

# THE CITY OF NORFOLK RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES

## RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

### About the Project

The City of Norfolk is leading a planning study to **reconnect neighborhoods and destinations around I-264, Downtown Norfolk, Harbor Park, Kindred Development, and Norfolk State University.**

For decades, the interstate has made it harder for people to move easily between homes, schools, jobs, and the waterfront. This effort will explore ways to bring those connections back or create new connections – creating safer, more convenient travel for everyone, no matter how they get around.

### Purpose and Goals

- Reconnect neighborhoods and destinations.** Reimagine connections between Downtown, Harbor Park, NSU, and nearby communities once divided by I-264.
- Create safer, easier, more multimodal travel for all.** Design streets, sidewalks, and transit connections that are accessible and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.
- Expand access and opportunity.** Strengthen everyday connections to jobs, schools, parks, transit, and community spaces.
- Work together.** Partner with residents, students, and businesses to shape improvements that reflect community priorities.

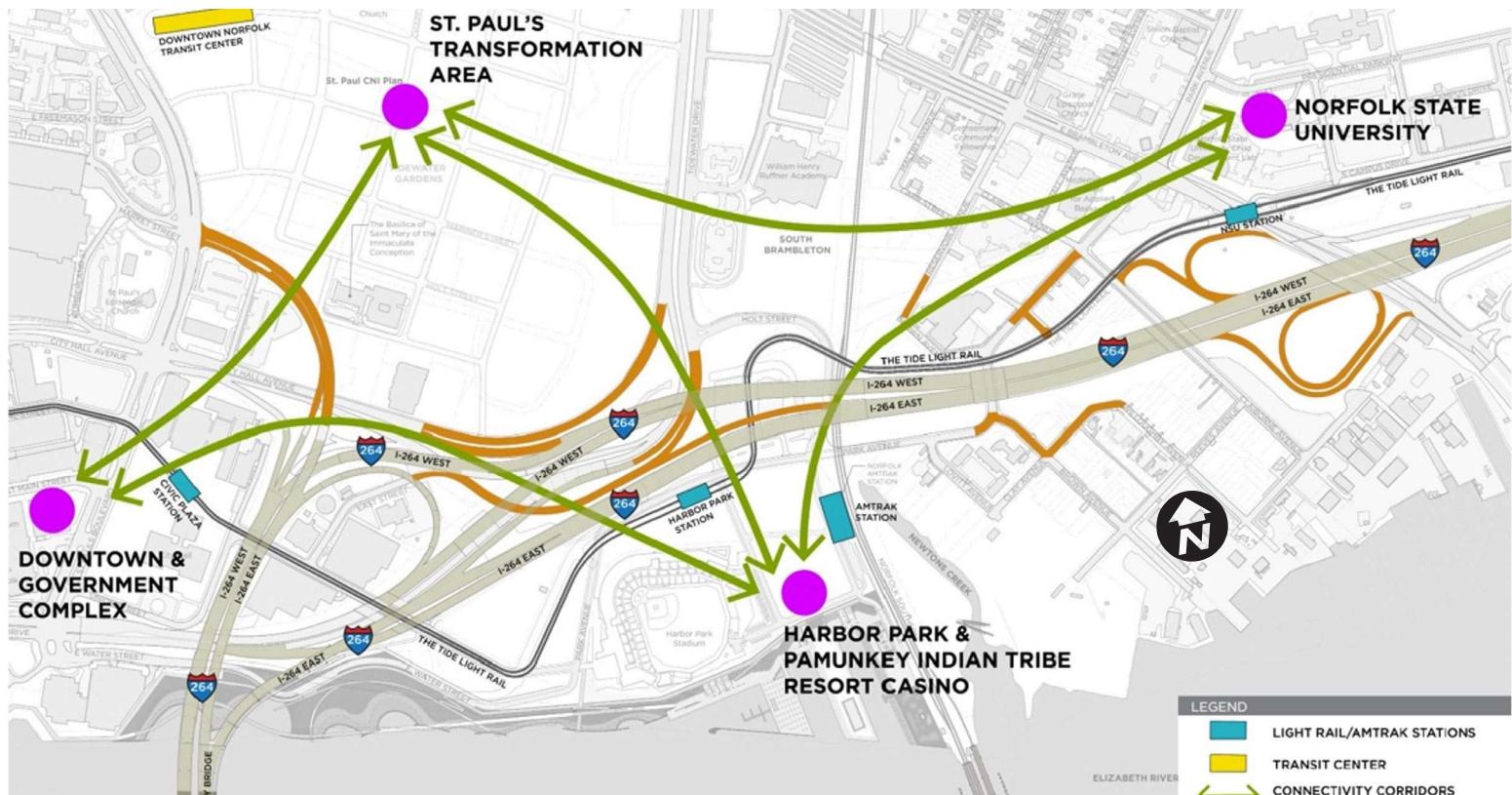
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**ESTABLISHED: 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

