

Inaugural Artist In-Residence: I am pleased to announce that the City of Norfolk has selected Jason Akira Somma as its inaugural Artist In-Residence. Somma is an interdisciplinary visual artist with classical training in dance and choreography. He has also worked in photography, video engineering, among other artistic mediums. Born in Norfolk and a graduate of the Governor’s School for the Arts and Virginia Commonwealth University, Somma is the first American recipient of the prestigious Rolex Arts Initiative Award and has been selected to exhibit his short film this summer at the Times Square Art Alliance festival. This was a very competitive process – the City received over 100 applications, and five finalists were interviewed by a diverse panel of city staff and community arts partners (Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Governor’s School for the Arts and Chrysler Museum). The program began April 1st and is a 10-12 month term.



“Doing Business in Norfolk” Vendor Fair Recap: Norfolk’s Department of Economic Development and Finance’s Purchasing Division hosted the “Doing Business in Norfolk” vendor fair, on Friday, March 29 at Slover Library. The event connected more than 100 business owners directly with representatives from city departments to facilitate small purchases of supplies and services. The fair also offered workshops on how to engage with the city on larger purchases. The first-ever vendor fair was successful

in attracting potential new businesses to work with the city.

Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Meeting: The CAO Committee met on April 3 in Chesapeake. The Committee received a briefing, and provided input, on the Hampton Roads Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Initiative. HRPDC, in partnership with Hampton Roads Sanitation District, has been developing an open GIS data portal called HRGEO, which currently houses dozens of integrated regional GIS layers incorporating information related to planning, environmental, recreation, transportation, water resources and coastal resiliency. Committee members were asked to provide updates on the status of the HREDA Memorandum of Agreement in their localities. Norfolk City Council will receive a briefing during the April 9 informal work session. The Committee continues to discuss the creation of a Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA) and the potential advantages it could offer the Hampton Roads region for collaboration around economic development site preparation and revenue sharing. William Harrell, President and CEO of Hampton Roads Transit, provided an update on the HRT Transformational Study to the HRT localities’ CAO’s after the meeting.

Tidewater Drive Road Improvement: The 60-year old underpass at Tidewater Drive and Little Creek Rd was rehabilitated in 2014 with a very high-strength (8,000-psi+) silica fume concrete overlay that has been used successfully by Norfolk on many of its bridge decks. Despite the full-joint repairs that were made to ensure a solid base for silica fume overlay and the very thick, pile-supported concrete slabs under the road surface, the underpass foundation moves as a result of changing soil and groundwater conditions, which has contributed to the brittle silica fume concrete cracking. The silica fume material will be replaced with a new THMACO-modified asphalt pavement starting in April. This type of asphalt is like the asphalt overlays VDOT has placed over concrete on I-264, I-664, and the Western Freeway (164) among others. The rework will be funded from savings realized on the 2014 project.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Quarterly Meeting: City staff hosted VDOT District Engineer Christopher Hall and other representatives from VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office today. In addition to the day-to-day interaction between city staff and the regional VDOT office, the respective staffs meet quarterly to update and discuss major ongoing VDOT projects in Norfolk. The topics for this meeting included the HRBT expansion project; VDOT's completion of the Military Highway widening and continuous flow intersection; the ongoing construction at the I-64 West/I-264 East interchange, tracking for on-time completion in October 2019; the ongoing construction at I-264 and Witchduck, currently tracking for completion in September 2021; and VDOT's support for increased traffic anticipated as part of the IKEA grand opening on April 10.

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

April 4 (5:30-7:30pm) Robert D. Putnam-Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis @Slover Library Rm 650

The new book by Robert D. Putnam is an examination of the growing gap between rich kids and poor kids in America.

April 5 (5-8:30pm) First Friday's @300 Block of Granby St

The 7th Annual First Friday's street parties kick off Friday, April 5 on Granby Street with live music, food, drinks, friends and fun.

April 5 (10am) Senior Safety Welfare and Training @The Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center

Building Trust in Law Enforcement. Hosted by the Norfolk Police Department and your local Community Resource Officers.

