HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS

- **TONIGHT** – We want to hear from you. Talk to us and ask questions. Then fill out a comment form and drop it into the box before you leave.

- **MAIL** – If you are not ready to submit your comments tonight, you may submit them by January 7, 2013 to:
  
  I-64 Peninsula Study Team  
  c/o McCormick Taylor, Inc.  
  North Shore Commons A  
  4951 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 275  
  Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

- **EMAIL** – You can email your comments to the study team (Please reference “I-64 Location Public Hearing Comments” in the subject line). You can email your comments to either:
  
  I-64PeninsulaStudy@mccormicktaylor.com  
  Nicholas Nies – nnies@wrallp.com

- **ONLINE** – You can view meeting materials and project information and submit your comments using the online comment form on the VDOT website for this project at:
  
  www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_peninsula_study.asp

NEXT STEPS FOR THE I-64 PENINSULA STUDY

Your input is important. VDOT and FHWA would like to hear any comments you have about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the alternatives which are under consideration.

The next step will be to present the findings of the EIS, as well as any analysis or input provided by the public or other agencies involved, to VDOT leadership and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The process will result in the selection of a preferred alternative and the development of a Final EIS for the selected alternative. A Record of Decision will be issued by FHWA following completion of the Final EIS.
The I-64 Peninsula Study is underway to study potential improvements to address existing and future transportation needs in the I-64 corridor from I-95 in the city of Richmond to I-664 in the city of Hampton. The study area is defined as directly north and south of the existing I-64 corridor through the counties of Henrico, New Kent, James City and York, and the cities of Richmond, Newport News and Hampton.

Four Citizen Information Meetings were held earlier in the study process to present preliminary information on the Purpose and Need and conceptual alternatives under consideration.

The purpose of this hearing is to:

- Solicit your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- Solicit your comments on the alternatives under consideration to address the Purpose and Need for the project.

This study is a joint effort of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is being developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Your input is an important component of the process and we welcome your comments on the Draft EIS and alternatives under consideration. You can visit the project website at:

www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_peninsula_study.asp

Thank you for contributing to the study!
NEPA requires agencies to undertake an assessment of the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. Following this environmental review process leads to better informed decisions and increased citizen involvement. An EIS has been prepared for this study and the Draft EIS of that document is now available for your review. The Draft EIS documents the potential impacts of the I-64 Peninsula Study improvements.

During the study process, the Purpose and Need for the project was developed and is documented in the Draft EIS. The purpose of the project is to alleviate existing congestion, accommodate future capacity and improve roadway deficiencies and safety in the corridor. The specific needs were developed based on a comprehensive review of previous studies along with analysis of current data and input from agencies and citizens. After review of the information, three categories of needs were identified for improvements within the I-64 Peninsula Study corridor:

- Capacity
- Roadway Deficiencies
- Safety

The No-Build Alternative and five build alternatives are under consideration at this time. All build alternatives will sufficiently address the Purpose and Need for the project. A description of these alternatives is shown on the opposite page.
There are a number of possible solutions to address the need for improvements along the I-64 project corridor. Many conceptual alternatives were investigated and compared against the project Purpose and Need. Those that did not address the roadway deficiencies and safety needs identified for the I-64 corridor project were not carried forward for further study. Those that did address the needs were carried forward for further study.

The alternatives retained for detailed analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) include a No-Build Alternative and five separate highway build alternatives:

- Alternative 1A - additional general purpose lanes to the outside of the existing general purpose lanes
- Alternative 1B - additional general purpose lanes in the median
- Alternative 2A - additional lanes to the outside of the existing general purpose lanes and tolling all lanes
- Alternative 2B - additional lanes in the median and tolling all lanes
- Alternative 3 - implementation of managed lanes* in the median

*Managed Lanes use pricing and vehicle eligibility to ensure that free-flow conditions are maintained for high-occupant vehicles. Types of managed lanes include high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, express toll lanes (ETL), express bus lanes (EBL) or truck-only lanes.

**Figure II.6**
Representative Alternative Footprints

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**HANDBOOK INSERT/POTENTIAL IMPACTS SUMMARY TABLE**

The December 2012 Location Public Hearing Handout Insert provides a summary of the potential impacts per resource for each alternative. Potential impacts were determined based on the potential limits of disturbance footprint from the conceptual design for each of the build alternatives. The potential impacts identified for each of the build alternatives provide for the best available estimate of what potential impacts may occur based on the current stage of project development and the level of conceptual engineering investigations.