

**7. HIGHWAY MATTERS****A. DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING - SOUTH QUAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

VDOT conducted its design public hearing on January 18 in the Southampton County Office Center. A copy of the handout from the meeting is attached.

**B. CSX CROSSING REPAIRS**

I've been notified by CSX that they intend to repair a number of their crossings over the next month or so, which will necessitate some temporary rerouting of traffic. Crossings include Delaware Road, Shady Brook Trail, Handsom Road and Sunbeam Road. Each crossing will take 3 to 4 days to complete repair work. Signage will be in place marking detour routes.

**C. PROJECT UPDATES**

Attached for your reference please find project updates on current VDOT construction projects in Southampton County.

**D. MONTHLY CONCERNS**

Please come prepared to share any highway concerns that exist within your respective districts.



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Design Public Hearing

## South Quay Bridge (Route 189) Replacement Project County of Southampton/City of Suffolk

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Southampton County Office Center (Board Room)  
26022 Administration Center Drive  
Courtland, Virginia 23837

### Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed project plans for the replacement of the South Quay Bridge over the Blackwater River in Southampton County and the City of Suffolk. The project construction limits will extend from 0.153 mile south of Blackwater River to 0.189 mile north of Blackwater River.**

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 South Quay Bridge over Blackwater River.*

**Estimated Cost** – \$18.6 million

**Purpose** – To replace the existing structurally-deficient movable swing span bridge over the Blackwater River with a fixed span structure.

**From** – 0.153 mile south of Blackwater River

**To** – 0.189 mile north of Blackwater River

**Total length** – 0.34 mile

**Improvements** – Construction of a new higher fixed-span bridge with two lanes, and wider shoulders. Other improvements include new roadway approaches and new storm water management facilities.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located on South Quay Road (Route 189) in Southampton County and the City of Suffolk. South Quay Road is an urban minor arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 1,800 vehicles. The ADT is projected to be 2,700 vehicles per day in design year 2041. The posted speed limit is 55 MPH.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1940, and is structurally deficient with a load posting of 22 tons. The existing bridge has a vertical clearance of 15-feet.

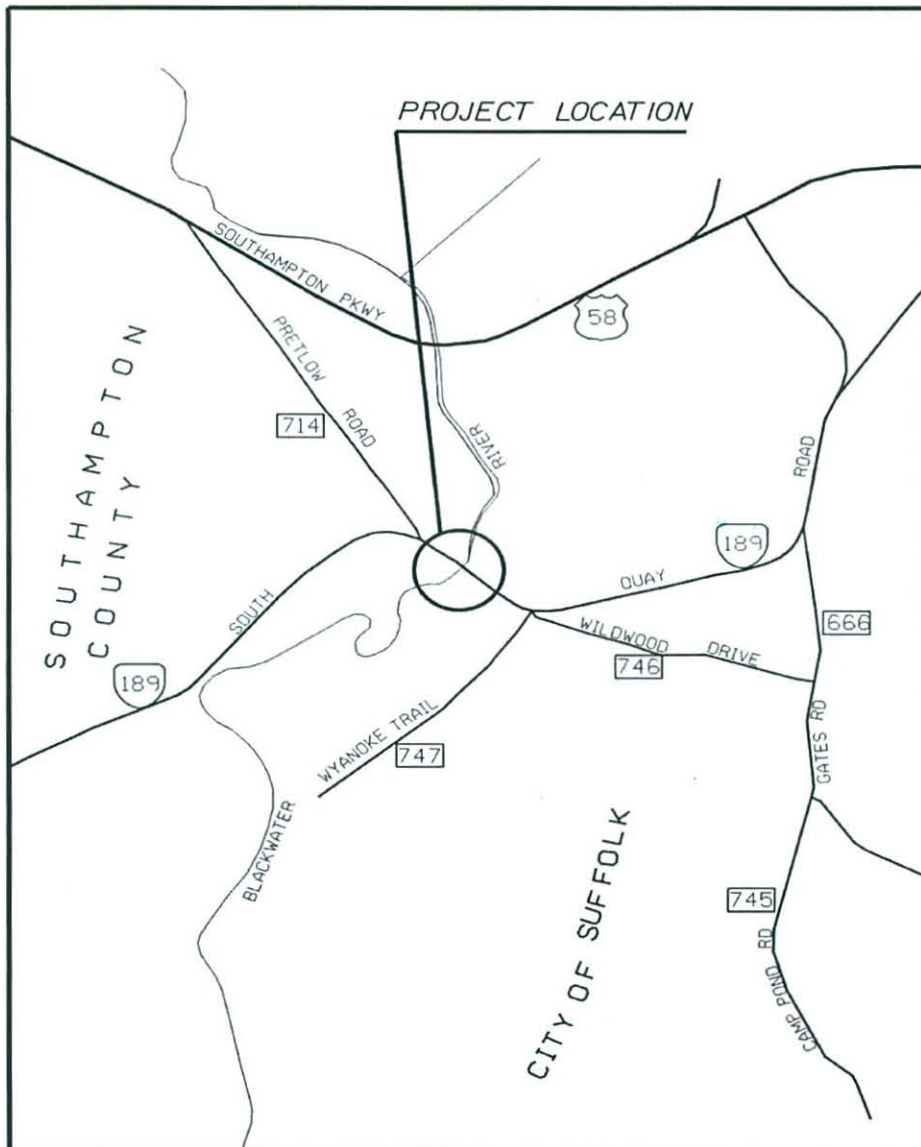
The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient and functionally obsolete swing span bridge with a fixed span structure that will have a 35-foot vertical clearance.

