Virginia Department of Transportation

I-95 Rappahannock River Crossing Location Public Hearing

PROJECT HISTORY

- **2000-2010** Various studies identify potential improvements to relieve congestion in the I-95 corridor in the greater Fredericksburg area.
- **May 2011** The Rappahannock River Crossing (RRC) project was requested by the City of Fredericksburg and is included in the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Fiscal Year 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
- **April 2013** The RRC project is included in the FAMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, adopted April 15, 2013.
- **June 2013** The RRC project is programmed in the Fiscal Year 2014-2019 VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program. The I-95 Interchange Modification Report, Improvements to I-95 between Exit 133 and Exit 130, is initiated by VDOT.
- **April 2015** The Draft Fiscal Year 2016-2021 VDOT SYIP is published, which shows preliminary engineering funded for the southbound direction.
- **June 2015** The I-95 IMR, Improvements to I-95 between Exit 133 and Exit 130, has been completed by VDOT and awaiting conditional approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

PURPOSE AND NEED

- Provide additional capacity.
- Reduce congestion through this section of the I-95 corridor.
- Improve accessibility and mobility to and within the surrounding activity and employment centers.
- Improve safety on this section of I-95 where high traffic volumes and heavy weaving and merging volumes contribute to a crash rate above the statewide average.
- Address current and planned growth that will increase traffic volumes in the study area, projected to increase 44-52% by 2040.