, will close so that light rail construction can progress through the intersection.
 - Length of closure: Approximately 14 days
 - Turns will not be permitted from Brambleton Avenue onto Botetourt Street or onto Brambleton Avenue from Botetourt Street
 - 2-way traffic maintained on West York Street
 - There will be no pedestrian access across Brambleton Avenue from Botetourt Street
 - Pedestrians will detour to Duke Street

Duke:

- Light rail construction can begin in the Duke/Bute intersection upon completion of the work at Botetourt Street but will not likely begin until the work at Boush Street I complete.
 - Request has been made for full closure but every effort will be made to open portions of the intersection when safely possible.
 - Detour routes will be Boush Street and Botetourt Street
 - Jim O'Brien asked if pedestrian access will remain open
 - Heather Maynard replied that pedestrian access will remain open
 - David Klempt asked if HRT was sure that work will not begin at Bute/Duke intersection until Botetourt is open.
 - Heather Maynard responded yes

Bute:

- Installation of OCS foundations, water and storm drain underway

Boush Street:

- Light rail construction will continue to cross Boush Street through early/mid February

Charlotte Street:

- Construction activity between Boush and Monticello continues for another 30-45 days. Charlotte Street remains open to local traffic to maintain access to all parking lots and building entrance/exit points.
 - Jim O'Brien stated that he thought that utility work on Charlotte Street was finished.
 - Heather Maynard stated that from her understanding DVP's work is don't but other contractors are still there working.
 - Jim O'Brien requested that the traffic sign on Charlotte Street be moved back or made smaller
 - Freda Burns responded that the sign can be moved but it cannot be made smaller because the size is mandated by federal law.

Monticello Avenue:

Plume Street:

- Work continues from St. Paul's Boulevard to Bank Street
 - One lane west bound maintained

Government Center:

- Work is ongoing

Harbor Park:

- Work is ongoing

Open Discussion:

- Bob Batcher asked when Main and Park was going to open up
 - Don Lint responded that the concrete work is being done at this time
- Ken Turner stated that Yarmouth/Duke cobblestone restoration work will wrap up this month
- Mary Miller gave details about restaurant week this month (January 24-31)
- Stay and Play this Wednesday at Baxters

Meeting adjourned: 4:58 pm

Next meeting: Monday, January 11, 2010