April 6 (10am-2pm) Autism Speaks Safety Fair @Harbor Park Lots

Meet local first responders and service providers and receive safety information.

April 6 (11am-1pm) Recreation, Parks & Open Space: Coach's Corner @Norfolk Boxing Center, Harbor Park

Coach's Corner is a mentor program for youth ages 10 to 16. The program core service areas include cultural enrichment, physical fitness, social enhancement, personal development and life skills, in a fun and interactive environment. The first session features Coaches Hank and Sandra Sawyer, Lake Taylor High School Football and Girls Basketball

April 9 (6-8pm) NBN Academy: Neighborhood Standards & Code Enforcement @Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center

This course will present frequently used maintenance and nuisance codes and will discuss how to inspire neighbors to set standards and curb appeal above beyond basis maintenance codes.

April 9 (6-7:30pm) Historic Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour @Cedar Grove Cemetery

This tour of Norfolk's oldest cemetery lets visitors peer through a portal to the past, led by tour guide Mike Frost. Suggested donation of \$5.

April 9 (Informal Session 4pm & Formal Session 7pm) City Council Meeting @ City Hall

[Video highlights of the latest happenings in Norfolk!](#)

Project Homeless Connect 2019



**SIXTY-DAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS AND MEETING TOPICS**

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY 28 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **James Flanigan (Applicant)** closure of a portion of Shumadine Road between 37th St and 38th St
- **Colonial Heights Church of Christ (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a religious institution to operate a daycare center at 831 Mayfield Ave and 833 Marvin Ave

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM MARCH 28 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **East Beach Living Apartments (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community with 96 dwelling units and 4,400 square footage of commercial space on the ground floor at 7950 Shore Dr
- **Ghent Business Association (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to allow tattoo parlor as a principal use by conditional use permit and by-right as an accessory use in the PCO-Colley and PCO-21st Street Districts
- **Grace Baptist Church (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow a religious institution at 6401 Tidewater Dr
- **Benchtop Brewing Company (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow an expansion to an existing microbrewery at 1129 Boissevain Ave
- **Stony's (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operation of a restaurant at 8166 Shore Dr
- **Smartmouth Brewing Company (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow an existing microbrewery to operate with live entertainment and extended hours at 1309 Raleigh Ave
- **Glass Light Hotel & Gallery (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for a new hotel to operate a banquet hall with live entertainment options and extended hours at 201 Granby St
- **Jessy's Taco Bistro (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a nightclub to operate at 328 W. 20th St

April 9, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Heller and Heller Briefing
- Joint Land Use Study
- Budget Worksession 2
- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance – Master Agreement

April 10, 2019

- Public Hearing: Granby High School - Operating, CIP, RE Tax Increase (if needed), and Annual Plan

April 23, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Budget Worksession 3
- HRBT Expansion Project Update
- Multi-Modal Updates
 - Electronic Scooters
 - Bike Month
 - Elizabeth River Trail
 - Runs/Walks

May 7, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Budget Worksession 4
- Planning Update
- Public Hearing: RE Reassessment; Council Chambers 6:00

May 9, 2019

- Budget Worksession 5 (extra meeting, if needed)

May 14, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- STiR Update
- Artist in Residence Update

** Budget Adoption

Attachments



[A Restored Norfolk Theater Is Back in the Spotlight](#)

"After years of vacancy, name changes, and collapsing ceilings, the Attucks still holds a special place in the collective memory of Norfolk's black community."



[Is the conversation around cities' technology use shifting?](#)

"In the recent past, smart cities' focus was on deploying technology. Now, the conversation has shifted to asking how technology should be used, including in areas like transportation and civic engagement, according to speakers on the second day of the Smart Cities Connect conference in Denver."



