

COUNCIL UPDATE

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Major construction activities associated with the improvements to the Brambleton Avenue corridor are scheduled to begin in December. The \$7 million project includes three initiatives: replacement of the Brambleton Avenue Bridge deck, installation of a new traffic signal at Botetourt Street, and replacement of a water transmission main. The bridge improvement include repair to the substructure, widening of the bridge to include a 10-foot Elizabeth River Trail multi-use path, and installation of decorative lighting, rails, and brick accent in the median. The signal at Botetourt Pedestrian Bridge over the Hague in Ghent to the Freemason neighborhood. Replacement of the 12-inch water transmission main with a 16-inch main will increase capacity and improve fire flows in the Fort Norfolk district.

A contract is currently being awarded to Precon Construction Company. City staff will hold detailed discussions on scheduling, sequencing of work, traffic control, and alternative routes with the contractor in the coming weeks and will coordinate with appropriate civic leagues and business interests to manage changes in traffic patterns and impacts to neighborhoods. Further information will be presented to Council, civic groups, and the media as it is developed. This project is expected to take 18 months to complete.

Additional planned improvements for this corridor, including improvements at Brambleton Avenue and Colley Avenue and a second entrance into the Fort Norfolk district are early in design phase. Improvements to the Brambleton underpass east of Tidewater Drive are also currently under design.



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