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Design Public Hearing

I-64/I-264 Ramp Improvement Project

PROJECT NUMBER: 0264-122-F08, PE-107

I-264/Witchduck Road Interchange and Ramp Extension (Collector-Distributor Road)

PROJECT NUMBER: 0264-134-102, PE-101

Thursday, July 14, 2011, 4 - 7 p.m.
Kempsville Elementary School
570 Kempsville Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) design public hearing for the ramp connecting Interstates 64 and 264 (I-64/I-264) and the I-264/Witchduck Road Interchange Improvement Project.

This meeting is an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her behalf or representing a group or governmental agency, to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on this proposed project.

All comments received will be reviewed by VDOT personnel. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this public hearing will be considered by VDOT before the project is approved for Right-of-Way acquisition and construction.

A comment sheet is included, and your input is encouraged. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

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

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions about transportation systems and projects affecting them.

Project Overview

Aerial view of Witchduck Interchange, looking west



Aerial view of Newtown Interchange, looking west



Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$307 million

Purpose – To increase capacity of I-264 east and improve operations of I-64 west to I-264 east ramp

From – Indian River Road/I-64 Interchange

To – Independence Boulevard/I-264 Interchange

Total length – Approximately 3.1 miles

Improvements – I-64 and I-264 Interchange, Newtown Road Interchange, Witchduck Road Interchange and Greenwich Road Overpass

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

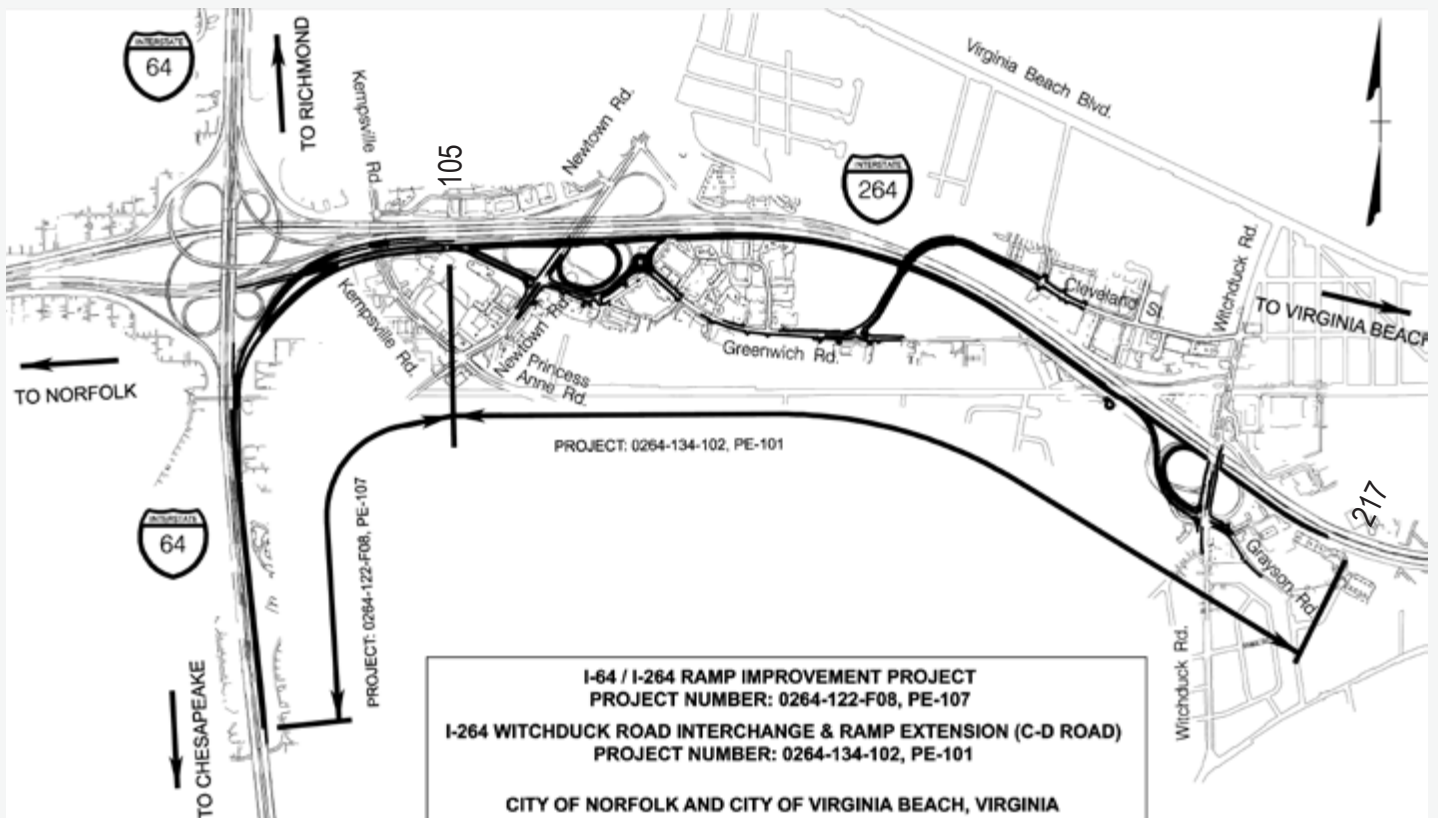
Under the current conditions, heavy congestion exists from westbound I-64 to eastbound I-264 at the I-64/I-264 interchange. To relieve this congestion and improve the traffic operations from I-64 to I-264 east, a ramp widening and new system of Collector-Distributor roads (CD) is proposed.

