

## **2. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

### **A. HIGHWAY 460 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Ms. Marie Travesky, a VDOT project management consultant with Travesky & Associates, Ltd., and Phil Rinehart with VDOT will provide a briefing and project update.

### **B. ROUTE 35 BRIDGE OVER THE NOTTOWAY RIVER**

Upon receipt of a written notice from VDOT regarding their willingness to conduct a design public hearing on the captioned project, I contacted them with concerns regarding the adverse impacts that the project may have on public safety and the local economy. The bridge replacement is currently planned to align with the existing bridge meaning that the roadway will be closed for the duration of the project. As currently scoped, the project is expected to begin in January 2015 and take a total of 23 to 24 months.

VDOT has already responded to the concerns advising that they will schedule a public hearing in Southampton County sometime later this fall (most likely, October or November). Mr. Adam Jack, P.E., Assistant District Engineer for the Hampton Roads District promised to have a VDOT representative brief the Board of Supervisors about this project in advance of the public hearing.

### **C. THROUGH-TRUCK RESTRICTION**

The NCDOT responded back to me regarding the alternate route discussed by the Board last month and advised that weight limit restrictions will not allow it to be used for trucks. I asked Mr. Updike to consider other options.

### **D. MONTHLY CONCERNS**

Please come prepared to share any highway maintenance concerns that you may have.



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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1700 NORTH MAIN STREET  
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA 23434

Gregory A. Whirley  
Commissioner

August 5, 2012

Notice of Willingness to hold Design Public Hearing  
Route: 35  
Project: 0035-087-112, PE101, C501, RW-201, B604  
PPMS: 81457  
FHWA: BR-087-5(014)  
Southampton County  
From: 0.072 mi. West of Southampton County Line  
To: 0.364 mi West of Southampton County Line

To: Property Owner or Official

Attached are the Public Notice and Location Map advising of plans for a proposed bridge improvement project and availability of Environmental document for review

Should you desire additional information or have any questions or comments concerning this project, please contact either Adam Jack, PE District Preliminary Engineer at (757) 925-2500 or the Project Manager, John Harman, PE at (757) 925-2308.

Sincerely,

John Harman, PE  
Project Manager  
Location and Design  
Hampton Roads District

Attachments

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Route 35 Over Nottoway River  
Southampton County  
Bridge Replacement Project  
**Willingness to Proceed**

**Find out** about the proposed Route 35 bridge replacement and approach work. The limits of the project are from 0.072 mile west of the Southampton County Line to 0.364 mile west of the Southampton County Line, for a length of approximately 0.29 miles. Closure of Route 35 during the construction period is under consideration by VDOT.

**Review** the project information and current environmental documents at VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA. 23434, telephone number 757-925-2500 or 1-888-723-8400, TTY/TDD 711. The environmental document will be available for public review upon request from VDOT's District Environmental Office, telephone number 757-925-2334. You can also review the project information at VDOT's Franklin Residency Office located at 23116 Meherrin Road in Courtland, Virginia 23837, telephone number 757-346-5076. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Adam Jack, P.E. District Preliminary Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1700 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA. 23434 on or prior to September 5, 2012. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation.

VDOT 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. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-925-2519, TTY/TDD 711.

State Project: 0035-087-112, RW-201,C-501, B604

Federal Project: BR-087-5(014)

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**From:** Jack, Adam J. PE (VDOT) [Adam.Jack@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 2:42 PM  
**To:** Mike Johnson  
**Cc:** Heuer, Dennis W., PE (VDOT); Lomax, Joe E (VDOT); Harman, John G. (VDOT); Grow, Brooke (VDOT)  
**Subject:** FW: Route 35 over Nottoway River - Bridge Replacement

Good afternoon Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your note below. VDOT will withdraw our Posting of Willingness for this project and plan for a Public Hearing respecting your authority as the County Administrator. There is no need for the Board to make a formal request. Before VDOT holds a public hearing we will plan to brief the board on the project. Give me a call when you have a few moments and I will be happy to update you on how we are going to proceed.

Thank you,  
Adam Jack, PE  
VDOT – Hampton Roads  
Assistant District Administrator  
Investment & Engineering  
(757) 925-2415  
(757) 416-4852 (m)

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**From:** Harman, John G. (VDOT)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 2:30 PM  
**To:** Jack, Adam J. PE (VDOT); Darko, Emmanuel O., PE (VDOT)  
**Subject:** FW: Route 35 over Nottoway River - Bridge Replacement

Gentlemen,  
Message from Southampton County.

