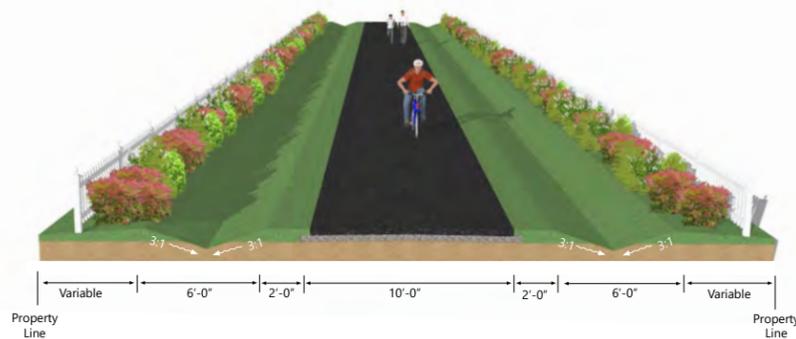


PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The preliminary engineering report is being developed for this project. This public meeting is one of several opportunities for the public to examine information and provide comments on the project. Information and comments from this meeting will be reviewed and considered as the design progresses.

TYPICAL SECTION



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- ▶ Construction Start: Late Spring 2018
- ▶ Construction End: Fall 2018

TRAIL ALTERNATIVES



Low Shrub Screening Alternative



Low Shrub w/Fence Screening Alternative



Tall Shrub and Tree Screening Alternative

COMMENTS

Comment sheets are available in this handout, at the reception table, and in the project presentation areas. In order for your comments to be made a part of the official meeting records, they must be submitted in writing and either left in the comments box at the meeting or mailed within 10 days to the following address:

Department of Engineering and Technical Services
 c/o City Engineer
 City of Portsmouth
 801 Crawford Street
 4th Floor
 Portsmouth, VA 23704

Citizens may provide feedback through the City website until October 15th.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Portsmouth welcomes you to this Citizen Information Meeting for a proposed Rail to Trail project. This project is a portion of the South Hampton Roads Trail that starts at the City of Chesapeake line near High Street and extends to Old Coast Guard Boulevard near West Norfolk Road in Churchland. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to offer comments on the proposed trail.

PROJECT HISTORY

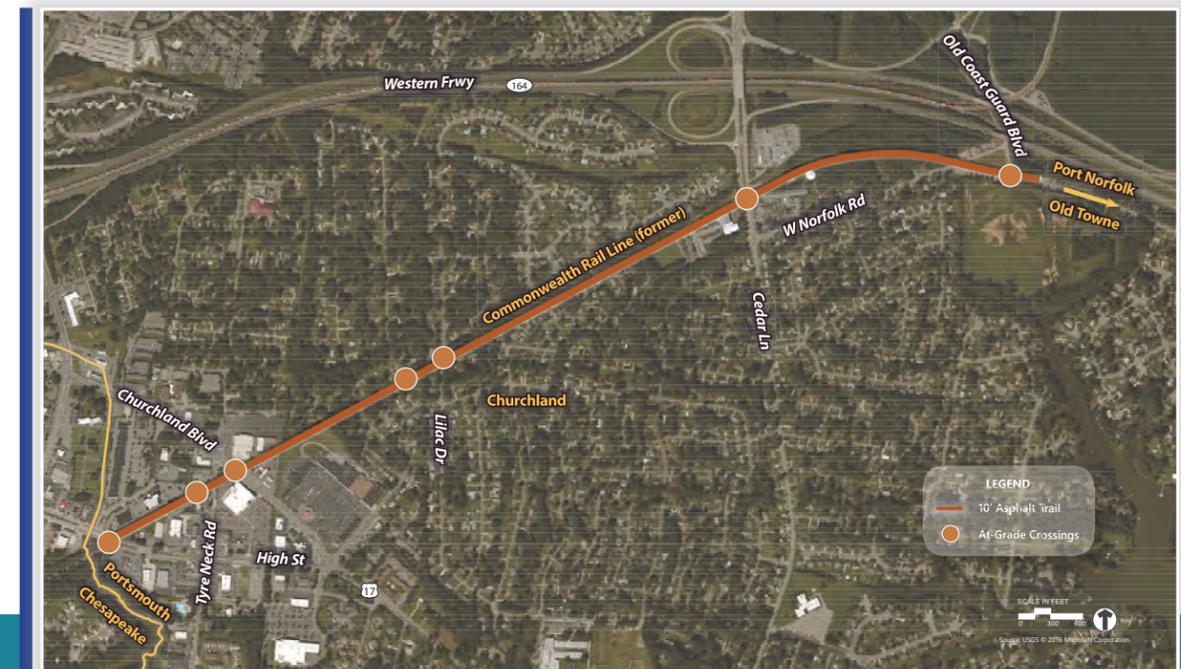
The South Hampton Roads Trail (SHRT) is a multi-city initiative to build a 41-mile trail beginning in downtown Suffolk that extends to the City of Virginia Beach resort area. Along the way, it will connect 4-out-of-5 downtown areas, including downtown Portsmouth, providing residents with opportunities for active transportation and recreation. Additionally, SHRT will be the eastern portion of the Beaches to Bluegrass Trail, a Virginia State Trail system that will connect partner trails from the Atlantic Ocean to the mountains of Virginia.

