

Get Involved

Comments can be submitted in writing to Scott Smizik and or Brooke Grow as listed below. Please reference "I-64 Widening/High Rise Bridge" in subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within twelve (12) calendar days of today's meeting (September

30, 2013) in order to be included in the record. To view the meeting materials, comment online, or for future updates, please visit the project website at: http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_high_rise_bridge_replacement.asp

Project Schedule

| TASK | 2013 | 2014 |
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| PROJECT INITIATION | July - August | |
| PROJECT SCOPING / CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING | August - September | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES / IMPACT ANALYSIS | September - April | |
| DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | | September |
| LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING | | October |
| CTB DECISION | | November |
| REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | | December |

FHWA DECISION

FHWA Decision: FHWA cannot issue a NEPA decision (e.g. Finding of No Significant Impact) on this project until funding is identified for construction in the MPO's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the next subsequent (i.e. post-NEPA) phase is funded in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once addressed, a NEPA decision can be issued and the project can proceed to the next phase.

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Citizen Information Meeting

Interstate 64 Widening and High Rise Bridge Replacement

Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Deep Creek High School
2900 Margaret Booker Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23323

Welcome

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Citizen Information Meeting (CIM) for the Interstate 64 Widening and High Rise Bridge Replacement Environmental Assessment (EA). This CIM is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments 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.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. Please provide suggestions on the proposed project and the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA with respect to the purpose and need, alternatives, and environmental issues. To view the meeting materials, comment online, or for future updates, please visit the project website at: http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_high_rise_bridge_replacement.asp

Project Overview



Purpose – The purpose of the EA is to evaluate alternative solutions to address insufficient transportation capacity and improve roadway and bridge deficiencies throughout the corridor.

From – I-64/I-464 interchange in Chesapeake, VA

To – I-64/I-264 interchange at Bowers Hill

Total length – Approximately 8 miles

Anticipated Schedule –

- Citizen Information Meeting – September 18, 2013
- Location Study Public Hearing – October 2014

Project Description

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) to develop alternative solutions to address insufficient transportation capacity and correct roadway and bridge deficiencies throughout the eight mile Southside corridor the I-64/I-464 interchange in Chesapeake, VA and the I-64/I-264 interchange at Bowers' Hill.

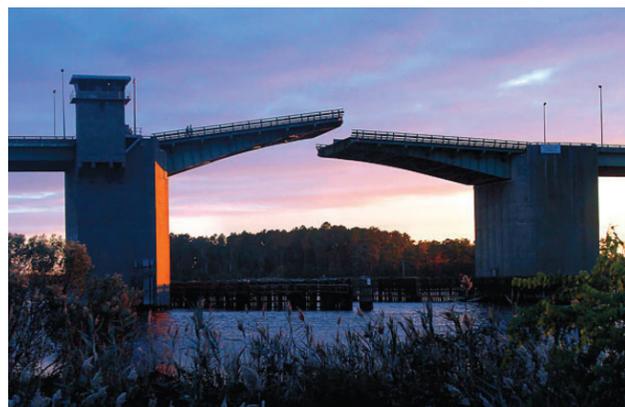
The study will seek to address the following:

- Roadway system capacity and lane continuity
- Mainline, interchange, and bridge deficiencies
- Safety
- Hurricane evacuation
- Multimodal opportunities
- High Rise Bridge maintenance/replacement

