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CORRECTION

SUFFOLK, VA (August 21, 2019) The address for Florence Bowser Elementary School is 4540 Nansemond Parkway.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED – BENNETTS PASTURE ROAD-NANSEMOND PARKWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

SUFFOLK, VA (August 7, 2019) The Suffolk Public Works Department has scheduled a public informational meeting regarding the Bennetts Pasture Road-Nansemond Parkway Intersection Improvements Project (UPC 107265) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at Florence Bowser Elementary School, 3301 Nansemond Parkway.

The meeting will be held in an open forum style. Although the meeting will not involve a formal presentation and is not a public hearing, this format will provide the flexibility to allow participants to discuss the proposed project one-on-one and meet directly with appropriate project staff members so that their specific questions can be addressed.

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 the design consultant, will be present to answer questions.

The proposed project is to enhance safety and provide added capacity at three primary intersections along Nansemond Parkway. These intersections include Nansemond Parkway at the Nansemond River High School entrance, Nansemond Parkway at Sleepy Hole Road, and Nansemond Parkway at Sportsman Boulevard.

Proposed improvements include roadway widening, addition of turn lanes, realignment of Bennetts Pasture Road with Sportsman Boulevard, and terminating the western end of the existing Bennetts Pasture Road with a cul-de-sac to remove its connection with Nansemond Parkway, installing a new multi-use path along Bennetts Pasture Road, realignment of Sportsman Boulevard at Nansemond Parkway, a new access road to Nansemond River High School from Sleepy Hole Road, and parking lot improvements at Nansemond River High School. Infrastructure improvements include drainage system improvements, new traffic signal at Sleepy Hole Road, removal of the existing signal and a new configuration at the front entrance to Nansemond River High School.

The following items will be available at the Public Information Meeting:

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 submitted environmental documents.

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 Allan Mushett, Public Works Project Manager, at (757) 514-7681 (TTY/TDD 711), or email gmushett@suffolkva.us.

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 Allan Mushett, 442 West Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434.

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