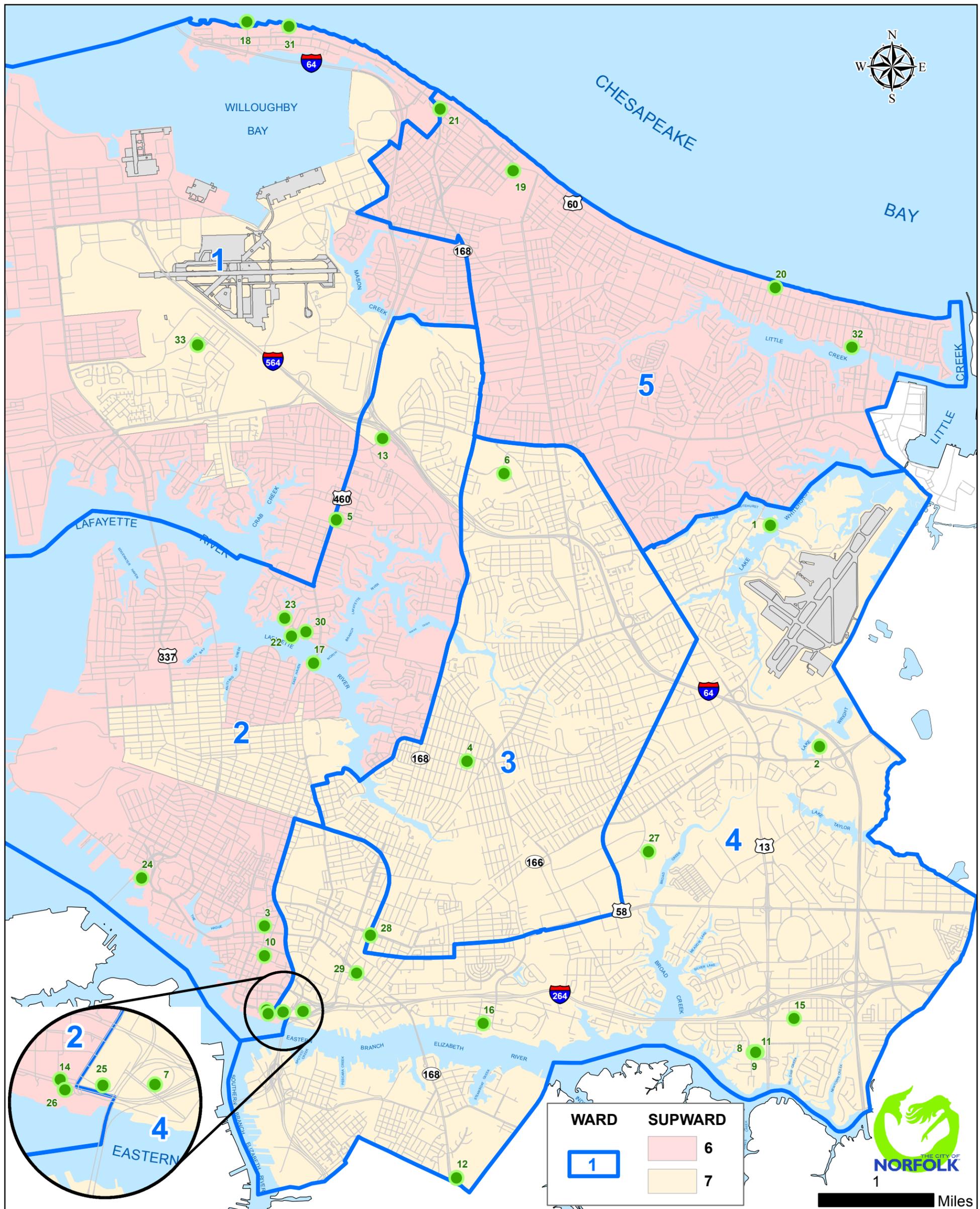
[How American Recycling Is Changing After China's National Sword](#)

"Times have been hard for U.S. recycling since China tightened its contamination standards, and local programs are trying to adjust."

