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ROAD CLOSURES AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC DELAYS

SUFFOLK, VA (September 19, 2013) The following roads in the City of Suffolk will have closures that could cause delays, Thursday, September 19, 2013, due to construction and maintenance projects:

New Projects:

(Route 58) – A contractor will be maintaining vegetation along Route 58 from the Route 460 to the Chesapeake line.

(College Drive) – Suffolk Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering Paint Crew will have mobile lane closures for pavement marking on College Drive between Bridge Road and Hampton Roads Parkway until 3 p.m.

(Wildwood Drive) – Suffolk Department of Public Works will have a flagging operation on Wildwood Drive until 3 p.m.

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(Whaleyville Boulevard) – Suffolk Department of Public Works will have a flagging operation on Whaleyville Boulevard between Little Fork Road and Mineral Spring Road until 3 p.m.

(Various areas) – A contractor, working on behalf of the Suffolk Department of Public Utilities, will be smoke testing sanitary sewers over the next several weeks within certain areas of the City of Suffolk. During the week of September 16, 2013, smoke testing is scheduled to be conducted in the area bounded to the north by Lake Meade, to the west by Meade Drive, to the south by Pitchkettle Road, and to the east by Route 58.

(North Main Street) – A contractor, working on behalf of the Suffolk Department of Public Utilities, will be performing an inspection of the gravity sewer system on North Main Street between Constance Road and Market Street. The work is scheduled to take place Monday, September 16 through Thursday, September 19 between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. During this time, the contractor will utilize several methods of temporary traffic control in an effort to minimize impacts to traffic while performing the work in a safe manner. During working hours, all emergency vehicles, state-owned vehicles, and City staff will be accommodated as needed.

(Nansemond Parkway and Shoulders Hill Road) – A contractor will have lane closures on Nansemond Parkway and Shoulders Hill Road this week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for street light installation. Traffic should not be heavily affected, however, caution should be exercised when traveling through the area.

(Mineral Spring Road) – The bridge in the 6200 block of Mineral Spring Road will continue to be closed to thru traffic while rehabilitation services are completed. The anticipated date to reopen the bridge is September 20, 2013. A detour is in place to route thru traffic.

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Ongoing Projects:

(Longstreet Lane) – The bridge in the 8000 block of Longstreet Lane is now open to thru traffic. Work will continue on the bridge and periodic work zones will be needed before the work is complete. The bridge weight limit remains at 4 tons until all work is complete and inspection is performed.

(Pruden Boulevard) - A contractor will have the right eastbound lane on Pruden Boulevard closed from Meade Parkway to 2500 block of Pruden Boulevard (Pump Station) until 3:00 p.m. This closure will be in effect periodically until October 2013 while a new pump station is constructed. The closure is required immediately in front of the site due to equipment and material deliveries.

(Eagle Lane) – Suffolk Department of Public Utilities will have a lane closure on Eagle lane for the next two months from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This work zone will also require periodic closures at the intersection of Godwin Boulevard while equipment moves into and out of the work area.

(Holland Road/Route 58) – A contractor will close the outer eastbound lane of Holland Road/Route 58 to construct a 16-inch water main within the south shoulder from the Center Point Development to the Village of Holland by the use of permanent concrete jersey barriers. The area of permanent closures will extend 2,500 linear feet per work zone and will periodically move along with the construction effort. The contractor is estimating working 12 hour days, Monday through Saturday, weather and daylight permitting. During major holidays (Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day, and 4th of July), the permanent barriers will be removed the day before the holiday by 12 p.m. and re-established the following work day. The project is anticipated to be completed by late Summer 2014.

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(Market Street & Henley Place) – Thru traffic on Market Street and Henley Place will be restricted until further notice to facilitate additional pavement and concrete work for the City of Suffolk E-911/Municipal Center project. The west entrance to the Main Municipal Center Parking Lot will be closed. All public and staff traffic to the Human Resources Building will utilize the same entrance and travel along the north side of the parking lot to the building. Access to the Human Resources Building can also happen via Washington Street to Pender Street on the west side of the Police Administration Building.

(Bridge Road/Mills Godwin Bridge) – A contractor will utilize a flagging operation at the Bridge Road/Mills Godwin Bridge Sunday through Thursday. This will be night work taking place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting.

(Everets Road) – Suffolk Department of Public Utilities will have periodic flagging operations with the right lane closed on Everets Road from the 6500 block to Moore Farm Lane from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., while the shoulders are being restored over the next two weeks.

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