

Agenda
Board of Supervisors
Isle of Wight County
September 5, 2024

1. Call to Order (6:00 P.M.)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Invocation – Supervisor William M. McCarty, Sr.
4. Consent Agenda
 - A. County Fair Recognition
Resolution to Recognize and Honor Danny Byrum, County Fair Chairman
 - B. Hunger Action Month
Resolution to Designate September as Hunger Action Month
5. County Administrator's Report
 - A. Benns Church Blvd/Turner Dr Intersection Improvements
Discussion of Potential Benns Church Blvd/Turner Dr Intersection Improvements as Outlined in the Benns Church Master TIA
 - B. 2025 Legislative Priorities
Discussion of Items for 2025 Legislative Priorities
 - C. Virginia Reliability Project
Discussion of the Columbia Gas Transmission's Virginia Reliability Project
 - D. Board of Supervisors' Retreat
Discussion of the Board's Annual Retreat
6. Unfinished / Old Business

A. Audit Committee

Discussion of the Formation of an Audit Committee

7. Closed Meeting

8. Adjournment

ISSUE:

Resolution to Recognize and Honor Danny Byrum, County Fair Chairman

BACKGROUND:

The Board may wish to adopt a resolution to recognize and commend Danny Byrum for his efforts regarding the County Fair.

The resolution will be presented to Mr. Byrum at the upcoming Seafood Fest event.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to recognize and commend Danny Byrum.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Resolution	Resolution	9/5/2024

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR
ELLIE DANNY BYRUM, III**

WHEREAS, Ellie Danny Byrum, III has been a member of the Isle of Wight County Fair Committee since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrum has served as Chairman of the Isle of Wight County Fair Committee since 2013 and previously served as Agriculture Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Sponsorship Chairman; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrum has also served as President of the Virginia Association of Fairs which represents over 70 fairs and festivals throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrum's tireless efforts to develop and expand the County's fairgrounds have demonstrably improved the scope and quality of the Isle of Wight County Fair and improved the quality of life for all citizens of the County and surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrum's commitment to excellence has brought international recognition to the Isle of Wight County Fair which has grown immensely under his leadership and continues to excel as one of the best County Fairs in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia that Mr. Ellie Danny Byrum, III be commended for his tireless contributions and the 2024 Isle of Wight County Fair be dedicated in his honor.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2024.

Joel C. Acree, Chairman

Carey Mills Storm, Clerk

Approved as to form:

Robert W. Jones, Jr., County Attorney

ISSUE:

Resolution to Designate September as Hunger Action Month

BACKGROUND:

Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Virginia where more than 11% of people face hunger and one in every 7 children do not know where their next meal will come from. Everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families, yet in 2022, 44 million people, including more than 13 million children and 1,180 people in Isle of Wight County faced food insecurity in the U.S.

September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” and September 10th as “Hunger Action Day” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action, including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive.

The Board may wish to designate September as Hunger Action Month.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to designate September as Hunger Action Month.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Resolution	Resolution	8/28/2024

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER AS 2024 HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Virginia where more than 11% of people face hunger and one in every 7 children do not know where their next meal will come from; and,

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families, yet in 2022, 44 million people, including more than 13 million children, faced food insecurity in the U.S. and that includes 1,180 in Isle of Wight County; and,

WHEREAS, the Isle of Wight County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of the community and to provide additional resources that those in Southeastern Virginia need; and,

WHEREAS, the Isle of Wight County is committed to working with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and,

WHEREAS, more than 10.2% of individuals in Isle of Wight County rely on food provided by the members of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore annually; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore distributed more than 20 million meals in fiscal year 2024 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and ,

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” and September 10th as “Hunger Action Day” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action, including volunteer shifts, social

media shares, and donations to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive.

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the members of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, Feed More, Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, Capital Area Food Bank, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, and Feeding Southwest Virginia, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia do hereby recognize September 2024, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** and call this observance to the attention to County residents.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2024.

Joel C. Acree, Chairman

Carey Mills Storm, Clerk

Approved as to form:

Robert W. Jones, Jr., County Attorney

ISSUE:

Discussion of Potential Benns Church Blvd/Turner Dr Intersection Improvements as Outlined in the Benns Church Master TIA

BACKGROUND:

The Board has previously discussed options for the Benns Church Blvd/Turner Dr intersection. The Benns Church Master TIA has been completed and the Board may wish to review and consider the analysis and suggested options.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Per the Board's discussion and direction.