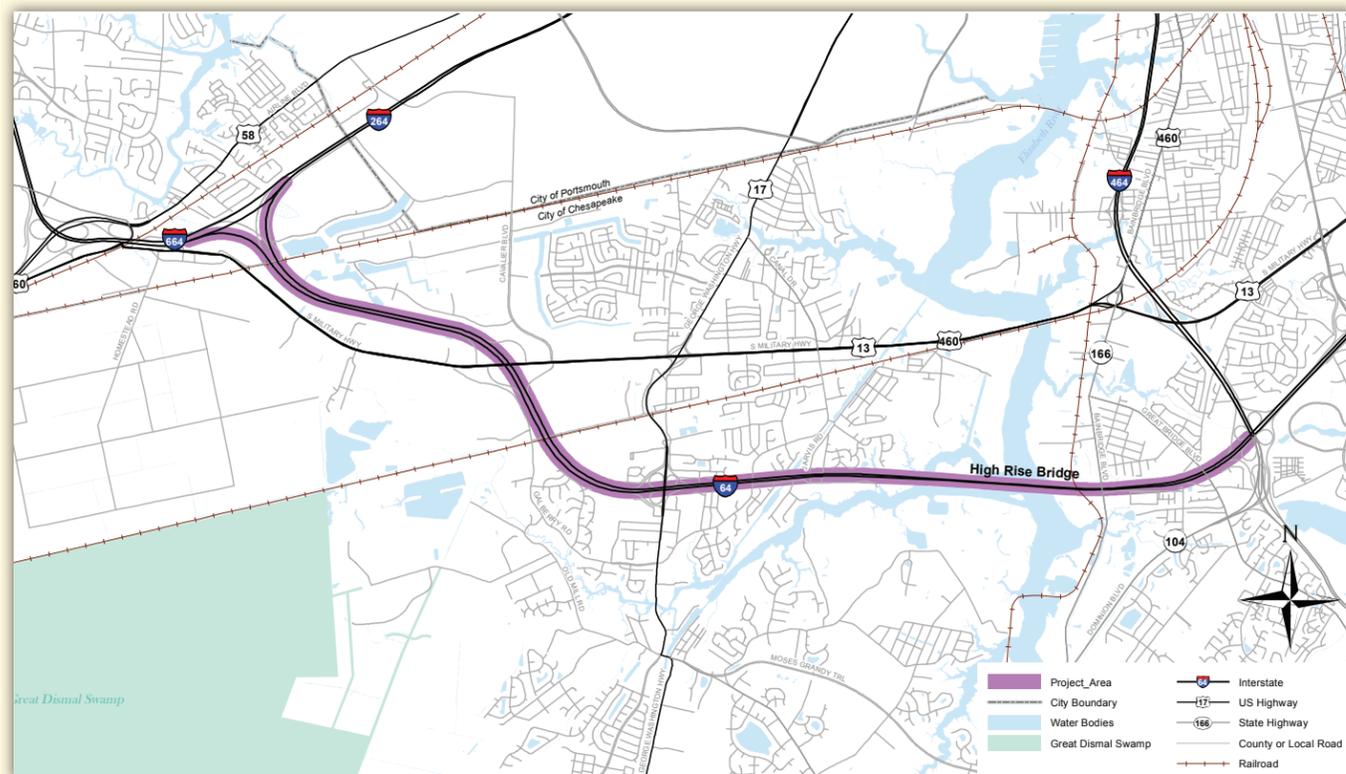
Currently, the study corridor consists of four (4) travel lanes, two (2) east bound and two (2) west bound, and four (4) interchanges. The study corridor also includes the four (4) lane High Rise Bridge

I-64. Constructed in 1972, the High Rise Bridge is a double-leaf bascule bridge, approximately one-mile in length, with a 65-foot vertical clearance over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River.

In 2013, the Virginia General Assembly directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate \$5 million for environmental/preliminary engineering studies. At this time, funding has not been identified for final design or construction.



Project Study Corridor



Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. Information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be included in the EA in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800. The EA will be made available for public review and comment in Fall 2014. Following the public review, the Commonwealth Transportation Board will identify a Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative, along with the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation's response to substantive public comments, will be documented in a Revised Environmental Assessment.

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

If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contacts VDOT's Civil Rights Office at 757-925-2519 (TTY/TDD users call 711).

Right-of-Way

Information about right-of-way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." The document is available online at: http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf

Location Study Process