**GRANT AMOUNT: \$1.6 Million (FY 2022)**

**STUDY AREA: I-264 around Downtown Norfolk, Harbor Park, Kindred Development, and Norfolk State University**

**FOCUS: Safe, easy, multimodal connections for people walking, biking, riding, rolling, or driving**



### Project Study Area

# OUR PATH FORWARD - Working Together to Reconnect Norfolk

PHASE 1				PHASE 2	PHASE 3
May 2025-Oct 2025	Oct 2025-Jan 2026	Dec 2025-Mar 2026	Mar 2026-May 2026	May 2026-May 2028	TBD
• Community Advisory Group • Community Engagement Plan  <i>Work together to create a plan for outreach, listening to your ideas from the start.</i>	• Community Meetings • Online Survey and Engagement  <i>Join us at meetings and pop-ups to share your stories and priorities.</i>	• Mapping • Conceptual Planning • Community Advisory Group Meetings  <i>View maps and early concepts together to imagine new ways to reconnect Norfolk.</i>	• Community Meetings • Refine/Select Alternatives • Prepare for Phase 2  <i>Refine the ideas based on community feedback and prepare for the next phase.</i>	• FHWA + VDOT Process and Documentation • Community Meetings  <i>Comprehensive study required by VDOT &amp; FHWA to move forward concepts into design.</i>	• Engineering & Urban Design • Environmental Process • Community Meetings  <i>As engineering and design move forward, continue working with the community to shape what is built.</i>
• •  <b>PLANNING</b>  Community Advisory Group Community Engagement Plan  <i>Work together to create a plan for outreach, listening to your ideas from the start.</i>	• •  <b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>  Community Meetings Online Survey and Engagement  <i>Join us at meetings and pop-ups to share your stories and priorities.</i>	• •  <b>EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES</b>  Mapping Conceptual Planning Community Advisory Group Meetings  <i>View maps and early concepts together to imagine new ways to reconnect Norfolk.</i>	• •  <b>REFINING IDEAS</b>  Community Meetings Refine/Select Alternatives Prepare for Phase 2  <i>Refine the ideas based on community feedback and prepare for the next phase.</i>	• •  <b>COMPREHENSIVE STUDY</b>  FHWA + VDOT Process and Documentation Community Meetings  <i>Comprehensive study required by VDOT &amp; FHWA to move forward concepts into design.</i>	• •  <b>DESIGN &amp; IMPLEMENTATION</b>  Engineering & Urban Design Environmental Process Community Meetings  <i>As engineering and design move forward, continue working with the community to shape what is built.</i>

## STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED



Scan the QR code to share your ideas and help reconnect Norfolk!



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK!



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**Join Us in Your Community.** We're coming to you! Stop by a community meeting or pop-up event to share your story and ideas. Check the website for our upcoming event schedule - we'd love to see you there!



**Stay Engaged.** Follow and share your feedback through our online activities, including polls, surveys, and our interactive engagement map.



**Contact Us.** Have questions or ideas you want to share? We'd love to hear from you!



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