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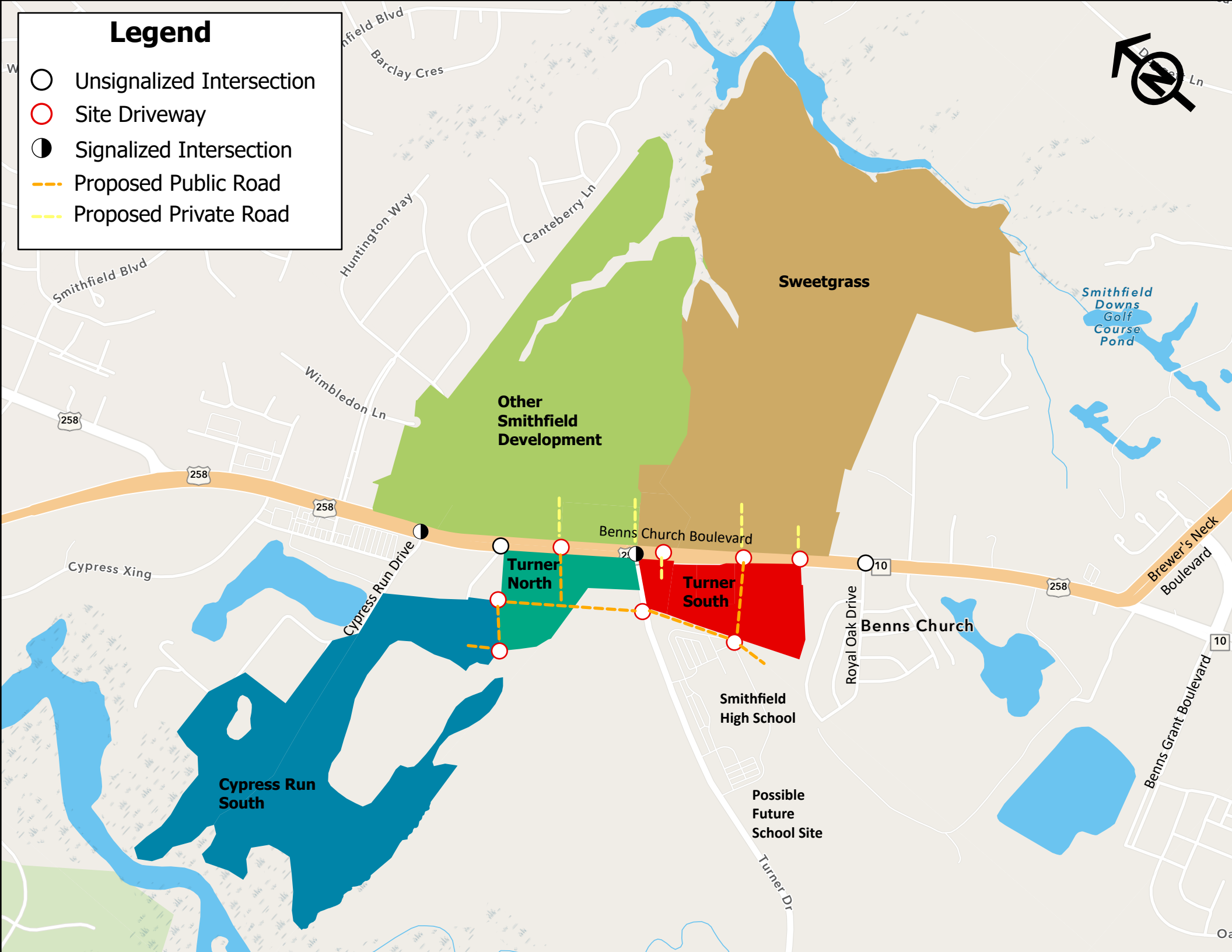
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Turner Dr Alternative	Backup Material	9/5/2024

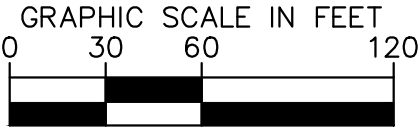
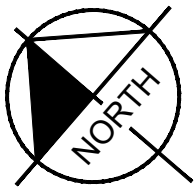
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Legend

- Unsignalized Intersection
- Site Driveway
- ◐ Signalized Intersection
- - - Proposed Public Road
- - - Proposed Private Road





CONCEPTUAL DESIGN EXHIBIT

BENNS CHURCH BLVD AT TURNER DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 2023

ISSUE:

Discussion of Items for 2025 Legislative Priorities

BACKGROUND:

Staff will briefly review and discuss the County’s proposed legislative strategy and requests the Board provide any suggested items for inclusion in the 2025 Legislative Agenda.

