

## Get Involved

The public comment period will close thirteen (13) days after this public hearing on **December 28, 2015**. VDOT will review and evaluate any information and comments received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to [Ricardo.Correa@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Ricardo.Correa@VDOT.Virginia.gov) or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 13 calendar days of today's hearing (**December 15, 2015**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

After all comments have been addressed, and after receiving endorsement from the City of Newport News Department of Engineering, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

All project information presented at today's hearing,

including the meeting summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Williamsburg Residency Office located at 4451 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188 and at the VDOT Interstate Maintenance Office located at 1992 South Military Highway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Please call the Residency Office at (757) 253-4869 or the Maintenance Office at (757) 494-5470 prior to visiting to ensure the availability of staff to assist you.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Randy Friedland, Regional Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below. All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Ricardo Correa, at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information: [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/denbigh\\_boulevard\\_bridge\\_replacement.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/denbigh_boulevard_bridge_replacement.asp)

## Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

## Denbigh Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project over I-64 and CSX Railroad City of Newport News

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Denbigh High School  
259 Denbigh Boulevard  
Newport News, Virginia 23608

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed project plans for the replacement of the Denbigh Boulevard Bridge over Interstate 64 and CSX railroad. The project will take place on Denbigh Boulevard (Route 173) between Warwick Boulevard (Route 60) and Jefferson Avenue (Route 143) in the City of Newport News. The project construction limits will extend from 0.438 mile west of Richneck Road to 0.083 mile east of Richneck Road.**

This design 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



Existing bridge over Interstate 64 and CSX Railroad.

**Estimated Cost** – \$34 million

**Purpose** – To replace the existing structurally-deficient Denbigh Boulevard bridge with a new bridge that meets current design standards  
**From** – 0.438 mile west of Richneck Road  
**To** – 0.083 mile east of Richneck Road  
**Total length** – 0.521 mile stretch of roadway  
**Improvements** – Construction of new bridge with four lanes, a raised median and wider sidewalks. Other improvements include new roadway approaches and new stormwater management facilities.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

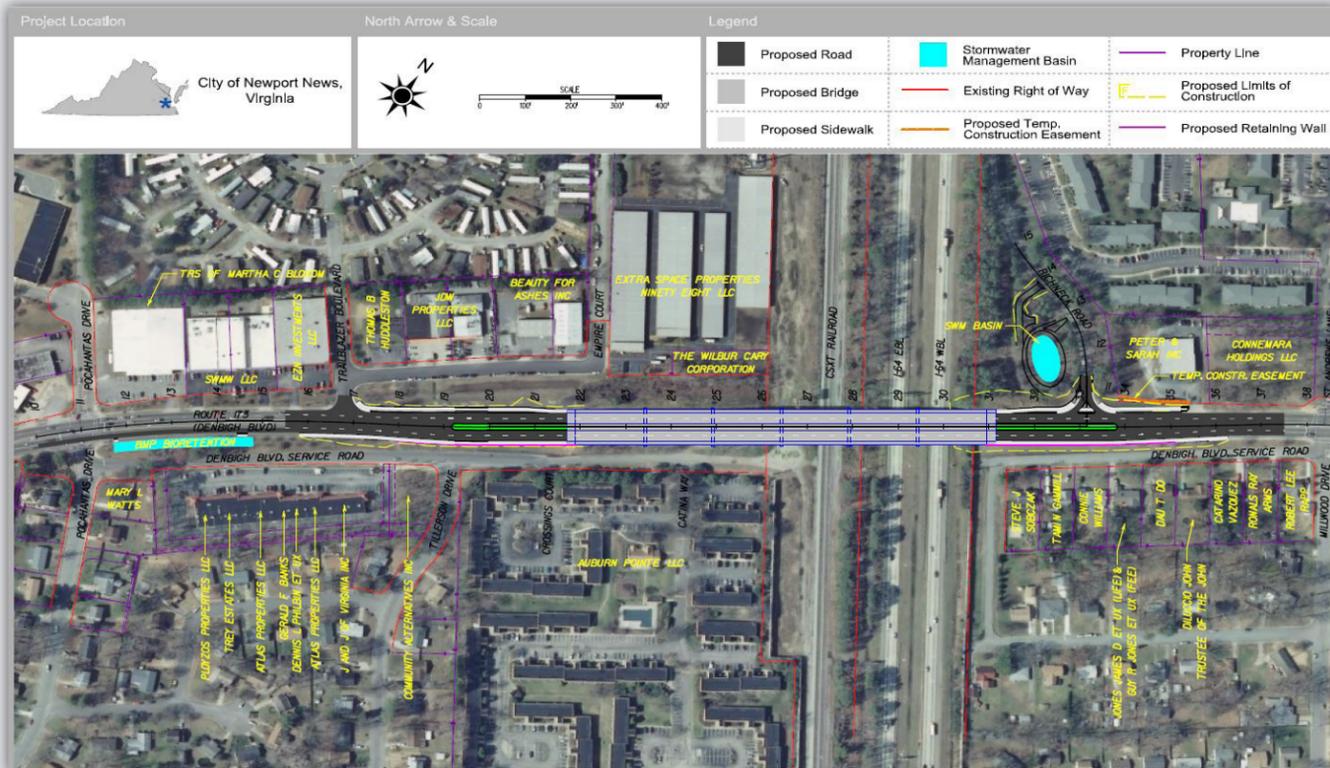
The project is located on Denbigh Boulevard between Warwick Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue in the City of Newport News. Denbigh Boulevard (Route 173) is an urban minor arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 31,400 vehicles, two percent of which are trucks. The ADT is projected to be 35,300 vehicles per day in design year 2039. The existing right of way is 85 feet minimum, and the posted speed limit is 35 mph.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally-deficient bridge over Interstate 64 (I-64) and the CSX Railroad, constructed in 1965, with a new bridge that meets current design standards. The proposed bridge will be constructed within the same roadway corridor with a slight shift in the horizontal alignment toward the south to accommodate a two-stage sequence of construction.

The proposed bridge will be built at an elevation that will accommodate the required vertical clearances over the CSX railroad and the future widening of I-64. The roadway across the proposed bridge will carry four 12-foot lanes, a 16-foot raised median, and two 8-foot sidewalks. The project also includes roadway improvements at the approaches to the bridge and new stormwater management facilities.

One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Denbigh Boulevard throughout construction. Residents will be notified of traffic impacts in advance of construction.

## Project Map



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:  
**\$34 million** (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway:  
 \$4.1 million

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: \$1.4 million

Construction: \$28.5 million

*This project is in the early design stages and cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using federal funds.*

## Environmental Review

A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) has been prepared for this project. This document is available for public review here tonight. Through on-site inspections, and coordination with federal, state and local agencies, VDOT (with concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration) has determined that the proposed work will not have any significant environmental impacts.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. All impacts will be mitigated as required by the permitting.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT's Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project's area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. Information regarding historic properties within the project area is available at this public hearing.

## Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

**Public Hearing** – December 15, 2015

**Begin Right-of-Way Activities** – Fall 2016

**Award Contract & Start Construction** – Summer 2018

## 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.

If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the District Civil Rights Office listed on the back of the brochure.

## Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional temporary construction easements and/or easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right-of-way shown on the public hearing plans. The 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 contact listed on this brochure.