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UPDATE 4:30 P.M.

SUFFOLK, VA (June 25, 2020) City staff recognize the impact of weather on tonight's event. As a result, the meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, June 30th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bennett's Creek Park, 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road.

City staff will be available tonight for a period of time at Bennett's Creek Park as they were made aware that some residents had made special accommodations to attend tonight's event.

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR ROUTE 17/BRIDGE ROAD AND CRITTENDEN ROAD INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT PROJECT

SUFFOLK, VA (June 25, 2020) The Suffolk Department of Public Works will hold a design public hearing for the Route 17/Bridge Road and Crittenden Road Intersection Realignment Project from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Bennett's Creek Park, 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road.

The purpose of this public hearing is for City staff to receive public input on the proposed intersection improvements at Route 17/Bridge Road and Crittenden Road in Suffolk. The proposed improvements will provide for the realignment of the current intersection of Crittenden Road at Bridge Road in order to create a new four-way signalized intersection at Clubhouse Drive. The project will include a free flow right turn lane from Crittenden Road onto Bridge Road, dual left turn lanes from Bridge Road onto Crittenden Road and a right turn lane from Bridge Road onto Crittenden Road. Other improvements include installation of storm drain facilities, curb and gutter, raised median, street lighting, sidewalks, and other related items. The existing Crittenden Road intersection at Bridge Road will be closed.

Please be advised that, to ensure the safety of all participants, masks are recommended to be worn by all in attendance at this meeting and social distancing practices are strongly encouraged. To ensure that the number of participants remain within the guidelines of the Governor's executive orders, please be reminded that this meeting is ONLY for the stated purpose. The meeting will be held in an open forum style. In order to maintain public safety and provide for the highest degree of social distancing, this meeting will not include any formal presentation. City staff and design personnel will be available the entire time of the public hearing to interact and answer questions related to this project and its design. Please feel free to plan your arrival at any time during the meeting and you will be accommodated to have any project related questions answered and your input received. This format will allow participants flexibility to discuss the proposed project one-on-one and meet directly with appropriate project staff members so that their specific questions can be addressed. All Governor issued safety standards will be followed at this meeting. A rescheduled or second meeting will be held on June 30th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. only if required due to inclement weather or to accommodate respondents that were unable to participate because the allowable limit in place through the Governor's executive order was exceeded at the meeting on June 25th.

The meeting provides an opportunity for any individual, association, citizens' group or governmental agency to offer written and verbal comments for the project record. Exhibits will be provided for review. City representatives from Suffolk, as well as design consultants, will be present to answer questions. Project information, including environmental documentation, will be available at the Public Hearing, as well as for 15 days after. During this period when Suffolk City Hall is closed, information after the meeting is available from City staff by request, and can either be picked up by appointment at City Hall located at 442 West Washington Street or will be delivered to interested parties by City staff within the city limits of Suffolk. Additionally, information is available on the City of Suffolk Project Website located at <https://www.suffolkva.us/1293/Crittenden-Rd>.

The following items will be available at the Public Hearing:

1. Design plan sheets
2. Public hearing brochure
3. Information regarding the tentative project schedule
4. Property impacts and right-of-way relocation assistance information
5. The approved environmental document

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places is included in the environmental document.

Comments may be provided at the meeting where staff will be available to record verbal comments. Comment sheets will be available at the meeting and may also be submitted to the Department of Public Works, Attention: Frank Grubbs, Project Manager 442 West Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434, or email

fgrubbs@suffolkva.us by July 10, 2020. For general information, please contact Frank Grubbs at the phone number or email address provided above.

The City of Suffolk ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Robert Lewis, Assistant Director Public Works/City Engineer, at (757) 514-7725 (TTY/TDD 711), or email relewis@suffolkva.us.

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