Items previously included in the list of legislative priorities are:

- Additional Sales Tax for Educational Purposes
- Education Funding Support from the Commonwealth
- Limited Residential Lodging Act
- Unfunded Mandates
- Transportation Funding
- Proffer/Impact Fee Legislation
- Public Notice Advertisement
- HB2175 – Fire Services Funding

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Per the Board’s discussion and direction.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Draft 2025 Legislative Priority List	Backup Material	9/5/2024



2025

Isle of Wight County
Legislative Priorities

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY LIST

LOCAL ISSUES

- Additional Sales Tax for Educational Purposes
- Education Funding Support from the Commonwealth
- ~~– Limited Residential Lodging Act~~
- Unfunded Mandates
- Transportation Funding
- Proffer/Impact Fee Legislation
- Public Notice Advertisement
- ~~– HB2175 – Fire Services Funding~~
- *Clerk's Fee Revenue*
- *Septic Pump-Out Oversight*

ADDITIONAL SALES TAX FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES

ISSUE:

The Code of Virginia authorizes “the qualifying locality” to, if initiated by a resolution of the local governing body and **approved by the voters at a referendum**, impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent, as determined by the governing body. The bill requires the governing body to specify in the enacting ordinance the time period, not to exceed 20 years, for which the tax would be imposed. Revenue from the tax shall be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools in the locality enacting the tax.

The bill removes the limit on the amount that “the qualifying locality” may appropriate to an incorporated town that has not complied with the provisions of its charter relating to the elections of local officials. Under current law, such amount is limited to the amount the town would have received from local sales and use tax for educational purposes if such election had been held.

In the Code of Virginia, § [58.1-602](#), “qualifying locality” currently means Charlotte County, Gloucester County, Halifax County, Henry County, Mecklenburg County, Northampton County, Patrick County, Pittsylvania County, or the City of Danville.

COUNTY POSITION:

Isle of Wight County urges the General Assembly to adopt legislation to amend the Code of Virginia (§ [58.1-602](#)) to add “Isle of Wight County” as a qualifying locality for the purpose of imposing an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent, as determined by the governing body to be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools.

EDUCATION FUNDING SUPPORT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH

ISSUE:

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) has previously produced reports relative to state and local funding of the Standard of Quality (SOQ) for primary and secondary education in Virginia. In this regard, the Isle of Wight County remains concerned about the following issues:

- Localities pay 100 percent of the cost of teachers and other instructional expenses beyond the minimum requirements of the state Standards of Quality, which represents significant costs to localities.
- School divisions spend significantly less to operate and maintain facilities than in the past due to unfunded mandates from the State.

It is essential for the state to fully fund its constitutional responsibilities and all mandates associated with K-12 public education. Full state funding should be achieved without reduction to other parts of state public education budgets or to the other core services. Should state general funding diminish, local autonomy should be increased and state education mandates reduced.

COUNTY POSITION:

Isle of Wight County supports full State funding for public education, including the Standards of Quality (SOQ) as previously recommended by the Board of Education, where these recommendations coincide with prevailing local practice; targeted incentive programs; capital and maintenance support; and teacher salaries. Full State funding should be achieved without reduction to other parts of State public education budgets or to other core services. The State must recognize that local school divisions continue to spend billions of dollars above the required local effort.

The County opposes proposals to divert State or local education funds from local school divisions.

LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LODGING ACT

ISSUE:

The Limited Residential Lodging Act (the Act) allows persons to rent out their primary residences or portions thereof for charge for periods of less than 30 consecutive days or do so through a hosting platform. Localities are preempted from adopting ordinances or zoning restriction prohibiting such short-term rentals, but authorized to adopt ordinances requiring persons renting their primary residences to have a minimum of \$500,000 of liability insurance, prohibiting persons from renting their primary residences if they fail to pay applicable taxes, and requiring persons renting their primary residences to register with the locality. A hosting platform must register with the Department of Taxation to collect and remit all applicable taxes on behalf of the property owner using the hosting platform. The bill defines "limited residential lodging," "booking transaction," and "hosting platform" and provides for penalties for violations of the Act. The bill contains a reenactment clause and directs the Virginia Housing Commission to convene a work group to further study the issues presented in the bill and make recommendations for consideration by the 2017 Session of the General Assembly.

COUNTY POSITION:

The General Assembly should adopt legislation that provides localities the ability to ensure the safety, well-being and use of property by persons renting properties, as well as adjacent and neighboring property owners.