***John G. Harman, P.E.***  
VDOT Hampton Roads District  
Project Manager  
JohnG.Harman@VDOT.Virginia.gov  
(757) 925-2308

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**From:** Mike Johnson [mailto:mjohnson@southamptoncounty.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2012 11:58 AM  
**To:** Harman, John G. (VDOT)  
**Subject:** Route 35 over Nottoway River - Bridge Replacement

John,  
I met earlier this morning with Jerry Kee of the Franklin Residency Office to review the captioned plans. After our meeting, I understand that the new structure is proposed within the existing bridge alignment and the current bridge will be closed for a construction period of up to 23 months.

I wanted to go on record that closure of the roadway for 23 months will have very serious public safety and economic impacts for the Town of Courtland and its environs. The Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad is located approximately 1,500' east of the bridge but is the primary agency responsible for a substantial area on the western side. Closure of the bridge adds more than 3.5 miles to their response route for areas south and west of Southampton Middle School. This will equate to response delays of at least 5 to 6 minutes, perhaps more, depending upon the level of traffic along Main Street Courtland. The same is true for calls answered by the Southampton County Sheriff's Office and Courtland Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition, the bread and butter of all small towns is their retail district. Edwards Hardware is the only hardware store in Southampton County and relies heavily on customers from Boykins and Capron that utilize Route 35. The same is true for the local auto parts dealer, the bank, etc. Just the recent pavement resurfacing on Route 35 created a noticeable decline in business for all of them. Closure of the bridge for an extended period will cause many consumers to change their commuting habits by completely bypassing Courtland. The bread and butter of Courtland may not be able to survive.

I will share the public notice (Willingness to Proceed) with our local governing body at their next meeting on August 27 and expect that they'll be requesting VDOT to conduct a public hearing regarding this matter.

Thank you for listening.

Michael W. Johnson  
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**From:** Mike Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:16 AM  
**To:** Glenn Updike  
**Subject:** FW: Through Truck Restriction - Southampton County, Virginia

Glenn,  
Please review the response I received from NCDOT regarding the alternate truck route. I withheld publishing the Notice of Public Hearing in the Tidewater news pending their response - unfortunately, we're back to square one without an alternate route. I'll be glad to meet with you at your convenience to discuss other options you'd like to consider.

Kind regards,  
Mike

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**From:** Davidson, Jason G [j davidson@ncdot.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 10:05 AM  
**To:** Mike Johnson  
**Cc:** Jennings, Jerry D; Baker, Sterling D; Emory, Scott L; Bridgers, Clemmon W; Liverman, George J; Mckeel, Lydia C; Hoggard, David E  
**Subject:** FW: Through Truck Restriction - Southampton County, Virginia

Mr. Johnson,

We have reviewed the proposed route through North Carolina. Unfortunately, this route will not work for a truck route. Boone's Bridge Road has a weight limit of 6.5 ton per axle and there is also a bridge on this route rated at a maximum of 22 tons. Without being familiar with the road network in Southampton County it is really hard for us to come up with a feasible alternate route. If you have any other suggestions please let me know and we will gladly review the North Carolina section for you. Thanks.

Jason Davidson, Division Traffic Engineer (Acting)  
NCDOT Division One  
113 Airport Drive, Suite 100  
Edenton, N.C. 27932  
252-482-7977 phone  
252-482-8722 fax

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**From:** Jennings, Jerry D  
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2012 9:23 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Jason G  
**Subject:** FW: Through Truck Restriction - Southampton County, Virginia

Here's the attachment.

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**From:** Mike Johnson [mailto:mjohnson@southamptoncounty.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2012 12:52 PM  
**To:** Jennings, Jerry D  
**Cc:** Glenn Updike  
**Subject:** Through Truck Restriction - Southampton County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jennings,

At its July 23 meeting, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors directed me to schedule a public hearing regarding a resolution that may request the Virginia Department of Transportation to limit through-truck traffic on Statesville Road in Southampton County from the North Carolina line to Cypress Bridge Road.

Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia provides that a reasonable alternate route must be identified before truck restrictions may be imposed. I am attaching a map for your reference which illustrates the section of highway that may be proposed for restriction, and an alternate route. Because the alternate route includes one primary and two secondary roadways in North Carolina, I am contacting you to see if NCDOT has any objections.

Thank you in advance for reviewing the attached map at your earliest convenience and contacting me with your thoughts and/or concerns.

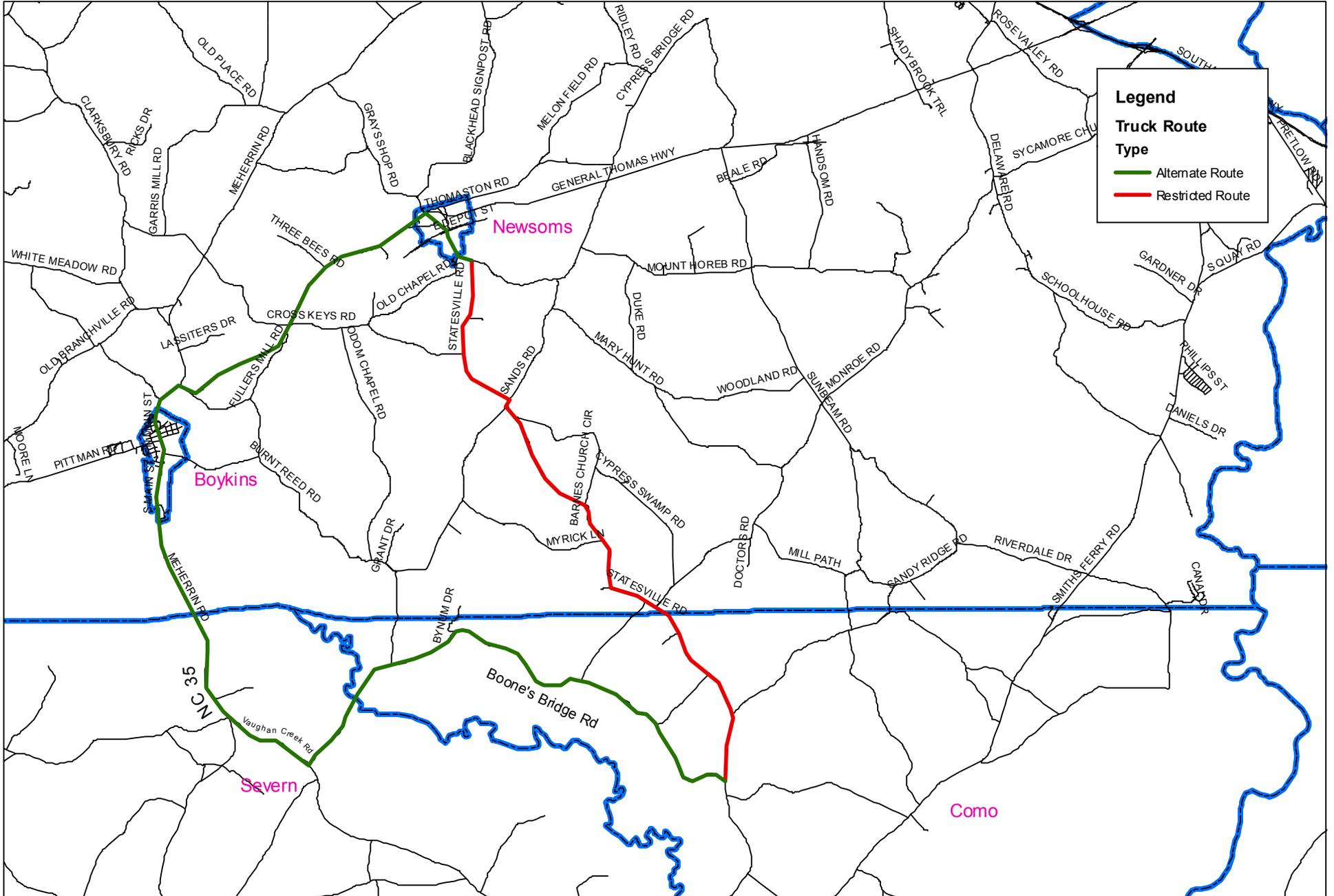
Best regards,  
Mike

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