

Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel MLK Extension Project Design Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 • 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ghent Elementary School, 200 Shirley Avenue, Norfolk

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 • 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

I.C. Norcom High School, 1801 London Boulevard, Portsmouth

Find out about the proposed improvements to the Downtown Tunnel (DT), Midtown Tunnel (MT) and the Martin Luther King Expressway (MLK) extension project. The proposed project design, located in cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, calls for the construction of a two-lane tunnel near the existing Midtown Tunnel, improvements to the existing Midtown and Downtown Tunnels, and the extension of the MLK Freeway from London Boulevard to I-264 with an interchange at High Street and a full directional interchange at I-264.

Review the proposed project plans depicting the major design features at the design public hearing or at VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 N. Main Street, Suffolk, Virginia, 757-925-2500, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above address and will be available at the design public hearing.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the project has assessed the social, economic, and environmental impact of the project on the community and surrounding area. It has been determined no significant impact will result from the construction of this project. The documentation was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in March 2011 and is available for your review at the Design Public Hearing or at the VDOT office listed above.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by May 16, to Frank Fabian, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 152 Tunnel Facility Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23707. You may also e-mail your comments to Frank.Fabian@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "DT/MT/MLK" in the subject heading.

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