



BOWERS HILL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Study Introduction

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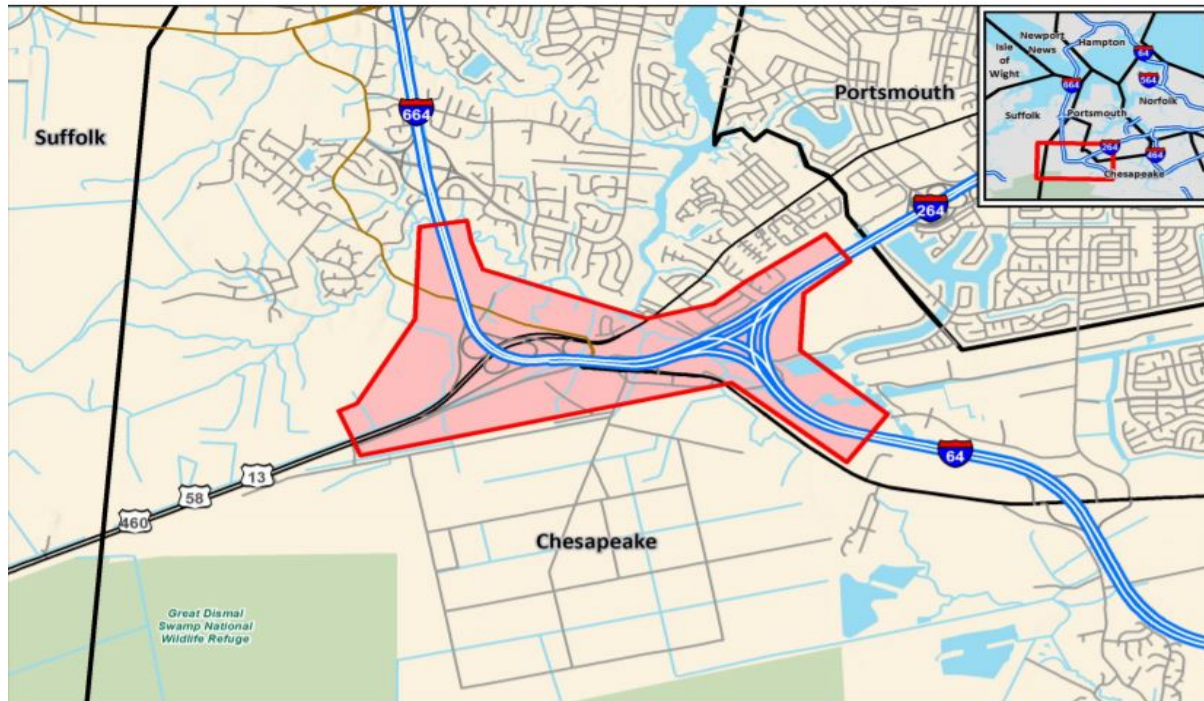
January 19, 2021

Background to the Bowers Hill EIS

- **April 4, 2019 – FHWA/VDOT issued the Bowers Hill Environmental Assessment for public comment**
- **Late 2019 – VDOT, HRTPO, and HRTAC advanced plans for the Hampton Roads Express Lane Network (HRELN)**
- **Early 2020 – HRTPO notified VDOT of plans to modify the scope of the Bowers Hill study to extend the study area and consider how the HRELN would interact with the study area**
- **Spring 2020 – VDOT opened discussions with FHWA about the expanded scope and the transition to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Bowers Hill Study Area

EA Study Area



HRELN Projects



Bowers Hill EIS Study Area as Defined by HRTPO

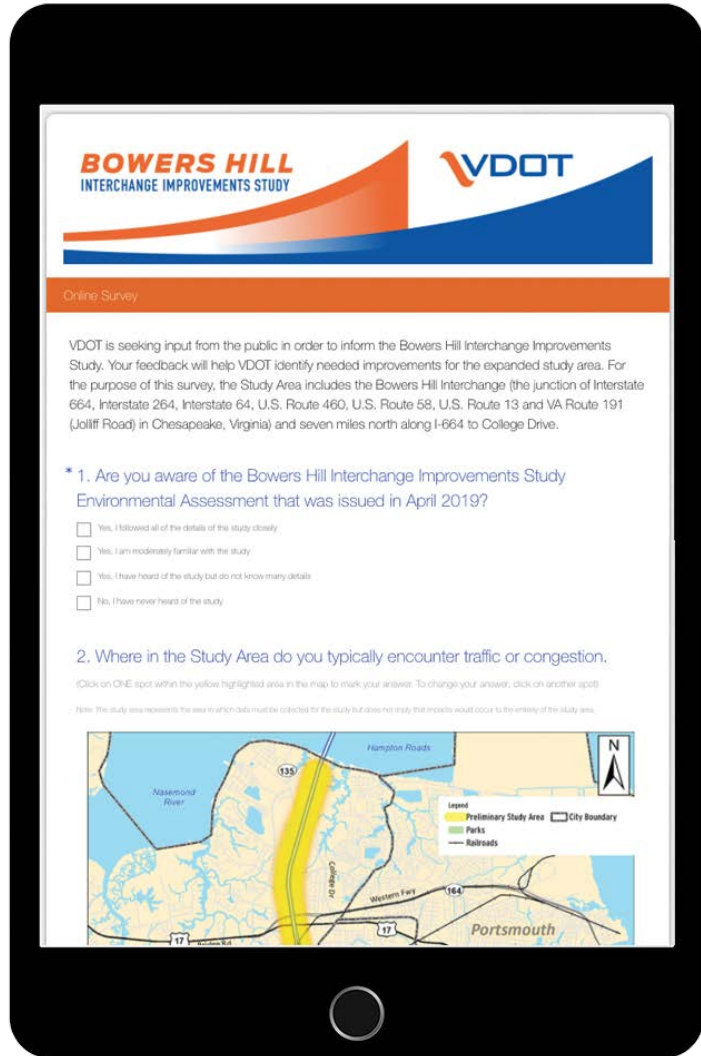
- **I-664 - Up to College Drive interchange**
- **I-64 – The first interchange southeast of Bowers Hill (Military Highway)**
- **I-264 – The first interchange east of Bowers Hill (Greenwood Drive)**
- **Route 13/58/460 – The Bisco Street/Airport entrance intersection**