	Name	Project Update	Current Budget	Estimated Completion	Ward	Superward
Botanical Gardens						
1	Botanical Garden Entrance Causeway Bridge	Meeting held with Don Brown on 3/25/19 to discuss bridge study report.	\$2,000,000	06.30.20	4	7
Development						
2	IKEA	Grand Opening Wednesday, 04.10.19 under Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Staff onsite. Grand Opening traffic control & logistics meetings started. Satellite parking lot at Premium Outlets; shuttles first 2-3 weeks. Final Certificate of Occupancy challenges being addressed. IKEA Way signs are up.	Private development fully funded by IKEA.	04.10.19	4	7
Executive						
3	Granby Street Decorative Lighting - NEON	Foundation work complete. Three (3) arches from W. Wilson to Virginia Beach Boulevard underway. Arch pole delivery scheduled for 1st week of May. Anticipated completion May 31st.	\$230,000	05.31.19	2	6
Fire & Rescue						
4	Fire-Rescue Station #11 Replacement *	Environmental Site Assessment work order process underway. Meeting scheduled for 4.9.19 with IDQ consultant to discuss RFP development. Final construction planned for FY21.	\$5,400,000	02.28.22	3	7
5	Fire-Rescue Training Tower *	Design Notice To Proceed issued. Design underway. Anticipated project completion Fall 2020.	\$1,200,000	09.30.20	2	6
General Services						
6	CSB Move - 7447 Central Business Park Drive	Phase I - met on site to review keys & make sure keys in working order. Set of Grand master keys give to General Services and Community Services Board (CSB). CSB will catalog the door keys and store keys.	\$210,000	04.01.19	3	7
7	City Hall North Garage Demo-New Lot Construction	Tentative bridge removal date is the weekend of April 5-8, pending HRT approval of demo plan; overnight work only.	\$2,200,000	07.31.19	4	7
8	Neighborhood Development Relocation Winter 2019 *	Budget is pending based on an investigative site walk-through conducted by the consultant 2.8.19. HBA Architecture Interior Design will provide a detailed scope of work and proposal.	\$0	08.06.19	4	7
9	IT Departmental Moves Winter 2019 *	Budget is pending based on an investigative site walk-through conducted by the consultant 2.8.19. HBA Architecture Interior Design will provide a detailed scope of work and proposal.	\$0	08.01.19	4	7
10	Utilities Department Relocations in 401 Monticello *	Budget is pending based on an investigative site walk-through conducted by the consultant 2.8.19. HBA Architecture Interior Design will provide a detailed scope of work and proposal.	\$0	10.01.19	2	7
11	RPOS Relocation Winter 2019 *	Budget is pending based on an investigative site walk-through conducted by the consultant 2.8.19. HBA Architecture Interior Design will provide a detailed scope of work and proposal.	\$0	08.06.19	4	7
Libraries						
12	Southside Library	Site plan has been approved. HUD financing anticipated to be final & available by March/April.	\$8,000,000	09.30.19	4	7
Neighborhood Preservation						
13	E Little Creek/Admiral Taussig Blvd Intersection Improvement. * Formerly Project 15078- Commercial Corridor - Wards Corner under different phase, which is now closed. *	Project #19192 is the continuation of preceding project 15078. The site conditions have changed and design requirements have been updated. The project design documents are currently being updated to address these changes.	VDOT Funded	12.31.20	2	6, 7
14	Sheraton Pedestrian Bridge Demolition	Demolition completed. Tower removal completed. Grading underway.	\$250,000	03.04.19	2	6
Planning & Community Development						
15	Curlew Drive Housing Development *	Cost estimates and conceptual drawings for a new multi-use pedestrian path forwarded to Planning Department; City Manager on 01.23.19. City Council approved 01.29.19. Now in waiting period?	\$900,000	10.30.20	4	7
Public Works						
16	NDRC Ohio Creek Watershed Project	Bids packages are being released for bidding throughout March and the beginning of April, 2019. Bids due 5.3.19.	\$112,000,000	05.30.22	4	7
17	Granby Street Bridge Repairs	Met with design consultant 3.31.19 to discuss re-advertising project. Determine a way to repackaging but we are waiting on approvals from VDOT. Once approvals received, consultant will begin redesign.	\$7,000,000	12.31.19	2	6
18	13th View St Storm Water Outfall Extension	Outfall installation underway.	\$430,000	07.01.19	1	6