Isle of Wight County is **opposed** to any legislation that would exempt short-term rental rooms or entire residences through booking platforms such as AirBnB from local zoning regulations.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

ISSUE:

Unfunded mandates placed on localities by the State have detrimentally affected local tax rates and the ability of local governments to address local needs and priorities.

There are many programs required by the State to be implemented at the local level. Several of these programs are inadequately funded or not funded at all by the State. Unfunded mandates place a financial burden on localities to implement those programs. The problem is further exacerbated when existing funding from the State to provide programs is unexpectedly reduced or eliminated, but the requirement to provide the program still exists.

When funding for a mandated program is altered, the mandate should be suspended until full funding is restored. When legislation with a cost to localities is passed by the General Assembly, the cost should be borne by the Commonwealth, and the legislation should contain a sunset clause providing that the mandate is not binding on localities until funding by the Commonwealth is provided.

The Commonwealth provides operational funding for certain Constitutional required governmental functions via the State Compensation Board. In this regard, the Compensation Board establishes minimum salaries for certain positions funded by the State. As competition for qualified employees has intensified at the State and local levels, so has the need to adjust salaries and the funding for those Compensation Board-funded positions.

The funding provided to localities by the Compensation Board for many positions at the local level is woefully inadequate, particularly those positions assigned to law enforcement functions within the local Sheriff's offices.

It should be noted and emphasized that providing insufficient funding for State responsibilities and services, such that State agencies require local funding supplements to provide those services is also an unfunded mandate.

COUNTY POSITION:

The County requests that the General Assembly adequately fund the State's share for required programs that must be implemented at the local level.

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The County requests that the General Assembly review and appropriate increased funding for Compensation Board funded positions, particularly those positions assigned to law enforcement functions within the local Sheriff's offices.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

ISSUE:

Isle of Wight County appreciates the funding provided by the State to address the transportation needs of the Commonwealth; however, funding falls woefully short of fully addressing the construction, repair, and maintenance needs of Virginia's highway system, particularly as it relates to secondary roads.

COUNTY POSITION:

The General Assembly should take the appropriate actions necessary to increase funding for the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan.

The General Assembly should closely monitor and evaluate the implementation of "Smart Scale" and all other processes employed in recent years for distributing transportation funds.

Isle of Wight County supports innovative regional funding solutions to address transportation construction, repair, and maintenance needs throughout the Commonwealth.

PROFFER/IMPACT FEES

ISSUE:

Many localities in the Commonwealth have used voluntary proffers as a means of ensuring that the impacts of new residential developments on public infrastructure and public services are not borne solely by existing residents of the impacted community.

In 2016, the General Assembly adopted legislation that provides that *no locality shall (i) request or accept any unreasonable proffer in connection with a rezoning or a proffer condition amendment as a condition of approval of a new residential development or new residential use or (ii) deny any rezoning application or proffer condition amendment for a new residential development or new residential use where such denial is based in whole or in part on an applicant's failure or refusal to submit an unreasonable proffer or proffer condition amendment.*

During the 2019 General Assembly Session, language was added to clarify that nothing should be interpreted to prohibit communications between an applicant or owner and the locality or to prohibit presentation, analysis, or discussion of the potential impacts of new residential development or other new residential use on the locality's public facilities.

COUNTY POSITION:

Isle of Wight County supports changes to the conditional zoning law to allow greater flexibility in the process for determining impacts (operational and capital) to be addressed when considering an application for development. Isle of Wight County also supports legislation that grants localities additional tools to adequately meet increasing needs for public services driven by new development without burdening current residents with the cost of new growth through increased real estate taxes. Such additional tools may include broad impact fee authority for all counties, and adequate public facilities provisions.

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT

ISSUE:

The Code of Virginia requires localities to utilize a “newspaper of general circulation” in that locality as the primary source for public notification. Many public notices are “wordy” and relatively lengthy because of statutorily required language and the annual costs associated with public notifications are significant.

As subscriptions to hard-copy newspapers continue to decline and the use of electronic media (websites, social media, etc.) increases, electronic means of communication offer more options and a greater reach for public notification.

COUNTY POSITION:

The County requests the General Assembly to adopt legislation to authorize the use of electronic media as the primary source for public notification or amend the statutory requirements for the language used in newspaper ads such that a brief description could be provided in newspapers with a more complete description/notification provided on the locality’s website.

