

## Welcome

Welcome to the public scoping meeting for the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The goals of this meeting are:

- To obtain your input on issues that should be considered in the EIS
- To share information that is available at this early stage of the study

Representatives of VDOT are available to answer your questions and listen to your thoughts and concerns.

## Background and Study Intent

- VDOT completed the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Feasibility Study in 2008. The study examined several build alternatives for the HRBT Corridor.
- Current EIS study is a required step for Federal approval before capacity improvements could be made.
- During this study, the study team will identify the transportation needs, develop reasonable alternatives, and evaluate likely environmental impacts.



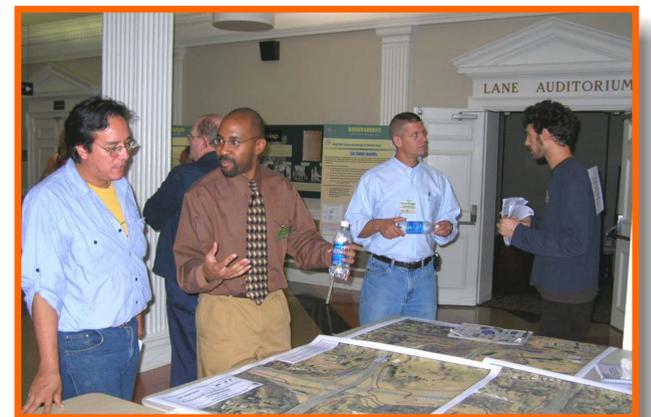
## EIS Process



### EIS Scoping

This meeting is part of the Scoping stage of the EIS process. During this stage, we welcome your initial input on these important project elements:

- Purpose and Need      Transportation issues and project objectives
- Alternatives              Ideas for resolving transportation issues
- Environment              Important natural and human environmental considerations



## Transportation Challenges



Roadway Congestion



Bridge Tunnel Congestion



Aging Infrastructure



Port Expansion / Economic Growth



Safety / Incident Response



Evacuation



Homeland Security / Military

# Environmental Considerations



Emancipation Oak  
National Historic Landmark



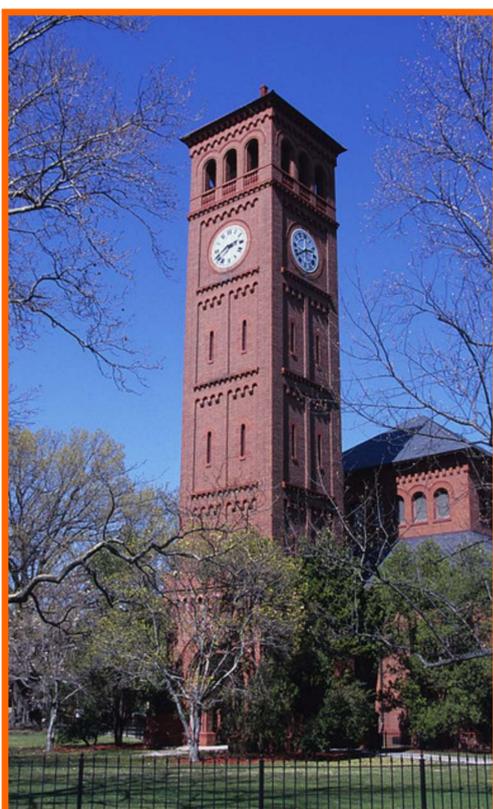
Fort Wool  
near South Tunnel Portal



Residences on Willoughby Spit



Tidal Wetlands and Waterways  
Crossed by I-64



Hampton University



Hampton National Cemetery



Noise Barriers along I-64 in Norfolk

## Other Projects in the Study Area

### Projects in Study Phase



#### Hampton Roads Third Crossing / Patriot's Crossing

- Initiated in late 1993 to investigate methods to improve mobility across Hampton Roads and relieve congestion at the Interstate 64 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.
- Final EIS prepared in 2000 to assess the impact of building a new crossing in Hampton Roads.
- VDOT is now reevaluating the EIS. Reevaluation will include the Craney Island Connector and a new bridge tunnel that would connect I-564 and I-664 (Patriot's Crossing).

#### Interstate 64 Peninsula Study

- Extends approximately 75 miles, from I-95 in Richmond to I-664 in Hampton.
- Study will identify transportation needs within the I-64 corridor and evaluate the impacts of proposed improvements to meet those needs.
- An EIS is being prepared for the project.

### Projects in Design Phase

#### I-564 Intermodal Connector

- Will provide highway connection from I-564 to the Norfolk International Terminals and the Norfolk Naval Station, including the I-564 Air Terminal Interchange.

#### Military Highway Widening

- Will widen Military Highway from four lanes to six lanes from Broad Creek to Robin Hood Road.

### Projects in Construction

#### Hampton Blvd Grade Separation

- Removes existing at-grade conflict with the Norfolk Southern/ Norfolk Portsmouth Beltline railroad on Hampton Boulevard.

#### I-664 Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel (MMMBT)

- Waterproofing on the MMMBT bridge spans beginning in late July 2011.

#### I-64 Concrete Replacement

- Replaces temporary patches on I-64 from east of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel to Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake.



## Thank You

### Your Input is Important!

All comments submitted will be considered. You may share your ideas or concerns with us by one of the following ways:

**Meeting:** Complete and submit a comment form at this meeting

**Email:** [hrtcomments@vaprojects.com](mailto:hrtcomments@vaprojects.com)  
Reference "HRBT EIS Scoping Meeting" in the subject.

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Comments and suggestions will be accepted until August 1, 2011.