The roadway will consist of two 11-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders. Due to the higher elevation of the new bridge, improvement of 1,016 feet of approach roadway will also be required.

A detour and road closure will be in place during construction.

Residents will be notified of traffic impacts in advance of construction.

## Project Location Map



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$18.6 million** (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway:  
\$2.1 million

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and  
Utility Relocation: \$1.1 million

Construction: \$15.4 million

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

## Environmental Review

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy (NEPA), a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared for this project. This document is available for public review here tonight. Through on-site investigations, 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** – January 11, 2017

**Begin Right-of-Way Activities** – Summer 2018

**Award Contract & Start Construction** – Summer 2020

## 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.

## Get Involved

The public comment period will close twelve (12) days after this public hearing, on **January 30, 2017**. VDOT will review and evaluate any information and comments received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to [Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov) or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 12 calendar days of today's hearing (**January 18, 2017**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

After all comments have been addressed, and after receiving endorsement from the Southampton County 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 Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 and at the VDOT Franklin Residency located at 23116 Meherrin Road, Courtland, VA 23837. Please call the District Office at (757) 925-1605 or the Residency Office at (757) 346-3073 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. Wali Zaman, at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information: [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/south\\_quay\\_bridge.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/south_quay_bridge.asp)

## Contact Information

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**From:** VDOT-News <VDOTNews@VDOT.Virginia.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:02 AM  
**Subject:** HAMPTON ROADS: TRAFFIC SHIFT ON THE COURTLAND INTERCHANGE PROJECT



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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CONTACT: Tiffany Whitfield: 757-925-1516  
Emergency/After-Hours: 757-925-2584  
[Tiffany.Whitfield@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Whitfield@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

January 4, 2017

## **TRAFFIC SHIFT ON THE COURTLAND INTERCHANGE PROJECT** *Scheduled lane closures to start January 10*

**COURTLAND** – Beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2017 crews with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will shift eastbound and westbound traffic on Business Route 58 at the Courtlund Interchange. Motorists should expect the lane closures to remain in place for up to 45 days.

### **Westbound Traffic Shift:**

Westbound traffic will detour down the service road through part of the roundabout and then over to westbound Courtlund.

### **Eastbound Traffic Shift:**

Eastbound traffic must exit Courtlund at the traffic light, Route 58 and Jerusalem Road. Eastbound traffic entering Courtlund will maintain current traffic pattern.

Motorists must follow the construction signs. Emergency responders will be allowed access for both directions at all times.

All construction work is dependent upon weather conditions. Please drive with caution at all times through the work zone. During construction there will be intermittent single lane closures on Routes 58, 58 Business, and 742. To learn more, please visit [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/courtlund\\_interchange.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/courtlund_interchange.asp).

