

# Freemason Area Water and Sewer Project Open House Meeting Minutes

10/13/08 Downtown Norfolk Council Conference Room

Attendees: See attached attendee list.

## Presentation Overview

- Andrew Northcutt (Management Analyst, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
  - Introductions and project purpose
- David Speer (Civil Engineer, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
  - Project Overview/Update
  - New map overview
    - Water and sewer pipe work is complete in the areas shaded black
    - Areas shaded yellow are currently under construction
  - Project Update
    - On York Street the water construction is continuing, with sewer work to follow
    - Construction will occur on York Street and the 300 block of Bute Street simultaneously. Upon the completion of York Street, crews will move to Dunmore Street in order to connect both ends of construction
    - The sewer construction in the 200 block of York Street is complete; temporary paving will begin this week
    - 300 Block of Bute Street is the next phase of the Project
      - Expect to begin upon completion of temporary paving on Duke Street/York Street
      - Once construction begins, a realistic completion of construction on Bute Street/Dunmore Streets is the end of January 2009, due to the holiday shut down
      - Construction will begin in the intersection of Yarmouth/Bute Street
        - Intersection will be closed
        - Expect to be in intersection 3 weeks
        - Construction will then move west down Bute Street
    - Norfolk Utilities will provide York Street garage parking passes to residents and businesses who are directly impacted by construction as necessary
- Freda Burns (Right-of-Way Coordinator)-
  - Closure update
    - New Closure - Light Rail will have one lane closure on Brambleton Avenue from the Brambleton Bridge to Botetourt Street
    - Working to relieve traffic congestion in the area for upcoming holiday

- Coordinating with Clancy & Theys to get the Brambleton Avenue/Boush Street closure removed
- Virginia Dominion Power will begin work in the manhole in Bute Street between Duke Street and Boush Street the next three weeks
  - Freda has requested this work be done at night; filling and steel plating areas during the day

## Discussion

- Question about what would happen with the cobblestones when construction begins on Freemason Street.
  - Norfolk Utilities will remove the cobblestones upon beginning Freemason Street, store them off-site, and put them back upon completion
- Will Duke Street be open after Norfolk Utilities has completed temporary paving?
  - Yes, Norfolk Utilities will remove their Duke Street road closure
  - Freda Burns said there may be minor closures, but yes, it is scheduled to reopen upon Norfolk Utilities completion
- Cavalier Land has rented the lot behind their Dunmore Apartments to provide additional parking for their tenants.
- Question whether Dunmore Street construction will begin after the 300 block of Bute Street is complete.
  - The plan is to complete Bute Street first; however, if the crew completes York Street construction before Bute Street is complete, the crew will move into Dunmore to speed up construction and minimize adverse impacts. York Street will be opened after Norfolk Utilities' construction is complete
- Question concerning Bute Street construction - will the entire 300 block be closed?
  - No, construction will begin at the intersection of Yarmouth/Bute and will proceed westward to the east side of Omar's Carriage House. As construction progresses the Bute Street Closure will extend to Dunmore
- Guzin Akan is looking into parking issues concerning rules & regulations.
- Cox Cable's sub-contractor (Atlantic Cable) is parking utility trucks in the Gilbert/Baylor parking lot.
  - Freda Burns said she has directed contractors not to park in that lot
    - She will handle the Atlantic Cable issue- advising them that it is a private lot and off limits to park in
- Question to Light Rail concerning the demolition of the Gilbert/Baylor parking lot.
  - Don Lint (Light Rail Representative) said there is no contract for demolition yet
- Jack Kavanaugh asked about the barriers on the Brambleton Bridge - Request for signs to notify pedestrians of the closing before they are at bridge.
  - Don Lint (Light Rail Representative) said the barriers are in place to protect the public from debris while driving pylons
  - The sidewalk right by the bridge will be torn up soon for Virginia Dominion Power

- Freda Burns said that Parks and Forestry are putting trail detour signs up 10/14/08
- Question whether any additional lighting for the 200 block of Bute Street is in the future?
  - Freda Burns said the City does not have plans to install additional lighting on Bute Street
- Update: The YMCA parking garage has a stop sign in place to prevent cars from speeding out of garage
- Question concerning when/if the pole in front of Serendip is scheduled to be removed
  - Ken Turner said upon the completion of the entire project; when the contractor does final paving and the ADA handicap ramps are installed, the light pole will be removed