CD roads are roads running parallel to the mainline of the interstate that handle the traffic entering and exiting at interchanges. They are designed to increase the efficiency of traffic flow traveling along the interstate. This new CD road will impact the existing roadway geometry and will improve operation of the downstream I-264 interchanges at Newtown Road and Witchduck Road. This design contract includes roadway improvements within the I-64/I-264 interchange and along I-264 east through the Witchduck Road

interchange. Improvements to I-264 west are not included in this project. The last major improvements to I-264 (Route 44) were completed in the early 1990s. Tolls were removed in 1996. The proposed projects are not currently planned to be funded by toll revenues.



Project Graphic



Estimated Project Costs

0264-122-108 I-264/64 Ramp Project

Preliminary Engineering	\$5.1 million
Right-of-Way	\$11.3 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$13.3 million (2017 Dollars)
Construction	\$96.7 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$120.0 million (2017 Dollars)

0264-134-102 I-264/Newtown & Witchduck Interchanges

Preliminary Engineering	\$11.6 million
Right-of-Way	\$52.3 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$62.7 million (2017 Dollars)
Construction	\$89.3 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$110.8 million (2017 Dollars)

Total Combined Project Cost

Preliminary Engineering	\$16.7 million
Right-of-Way	\$63.6 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$76.0 million (2017 Dollars)
Construction	\$186.0 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$230.8 million (2017 Dollars)

Total Project Cost	\$266.3 million (2011 Dollars)/ \$323.5 million (2017 Dollars)
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This cost is subject to change. Project development is currently in the early stages of design. The project will be finalized using federal funds. Project estimates are shown in current 2011 and future 2017 dollars because Right-of-Way and Construction are currently unfunded in the FY2012-2017 Six Year Improvement Program. Based on the current funding projections, 2017 is the earliest date VDOT expects to begin Right-of-Way acquisition and construction.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Hampton Roads District Environmental Office has performed 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 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document (categorical exclusion) has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public Hearing and Comment Period — July 2011

Request for Right-of-Way Authorization — Fall 2011

Right-of-Way Acquisition — Not scheduled; pending funding

Construction — Not scheduled; pending funding

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-925-2519, TTY/TDD 711.

Right-of-Way

The construction of the two I-264 interchange improvement projects will require the displacement of one family, 31 businesses, and one non-profit organization.

As VDOT further develops and finalizes the design of these projects, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed Right-of-Way shown on the public hearing plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the Right-of-Way acquisition process and prior to construction. Information about Right-of-Way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants. Copies of this booklet are available 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.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing, on July 25, 2011, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below. After all comments have been addressed and after receiving resolution from the City of Norfolk and City of Virginia Beach, the information received as a result of

the hearing will be included in the public record. Comments can also be submitted in writing to HamptonRoadsPublicInfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (July 25, 2011) in order to be included in the public hearing.

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