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# Courtland Interchange

Begin Date: March 2016

Estimated Completion Date: December 2018

Cost: \$15 million

Contractor: Curtis Contracting, Inc.

## Project Overview

The purpose of this project is to eliminate the existing signalized intersection at Routes 58 and 58 Business, in Courtland, Virginia. Improvements will consist of two bridges on a realigned Route 742. The first bridge will be a length of 525 feet, crossing a wetlands area south of Route 58. The bridge will have two 12 foot lanes with three foot shoulders for a total width of 30 feet. The second bridge will be a length of 224 feet and cross Route 58. The bridge will have two 12 foot lanes with eight foot shoulders for a total width of 40 feet. Two roundabouts will be constructed, one north at the intersection of relocated Route 742 and Route 58 Business, and the second south of Route 58 on relocated Route 742. All traffic passing in or out of Courtland will pass through at least one of these. Three ramps will be constructed to connect the mainline (Route 58) to the roundabouts to complete the interchange. Supporting drainage systems will be installed as part of project improvements. Three Best Management Practices will be constructed to address water quality and quantity issues. No detours are planned for construction. Temporary lane closures will be set up as needed for construction. Motorists and the public will be given prior notice for all lane closures.



# Route 35 Bridge Replacement over Tarrara Creek

Begin Date: November 4, 2016

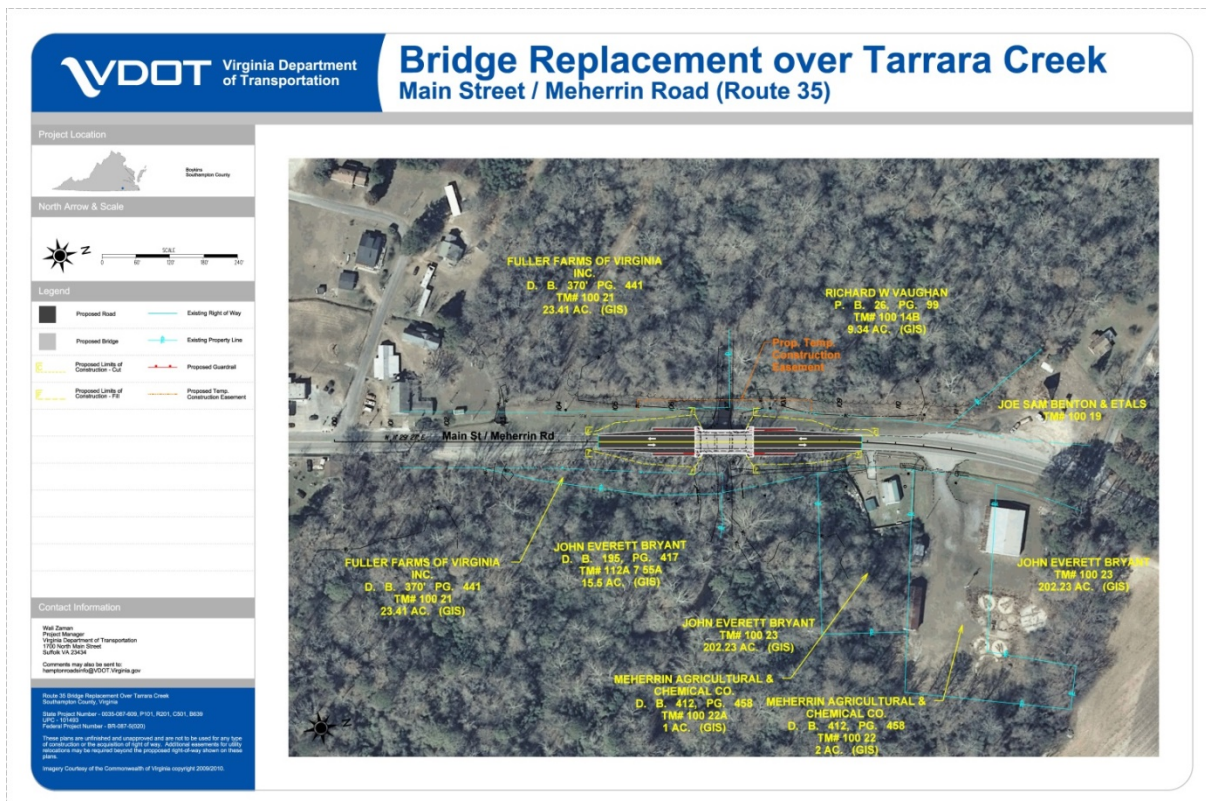
Estimated Completion Date: December 2017

Cost: \$1.8 Million

Contractor: Abernathy Construction, Inc.

