MEMORANDUM

TO: Norfolk City Council

CC TO: Douglas L. Smith, City Manager; Wynter C. Benda, Chief Deputy City Manager

FROM: Richard Broad, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Temporary Construction Easements for the Newtown Road/Virginia Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project – A VDOT SMART SCALE Project

August 23, 2018

The Newtown Road/Virginia Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project is a state and federally funded project that will improve traffic capacity and enhance safety on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard from Clarence Street to Newtown Road. The project will extend the eastbound dual left turn lanes on Virginia Beach Boulevard. This extension will require a conversion of the feeder road to a travel lane from Clarence Street to Newtown Road, providing three westbound travel lanes. Other improvements will include a new traffic signal at Newtown Road, new 6’ sidewalk, sanitary sewer improvements, storm water improvements, and new traffic signage and pavement markings.

The proposed temporary construction easements are minor and are located adjacent to City right-of-way. They are required primarily to construct new driveway entrances for all parcels affected by the project. The entrances will tie in to the right-of-way improvements and provide smooth transitions from the new travel lane to the parcels. The easements will provide space for the contractor to complete the improvements safely and efficiently. Access will be maintained to all parcels at all times, and no equipment or materials will be stored within the easements.