



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Written comments must be postmarked, emailed, or delivered to the City of Virginia Beach by Friday, December 19th, 2025.

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Project information shared here is available for review at the City of Virginia Beach (2509 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456) and on the project website (<https://clevelandstreetphaseiv.mysocialpinpoint.com/>)

The public comment period will close thirty (30) days after this public hearing on Friday, December 19th, 2025. The City will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

In addition to today, comments can also be submitted directly to Christina Ammens by email (cammens@vbgov.com) or mailed to (2509 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456).

CIVIL RIGHTS

It is the responsibility of the City to ensure that members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them. The City of Virginia Beach ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

PUBLIC HEARING

Cleveland Street Improvements Phase IV
Capital Improvement Project 100123
VDOT UPC 110803 | State Project U000-134-859
Federal Project STP- STP-5A04(028) STP-5A04(114)

Wednesday November 19, 2025 5-7PM
Renaissance Academy
5100 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

INTRODUCTION

The City of Virginia Beach would like to welcome you to the public hearing for the Cleveland Street Phase IV project. The purpose of this public hearing is to share information regarding the proposed Cleveland Street Phase IV project and to provide an opportunity for public input on the preliminary design and environmental review. The Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for this project evaluated a range of No Build and Build Alternatives.

This public hearing allows the City staff and the City’s consultant an opportunity to discuss the project specifics with the public and to obtain comments on the proposed improvements. The City will consider your questions, concerns, and input during the project development process.

All written comments are to be submitted for review by December 19, 2025.

This project is located within the Pembroke Strategic Growth Area (SGA) of Virginia Beach, connecting Witchduck Road to Independence Boulevard. This project will construct a 3-lane undivided roadway for 1.2 miles between Witchduck Road and Independence Boulevard that includes turn lanes, shared-use pathways, on-road bike lanes, on-street parking, landscaping, street lighting, public utilities, traffic signal modifications at the Witchduck Road and Independence Boulevard intersections, traffic signal replacement at Kellam Road, emergency signal replacement at Fire Station 7, and a roundabout at the Dorset Avenue intersection.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

This project is intended to improve connectivity and multimodal transportation accommodations between Witchduck Road and Independence Boulevard, through the City’s Pembroke SGA. Based on the existing and future needs, the purpose of the proposed project is to:

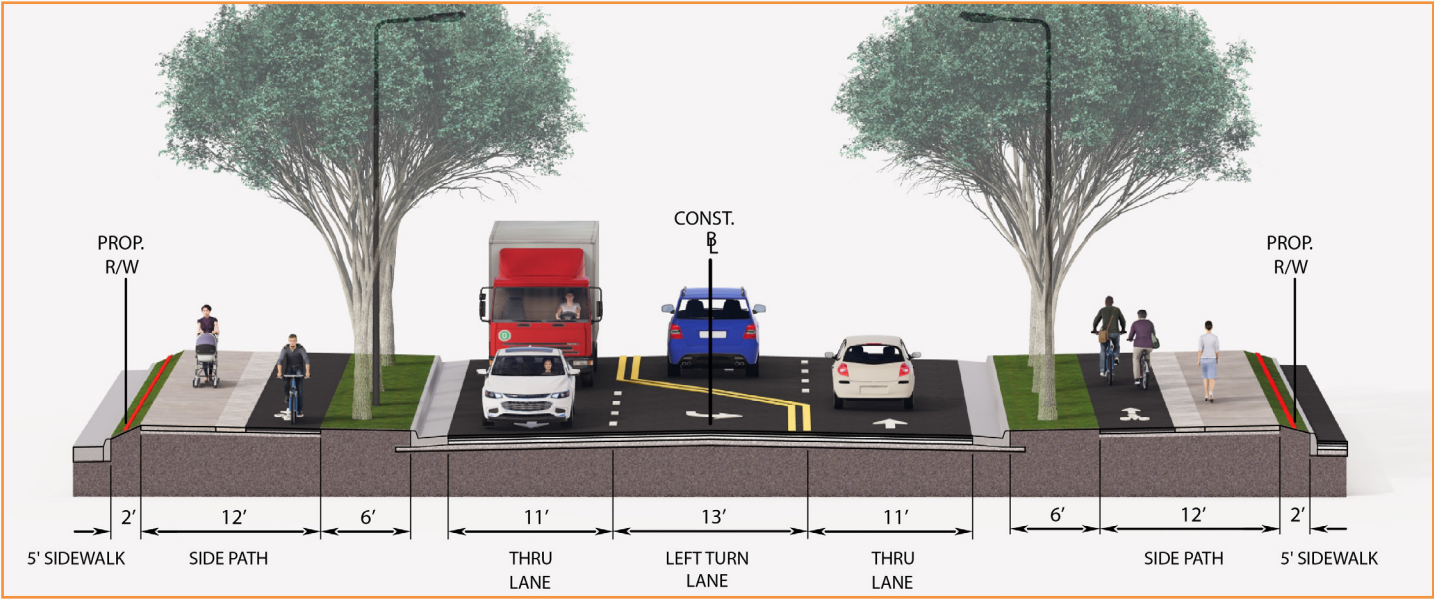
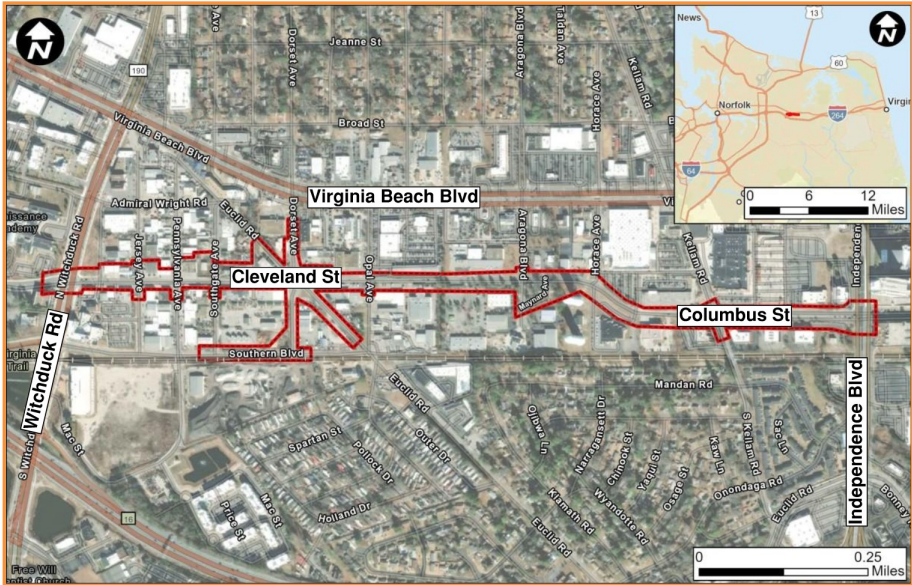
- Accommodate existing and future transportation connectivity needs by providing adequate transportation infrastructure to maintain safe and efficient traffic flows
- Complete regional connectivity goals consistent with projects already constructed
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle accommodations between Witchduck Road and Independence Boulevard
- Enhance public safety
- Improve access management, roadway drainage, and reduce flooding issues

