

# BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS STUDY



STUDY UPDATE  
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## WELCOME

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has developed an informational video to provide an update on the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study. An online survey is available for

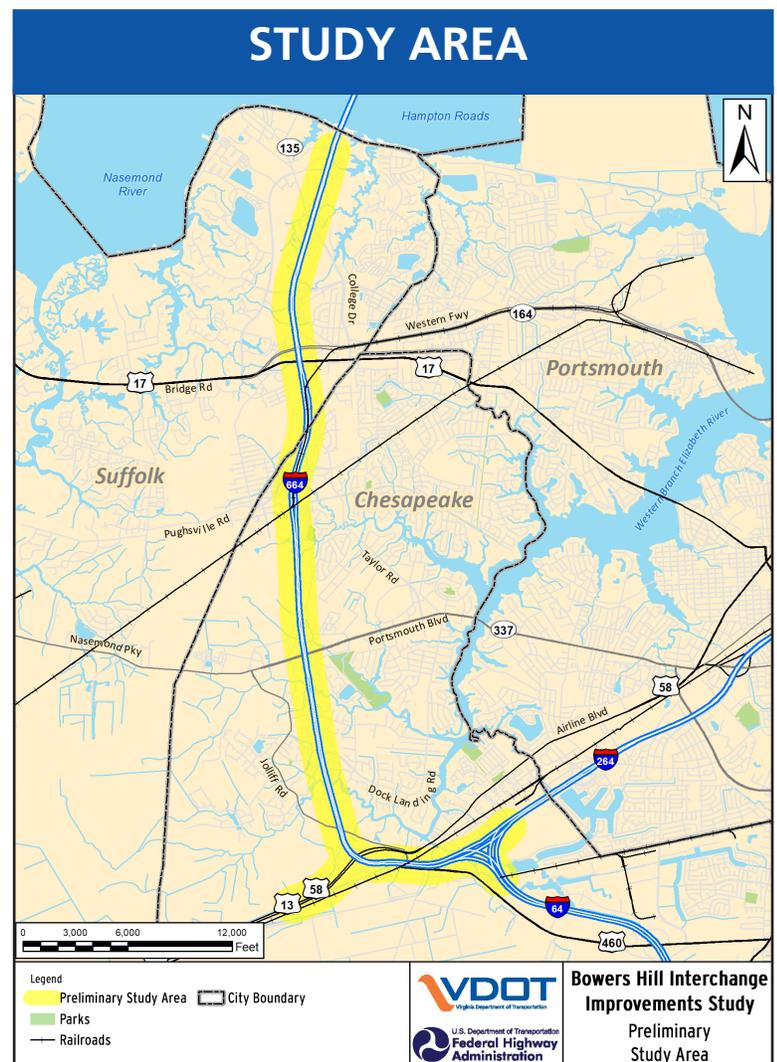
comments and input on potential improvements for the Bowers Hill Interchange and seven miles of I-664 southside. To view materials related to the study update or access the online survey, visit the study website at: [www.bowershillinterchange.com](http://www.bowershillinterchange.com).

## STUDY OVERVIEW

In April 2019, FHWA issued the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA focused on operational improvements at the Bowers Hill Interchange: the confluence of I-664, I-64, I-264, U.S. Route 460, U.S. Route 58, U.S. Route 13 and Jolliff Road (VA Route 191). Two potential build alternatives and associated impacts were presented in the document and more than 980 comments were received.

Since publication of the EA, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), in consultation with the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), VDOT and FHWA, has expanded the study parameters to a larger study area, including approximately seven additional miles north along Interstate (I-) 664. Considerations also include how the study area would interact with planned and existing Express Lanes in the Hampton Roads region.

In light of the expanded study area, additional environmental analysis is required. VDOT is collecting data related to the surrounding roadways, wetlands, streams, and other resources, that will be used to develop a new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, currently assumed to be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). While the NEPA study officially begins with FHWA publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register, VDOT is conducting early planning activities that will allow VDOT and its partner agencies to collect data and agree upon the course for the study. Early planning activities include development and concurrence of study methodologies, purpose and need, and alternative concept development. VDOT will also be gathering information on existing conditions in the study area and conducting public involvement to gather input on the study. Decisions from these early planning activities will be applied toward the EIS.



The preliminary study area is large enough to encompass potential improvements but does not imply that impacts would occur to the entirety of the study area. The study area may be adjusted as the study advances.

# STUDY SCHEDULE

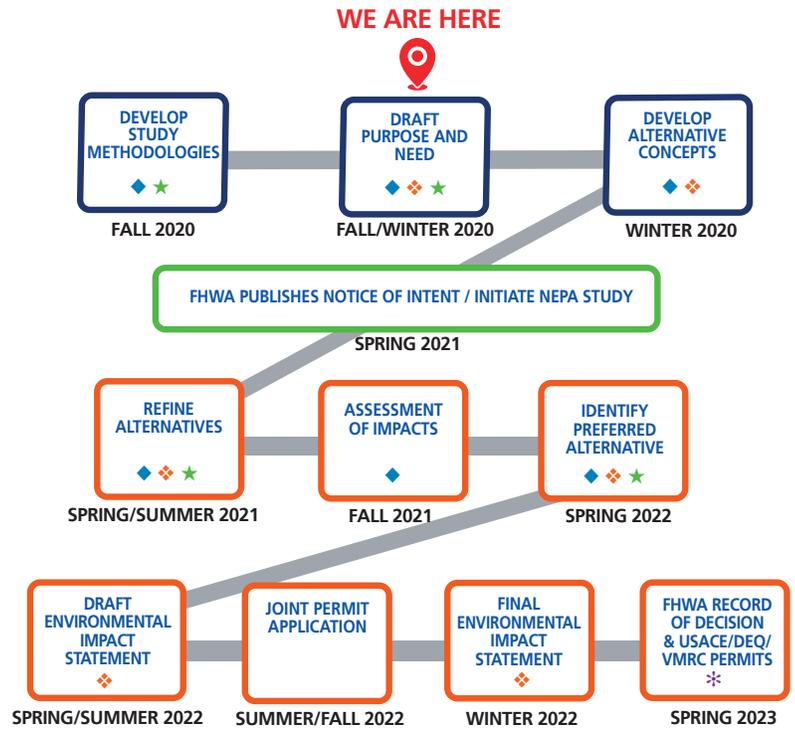
## EARLY PLANNING ACTIVITIES

These early planning activities will allow VDOT and its partner agencies to collect data and decide on the course of the study.

## STUDY PROCESS

It is assumed that the study will be an EIS, which documents analysis of possible social, historic, and natural environmental impacts that could result from potential alternatives.

- ◆ Agency involvement
- ◇ Public involvement
- ★ Agency Concurrence Point
- \* FHWA cannot issue a NEPA decision until funding is identified for construction in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Constrained Long-Range Plan and the next phase of work (post-NOI) is funded in the MPO Transportation Improvement Program.



## COMMENTS

Please visit the study website at: [www.bowershillinterchange.com](http://www.bowershillinterchange.com) to view presentation materials, submit comments online or sign up for future updates. Comments must be received by October 16, 2020.

You can also email comments to: [bowershill@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:bowershill@vdot.virginia.gov)  
Please reference "Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study Comments" in the subject line.

Or submit comments in writing to VDOT by mail:  
Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study  
11827 Canon Blvd, Suite 402  
Newport News, VA 23606

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