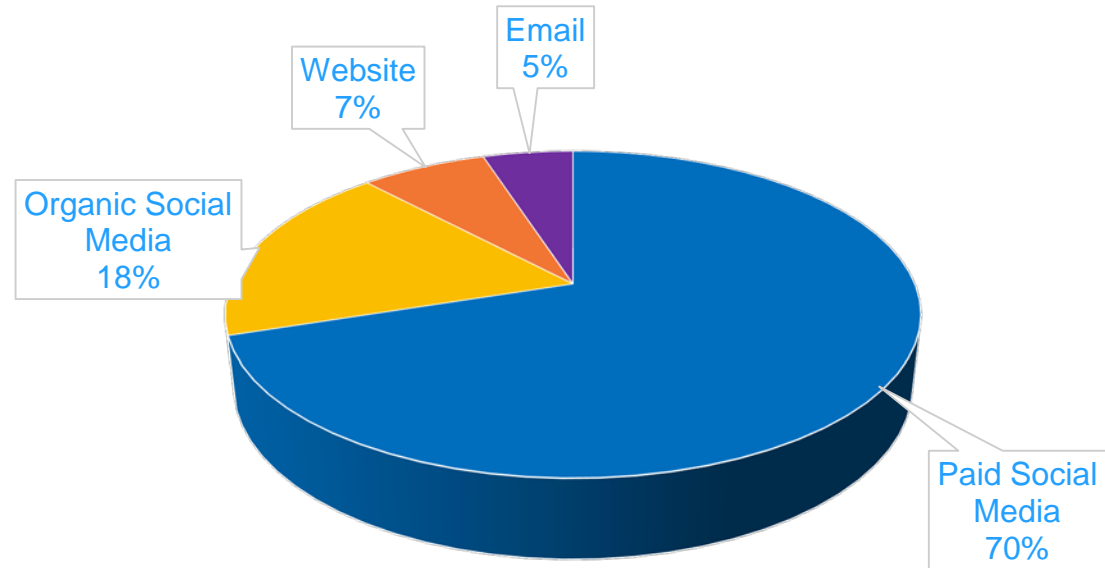
Study Conduct and Status

- **Study will document preferred alternative in Draft EIS and result in federal permits/approvals being issued during NEPA**
- **Study web site has been updated to inform the public of the change in study parameters**
- **Federal agencies concurred on a Purpose and Need for the study in December 2020**
- **Monthly coordination meetings with federal, state, and regional entities will continue throughout the length of the study**

Bowers Hill Online Purpose and Need Survey Results



1,291 Total Responses
September 17 – October 16, 2020



NEPA and VTRANS

Purpose and Need Element	Corresponding VTRANS Need Category*
Reduce Congestion	Congestion Mitigation
<i>Travel Demand</i>	Access to Economic Development Areas, TDM
<i>Capacity</i>	Capacity Preservation
<i>Congestion/Congestion Related Crashes</i>	Roadway Safety
Improve Travel Reliability	Improved Reliability
Provide Additional Travel Choice	Transit Access

Note: Based on draft VTRANS Technical Guide dated October 2020

VTRANS Need Categories not applicable to the study: Pedestrian Access, Bicycle Access, Urban Development Areas, Pedestrian Safety, Rail

Next Steps

Activity	Timeframe
VDOT Public Involvement / Citizen Information Meeting – Introduction to Range of Alternatives	March 2021
Concurrence from USACE and EPA on Range of Alternatives	May 2021
CTB - Present Range of Alternatives and Public Involvement results	May 2021
FHWA Notice of Intent (NOI) / NEPA Scoping	May 2021*
CTB – Briefing on results of analysis	January 2022*
VDOT Public Hearing on Recommended Preferred Alternative; Action by HRTAC, HRTPO and/or localities	February 2022*
CTB - Action on the Preferred Alternative	April 2022*
FHWA Publication of Draft EIS with comment period	June 2022*
FHWA issues combined Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) accompanied by USACE, DEQ, and VMRC water quality permits	May 2023

*Indicates tentative schedule

Questions or Comments

