

Get Involved

The public comment period will close ten (10) days after this public hearing, on **May 10, 2014**. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_widening_project.asp

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Bruce.Duvall@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (**May 10, 2014**) in order to be included in the public hearing information meeting record.

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Design Public Hearing

I-64 Capacity Improvements Segment I City of Newport News

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 4 - 7 p.m.
Woodside High School
13450 Woodside Lane
Newport News, VA 23608

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed capacity improvements to Interstate 64 in the City of Newport News.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to review the project exhibits on display and to ask questions of the project team

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

Project Overview



Interstate 64 at Jefferson Avenue

Cost – \$144 million (approximate)

Purpose – Capacity improvements to Interstate 64

From – 0.50 miles east of Route 238 (Yorktown Road)

To – 1.55 miles west of Route 143 (Jefferson Avenue)

Total length – 5.49 miles

Improvements – Addition of one lane and full shoulder in each direction (within median)

State Project – 0064-965-264, P101, R201, C501, B616, B617, B618, B619, B620, B621, D601, D602
Federal Project: NHS-064-3(479) UPC: 104905

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to provide immediate congestion relief through capacity improvements on Interstate 64 in the City of Newport News. The proposed improvements include the addition of one lane and full shoulder in each direction, with widening occurring in the median of the existing Interstate. Existing bridges within the corridor will be widened to the inside.

This project does not include any improvements to the existing interchanges, although it will help to accommodate any future widening of the travel lanes or interchange improvements. These proposed improvements will also increase capacity of the Interstate, provide more lanes for evacuation, and improve safety by reducing congestion and improving vehicular level of service.

VDOT has determined that the use of Design-Build contracting will expedite delivery and ensure timely authorization of federal funding. The design-builder will be able to perform final design, right of way acquisition, and utility relocation and some construction activities concurrently.

During construction, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. However, motorists should expect short duration activities that may require nighttime lane closures.

The project also includes:

- Widened and upgraded bridges
- Drainage improvements
- Storm water management facilities
- Noise barrier wall (under consideration)
- Grass median
- Raised median with landscaping
- Sign structure replacements

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$144 million (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway: \$10 million

Right of Way Acquisition: \$10 million

Construction: \$124 million

This cost is subject to change as development of the project is in the early stages.

Environmental Review

In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), VDOT has evaluated options to improve the 75-mile long Interstate 64 corridor from the City of Richmond to the City of Hampton through the Interstate 64 Peninsula Study Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

This project in the City of Newport News is considered an operationally independent section of this corridor and contributes to the overall purpose and need of the EIS. The EIS document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 Part 800, information concerning potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation. Following the approval of the EIS, VDOT's Hampton Roads District Environmental Office has performed specific environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes. All required environmental clearance and permits will be obtained prior to construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitment resulting from regulatory approval, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Final EIS Approved – November 2013

FHWA Record of Decision – Spring 2014

Design Public Hearing – Spring 2014

Design-Build RFQ – Spring 2014

Design-Build RFP – Summer 2014

Award Design-Build Contract – Late 2014

Start Construction – 2015

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Right of Way

The construction of the I-64 capacity improvements will require acquisition of right of way for drainage and storm water management facilities. These facilities may require the purchase of two residential properties. Right of Way acquisition and utility relocation will be performed by the design-builder in accordance with VDOT standards.

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project moves forward. As the final design is developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown on the plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of the right of way and easements during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT Right of Way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding Right of Way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.