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6 proposed road improvement projects will be discussed at City Hall March 27

March 13, 2014 - Hampton will hold a public information meeting Thursday, March 27 at 4 p.m. in the City Hall lobby to discuss proposed construction projects on North King Street, Buckroe Avenue, East Pembroke Avenue, Mercury Boulevard, Newmarket Creek Trail and Freeman Drive.

The gallery style presentations will allow residents to walk through the lobby, review the projects and ask questions at information stations set up for each project:

- **North King Street:** Calls for improvements to help traffic and pedestrian circulation and enhance aesthetics from Little Back River Road to the gate at Langley Air Force Base. Plans include a shared use trail, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping.
- **Buckroe Avenue:** Plans include improvements for pedestrian safety and to enhance aesthetics from the beachfront to Mallory Street. Calls for new curbs and gutters, sidewalks, on-street parking, landscaping and lighting to Mallory Street.
- **East Pembroke Avenue:** Includes improved pedestrian safety and street aesthetics from Old Buckroe Avenue to Grimes Road. Includes new sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping and lighting.
- **Mercury Boulevard:** Calls for improved pedestrian safety and enhanced aesthetics, including sidewalk, landscaping and lighting improvements from Aberdeen Road to Coliseum Drive.
- **Newmarket Creek Park and Trail:** Plan call for construction of a linear park from Air Power Park to North Armistead Avenue. Includes a multi-use (e.g. walking, jogging, biking, etc.) trail and upgraded canoe/kayak launch. This would be one of the first phases of an overall park and trail system extending from Air Power Park to the Power Plant of Hampton Roads along Newmarket Creek.
- **Freeman Drive:** Project includes realignment of the existing road between North Armistead Avenue and the H2O residential development. Calls for sidewalks, landscaping and lighting.

The public meeting will be Thursday, March 27, from 4-7 p.m. in the lobby at City Hall, 22 Lincoln St. For more information, contact the Customer Call Center at 3-1-1 or 757-727-8311 from a cell phone or from outside the city.

The projects are based on “master plans” developed by city staff and citizens to address issues such as street networks, open spaces, land use, traffic circulation, pedestrian safety and overall development.

The King Street master plan, for example, highlights King Street’s importance as a gateway to Langley Air Force Base. Pembroke Avenue and Buckroe Avenue fall under the Buckroe Master Plan, which calls for improving entrances to the community on Mallory Street, Buckroe Avenue and Pembroke Avenue.

Funding for all of the projects is through the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Revenue Sharing Program, where the state pays 50% of the project cost and the city pays 50%.

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