This 1.8-mile segment of the overall 41-mile trail is an important step in enhancing transportation and recreational opportunities in the City by expanding Portsmouth's bicycle and pedestrian facilities with a designated location for recreation and transportation to nearby schools, businesses, and residences. The City has secured a Transportation Alternative (TA) grant through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for funding the design and construction of this project.

MEETING INFORMATION

September 28, 2017
 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Churchland Library
 Portsmouth, Virginia



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

This portion of the SHRT will be built along the former Commonwealth Railroad right-of-way. The trail will connect to the future City of Chesapeake's trail near High Street, will cross multiple city streets, and end at Old Coast Guard Boulevard near West Norfolk Road in Churchland.

The trail will be a 10' wide paved trail with 2' shoulders and conveyance along both sides to capture and transport stormwater runoff. One of the key items where the City is seeking input is the proposed screening treatment between the trail and existing residences and businesses. Citizens have the opportunity to provide input concerning the proposed screening treatment at today's meeting or through the City's website until October 15th.

Three (3) alternatives are being proposed for screening, low shrub screening, low shrub with fence screening and tall shrubs/trees for screening. The following is a description of the alternative screening options.

- ▶ **Low Shrub Screening Alternative:**
A mixture of low growing evergreen and flowering shrubs to provide color, seasonal interest, and minimal screening.
- ▶ **Low Shrub w/Fence Screening Alternative:**
A mixture of low growing evergreen and flowering shrubs to provide color and seasonal interest with a continuous low picket fence for an additional barrier and screening.
- ▶ **Tall Shrub and Tree Screening Alternative:**
A mixture of evergreen and flowering shrubs of variable height with deciduous trees that create an enhanced landscape environment.

Another key component of the trail design will be the proposed amenities along the trail. The project includes potential amenities such as benches, bike racks, signage, trash cans, lighting, animal waste stations and bike repair stations. Examples are shown on the display boards at this meeting as well as the bottom of this brochure.



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon



High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon

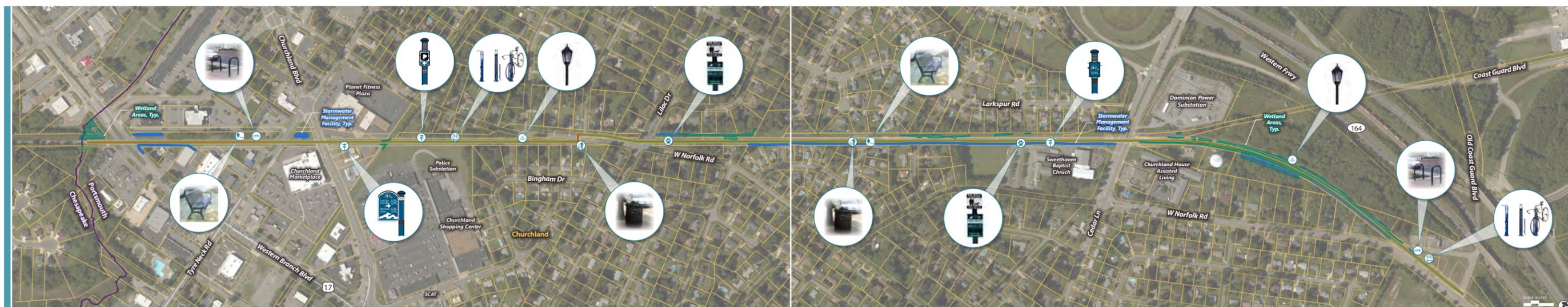


High Visibility Crosswalk

The proposed trail crosses six (6) City streets. A key design element is determining how to provide safe and efficient crossings for bicyclist and pedestrians without adversely impacting traffic operations. Safety for both trail users and motorists is of principal importance at the crossings. Both the vehicle driver and the trail user should have unobstructed views of the trail crossing intersections and sufficient length of roadway and trail to allow safe stopping, if needed. An engineering study has been completed and recommendations have been developed for street crossing alternatives. The three crossing alternatives that have been selected are high visibility crosswalk, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), and High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK).

The following are the recommendations for each of the trail crossings:

- ▶ High Street – High Visibility Crosswalk with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)
- ▶ Tyre Neck Road – High Visibility Crosswalk
- ▶ Churchland Boulevard – High Visibility Crosswalk with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)
- ▶ West Norfolk Road – High Visibility Crosswalk
- ▶ Lilac Drive – High Visibility Crosswalk
- ▶ Cedar Lane – High Visibility Crosswalk with High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK) Signal



LEGEND



Wayfinding Signage



Trail Lighting



Bench



Bicycle Rack



Bicycle Repair Station



Trash Receptacle



Pet Waste Station