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

The City of Virginia Beach has conducted comprehensive environmental reviews to gather data on environmental resources within the project area. The process provides natural and historic resource agencies with an opportunity to assess and comment on the project during its development, while also identifying opportunities to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential environmental impacts.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and under FHWA regulations found in 23 CFR 771. The EA includes findings from various technical reviews, addressing key concerns such as the potential impact on natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, and air quality.

Throughout the project’s development and construction, ongoing coordination will occur with relevant federal, state, and local agencies as part of the required environmental review and approval processes. All necessary environmental clearances and permits will be obtained before construction begins. The City of Virginia Beach is committed to strict compliance with all environmental conditions and regulatory commitments.



NO BUILD AND BUILD ALTERNATIVES

Various conceptual alignments and alternatives were considered for development, evaluation, and screening with the No Build and Build Alternative retained for detailed study in this EA. While the No Build Alternative does not meet the Purpose and Need for the project, it was retained to serve as a baseline for comparison.

A Build Alternative has been identified for further analysis and was formulated based on a comprehensive evaluation process which incorporated input from the public as well as coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.

- Under the **No Build Alternative**, no improvements to the Cleveland Street and Columbus Street corridor would occur. The project corridor would retain the existing infrastructure and would not meet the Purpose and Need identified for the proposed project because it does not address the traffic and safety issues and does not provide adequate linkage between the Newtown and Pembroke SGAs.
- The **Build Alternative** would improve roadway connectivity and traffic, establish bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and improve public safety.

The following would be a result of the Build Alternative. Further details are available in the project Draft Environmental Assessment.

- Corridor reconstruction that adds a center left-turn lane and access management to adjacent properties to improve safety and traffic flow.
- Reconfigures the Cleveland Street intersection with Dorset Avenue and Euclid Road from a traffic signal to a single-lane roundabout and realigns Dorset Avenue to Southern Boulevard improving access to I-264.
- Adds continuous bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in accordance with the City’s adopted Complete Streets Policy to provide safe and attractive travel options for all users.
- Requires full acquisition of 12 private properties which consist of 10 parcels with 12 industrial/commercial tenants, one parcel consisting of a mobile home community with 10 residential tenants, and one parcel that is vacant and unoccupied.
- No impacts to wetlands and/or waters of the US.
- Proposed improvements reduce impervious area and provide a nutrient credit to the Elizabeth River and Thalia Creek watersheds improving long-term water quality.
- Upgraded stormwater infrastructure to reduce or eliminate localized flooding and raising the road out of the 100-year floodplain.
- No impacts to threatened or endangered species, terrestrial wildlife and habitat.

PROJECT COSTS	
Estimated Total Cost	\$67,398,635
Preliminary Engineering	\$2,951,407
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation	\$16,334,461
Construction	\$48,112,767

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

PROJECT SCHEDULE	
Public Hearing	November 19,2025
Public Hearing Comment Deadline	December 19, 2025
Right-of-Way/Utility Relocation	Spring 2027 to Winter 2031
Construction Advertisement	Summer 2031
Construction	Fall 2031 to Fall 2034

Project schedule is subject to change.