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Design Public Hearing

## South Quay Bridge (Route 189) Replacement Project County of Southampton/City of Suffolk

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Southampton County Office Center (Board Room)  
26022 Administration Center Drive  
Courtland, Virginia 23837

### Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed project plans for the replacement of the South Quay Bridge over the Blackwater River in Southampton County and the City of Suffolk. The project construction limits will extend from 0.153 mile south of Blackwater River to 0.189 mile north of Blackwater River.**

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to review the project exhibits on display and to ask questions of the project team.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

### Project Overview



*Existing South Quay Bridge over Blackwater River.*

**Estimated Cost** – \$18.6 million

**Purpose** – To replace the existing structurally-deficient movable swing span bridge over the Blackwater River with a fixed span structure.

**From** – 0.153 mile south of Blackwater River

**To** – 0.189 mile north of Blackwater River

**Total length** – 0.34 mile

**Improvements** – Construction of a new higher fixed-span bridge with two lanes, and wider shoulders. Other improvements include new roadway approaches and new storm water management facilities.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located on South Quay Road (Route 189) in Southampton County and the City of Suffolk. South Quay Road is an urban minor arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 1,800 vehicles. The ADT is projected to be 2,700 vehicles per day in design year 2041. The posted speed limit is 55 MPH.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1940, and is structurally deficient with a load posting of 22 tons. The existing bridge has a vertical clearance of 15-feet.

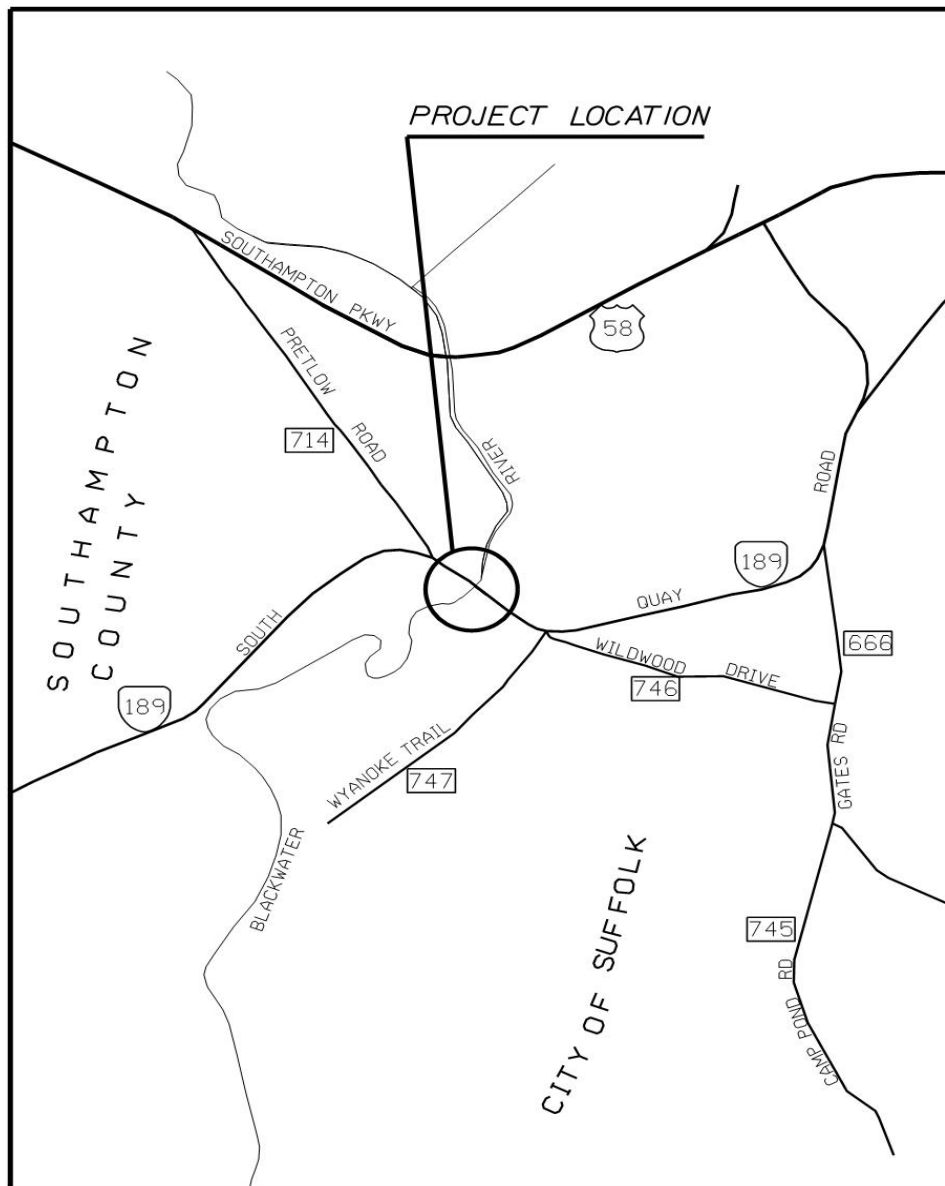
The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient and functionally obsolete swing span bridge with a fixed span structure that will have a 35-foot vertical clearance.

The roadway will consist of two 11-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders. Due to the higher elevation of the new bridge, improvement of 1,016 feet of approach roadway will also be required.

A detour and road closure will be in place during construction.

Residents will be notified of traffic impacts in advance of construction.

## Project Location Map



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$18.6 million** (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway:  
\$2.1 million

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and  
Utility Relocation: \$1.1 million

Construction: \$15.4 million

***This project is in the early design stages, cost and duration are subject to change. The project will be financed using federal funds.***

## Environmental Review

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy (NEPA), a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared for this project. This document is available for public review here tonight. Through on-site investigations, and coordination with federal, state and local agencies, VDOT (with concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration) has determined that the proposed work will not have any significant environmental impacts.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. All impacts will be mitigated as required by the permitting.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT's Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project's area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. Information regarding historic properties within the project area is available at this public hearing.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

**Public Hearing** – January 11, 2017

**Begin Right-of-Way Activities** – Summer 2018

**Award Contract & Start Construction** – Summer 2020

## Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the District Civil Rights Office listed on the back of the brochure.

## Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional temporary construction easements and/or easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right-of-way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right-of-way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right-of-way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT Right-of-Way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way may be obtained from the contact listed on this brochure.

## Get Involved

The public comment period will close twelve (12) days after this public hearing, on **January 30, 2017**. VDOT will review and evaluate any information and comments received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to [Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov) or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 12 calendar days of today's hearing (**January 18, 2017**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

After all comments have been addressed, and after receiving endorsement from the Southampton County Department of Engineering, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

All project information presented at today's hearing, including the meeting summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 and at the VDOT Franklin Residency located at 23116 Meherrin Road, Courtland, VA 23837. Please call the District Office at (757) 925-1605 or the Residency Office at (757) 346-3073 prior to visiting to ensure the availability of staff to assist you.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Randy Friedland, Regional Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below. All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Wali Zaman, at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information: [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/south\\_quay\\_bridge.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/south_quay_bridge.asp)

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