19	Norfolk Ave Storm Water Outfall Extension	Eight remaining piles should be driven this week. Remaining outfall pipe should be installed by end of next week, weather permitting. Job is about two weeks out from finishing. Contractor already started to demobilize some equipment & materials.	\$995,000	07.01.19	5	6
20	9th Bay St Beach Access	Contractor completed installing wooden piles. Framing installation has begun. Substantial completion scheduled for early May.	\$350,000	05.18.19	5	6
21	W Ocean View Avenue/Tidewater Drive Intersection	Contractor obtained permits & installed erosion & sediment control measures. Temporary lane shift implemented without lane closures. Excavation & construction of new stormwater drainage facilities along north side of West Ocean View Ave. March, 2019. Complete late 2020.	\$3,200,000	10.30.20	5	6
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22	Regent Road Living Shoreline Mitigation	Issuing Notice to Proceed.	\$500,000	12.31.20	2	6
23	West Belvedere Rd Dredging	Awarding contract to H&H Enterprises. Dredging to commence October 2019 due to time of year restrictions.	\$450,000	12.31.20	2	6
24	Plum Point Park Kayak Launch	Joint Permit Application Virginia Port Authority (VPA) grant extension submitted. Speight, Marshall & Francis (structural engineers) designing tie-in to existing trail, expected by end of April. Elizabeth River Trail agreed to provide additional funding. Anticipate summer construction start.	\$82,500	09.30.19	2	6
25	Downtown Resurfacing	Downtown milling/paving on Boush Street has begun and should be done in the next two weeks, weather permitting. The rest of downtown areas have been pushed to August/September.	\$2,300,000	10.01.19	2, 4	6, 7
26	ADP Facade Restoration	Right-of-entry has been executed and forwarded to RMR Group (building owner/manager). In process of scheduling a project start up meeting next week to discuss project schedule, ADP facility access protocols, items and locations for contractor's construction items (scaffolding, dumpster and perhaps a materials storage container. Date for facade work will need to be coordinated with RMR and ADP.	\$120,000	07.01.19	2	6
27	Waste Management- Locker Rooms/Toilets Renovations	100% construction documents received from architect and forwarded for review. Finish board received; under review. Hentz Roof Inspection Report received and forwarded for review.	\$503,000	06.30.19	4	7
28	Stormwater Pump Station #9- Assessment and Improvements *	Submittal process is complete and pumps ordered. Traffic control measures in place. Underpass road work and electrical demo has commenced.	\$1,200,000	06.28.19	3	7
29	Stormwater Pump Station #5- Assessment and Improvements *	No physical work has begun. Submittals being approved and pumps are ordered. Likely construction start late March 2019.	\$1,400,000	03.30.19	4	7
30	Regent Road Dredging	Awarding contract to H&H Enterprises. Dredging to commence October 2019 due to time of year restrictions.	\$480,000	12.31.20	2	6
31	Toler Place - Breakwater Modifications *	Modification of offshore breakwater field between 10th View Street and 11th View Street. Joint Permit Application submitted. Design at 65%.	\$1,400,000	12.31.19	1	6
Recreation, Parks & Open Space						
32	East Ocean View Recreation Center- Seniors Facility Upgrades	Phase II renovations ongoing-stainless backsplash, solid surface counter tops & kitchen cabinets are in, new tile floors at new toilet stalls are in, etc...	\$324,000	05.31.19	5	6
Schools						
33	Camp Allen Elementary School	Construction is moving along well with masons being about 75% complete with first floor block work. Steel joist and decking should arrive sometime next week with installation second floor steel and decking to follow.	\$29,000,000	10.14.19	1	7

NOTE: * New project or significant update.



High Profile Projects Executive Summary

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 Digital Street Centerline compiled from aerial photography. Street centerline created by the IT-GIS Bureau, maintained by Right-of-Way Division.
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