## Project Overview

The project is located in Southampton County just north of the town of Boykins. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge over Tarrara Creek which was constructed in 1946. The proposed bridge will be constructed on the same horizontal alignment as the existing bridge and will be raised to accommodate the required hydraulic clearances over the creek for a single span bridge. The roadway will consist of two 11' lanes and variable width shoulders that transition from the existing shoulder widths at the project termini to the proposed shoulder widths required at the bridge. The bridge will carry two 11' lanes, 3' shoulders, and 6' sidewalks with curbs which will accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. The project also includes guardrail improvements at the approaches to the bridge. Temporary traffic signals will be used to maintain one-lane/two way traffic for this project during construction. Residents will be notified in advance of construction.



# General Thomas Highway Signalization Project

Begin Date: January 2017

Estimated Completion Date: June 2017

Cost: Estimated \$650,000

Contractor: Elite Contracting Group, Inc.

## About the Project

This project proposes to install signalization on the east and west bound off ramps from U.S. Route 58 onto General Thomas Highway. A signal study and capacity analysis was conducted by VDOT in August 2014 indicating that the signals were warranted and installation will improve the overall safety and operations of the intersection. Funding for the project was approved earlier this year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board through the competitive HB2 application process (now known as SmartScale). The project scored 1st out of 40 projects in the Hampton Roads District and 10th out of 287 projects statewide under the HB2 scoring criteria.



# Route 671 (General Thomas Highway) Over Nottoway River Bridge Replacement

Begin Date: Summer 2019 (estimated)

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Cost: \$14.2 million

Contractor: TBD

## About the Project

This project is located on Route 671 (General Thomas Highway) in Southampton County. Route 671 (General Thomas Highway) is a rural major collector roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 5,350 vehicles per day, eight percent of which are trucks. The ADT is projected to be 9,300 vehicles per day in design year 2041. The existing right of way is 105 feet to 130 minimum, and the posted speed limit is 55 mph.

The purpose of the project is to replace two existing structurally-deficient bridges over the Nottoway River with two new bridges that meet current design standards. The proposed bridges will be constructed within the same roadway corridor. Additional right of way and utility easements will be required to widen bridges and approaches.

The roadway across the proposed bridges will carry two 12-foot lanes with 9-foot shoulders. The project also includes roadway improvements to the approaches to the bridges and new storm water management facilities.

Traffic will be detoured in phases to minimize impacts on Commonwealth Gin during their busiest season.

The design public hearing was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at Southampton County Office Center (Board Room).



## South Quay Bridge Replacement (Route 189)

Begin Date: TBD

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Cost: Estimated \$25 million

Contractor: TBD

### About the Project

The project is located on South Quay Road (Route 189) in Southampton County and the City of Suffolk. South Quay Road is an urban minor arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 1,800 vehicles. The ADT is projected to be 2,700 vehicles per day in design year 2041. The posted speed limit is 55 MPH.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1940, and is structurally deficient with a load posting of 22 tons. The existing bridge has a vertical clearance of 15-feet.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient and functionally obsolete swing span bridge with a fixed span structure that will have a 35-foot vertical clearance.

The roadway will consist of two 11-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders. Due to the higher elevation of the new bridge, improvement of 1,016 feet of approach roadway will also be required. Work will occur within existing right-of-way with the exception of two areas totaling 3,500 square feet needed to construct the new western bridge abutment.

A detour and road closure will be in place during construction.

### Project Update

A design public hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Southampton County Office Center (Board Room), 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia 23837.