HB2175 - FIRE SERVICES FUNDING

ISSUE:

The 2023 General Assembly directed the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (the Secretary) to establish a work group to study existing fire service needs, analyze sustainability of current funding, and review alternative funding models from other states. The work group was charged with creating a needs assessment survey that analyzes existing fire service needs, the sustainability of current funding, any gaps in current funding, how other states fund fire and EMS services, and best practices from other states.

The Secretary was further directed to report the work group's findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology.

COUNTY POSITION:

The County requests the General Assembly to adopt legislation in alignment with the findings of the work group.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT FEE REVENUE

ISSUE:

The 2023 General Assembly directed the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (the Secretary) to establish a work group to study existing fire service needs, analyze sustainability of current funding, and review alternative funding models from other states. The work group was charged with creating a needs assessment survey that analyzes existing fire service needs, the sustainability of current funding, any gaps in current funding, how other states fund fire and EMS services, and best practices from other states.

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COUNTY POSITION:

The County requests the General Assembly to adopt legislation in alignment with the findings of the work group.

SEPTIC PUMP-OUT OVERSIGHT

ISSUE:

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) regulations require local governments to administer the on-site septic system (OSS) program for all properties located within locally designated Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA). The locality must notify and require that all such systems be either pumped out or inspected at least once every five years. The County has approximately 5,267 septic systems which fall under this requirement. There is only one staff person dedicated to the implementation of this program among other assigned duties. Due to the continued growth of the County and limited resources, the County requests the transition of oversight for the OSS pump out program to VDH for the following reasons:

- The County does not have adequate staff resources to reach the goal of 100 percent septic compliance within the CBPA. There is not enough time for one staff member to fulfill regular job responsibilities in addition to coordinating the growing septic compliance program. During peak season, septic mailings could equate to 70% of the Environmental Planners' workload interfering with other responsibilities.
- This task is placed on the Environmental Planner who sends notifications, responds to phone calls, and tracks pump-outs. Typically there is a high volume of phone calls associated with the notification process in regard to the five-year pump-out and inspection requirements.
- Cost of implementing the program is another main concern. The cost of mailings varies year to year, depending on the postage and compliance obtained. Each system receives up to three notices a year until they come into compliance. As of today's date, there are 2,686 properties which are not in compliance. The cost of postage alone could equate to \$1,773 per mailing. This cost does not include ink, paper, envelopes, or staffs time. The total cost alone per year could range from \$6,000-10,000 in a small rural community. This cost could increase if the staff members did not print and stuff the envelopes themselves. And again, staff time is not included in that estimate.
- VDH is the ideal agency to administer and enforce the OSS program. VDH is responsible for the review and permitting of all on-site

wastewater systems. VDH already has a system to keep track of the yearly inspections of alternative OSS systems so including five-year pump-outs or inspections should be an achievable task. VDH also has the ability to require sewage haulers to submit quarterly reports of properties that have been pumped out and inspected, thereby eliminating the need of the property owner to submit receipts to the County.

Within the past three years, the County has reached a 51 percent compliance rate with known septic systems. Almost half of the required septic systems in the County are either not being pumped-out or inspected every five years or the pump-outs or inspection are not being reported.

Two critical aspects to any transition plan are ensuring that VDH is provided sufficient resources to create a complete inventory of septic systems within the CBPA. To assist with the transition the County is willing to provide all parcels with known septic systems in the CBPA, the dates of last pump-out or inspection, and all septic receipts received within the past five years.

COUNTY POSITION:

The County requests the General Assembly to adopt legislation to transition oversight of the septic pump-out program to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The County requests to be added to the list of localities subject to the provisions of Chapter 429 of the Acts of the Assembly (2019 HB 2322), directing the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to develop a plan for the oversight and enforcement by VDH of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act regulations septic pump-out program.

ISSUE:

Discussion of the Columbia Gas Transmission's Virginia Reliability Project

BACKGROUND:

Columbia Gas Transmission's (TCO) Virginia Reliability Project (VRP) is an expansion and reliability project that will replace two existing segments of the TCO pipeline system to continue reliable and abundant natural gas supply. TCO has been providing energy to the Hampton Roads region for more than 70 years, and as demand for natural gas rises across the region, these important updates will improve natural gas reliability and help meet the current and future needs of the Hampton Roads region.

A portion of the pipeline expansion project is in Isle of Wight County. Work to clear the utility easement and replace existing gas lines is currently underway.

According to the Hampton Roads Long-Term Energy Roadmap "*The expansion projects are certainly a step in the right direction, and their successful completion would portend well for the Region – but they will not provide enough capacity to usher in new, large-scale commercial and industrial customers of the variety the Region seeks to attract. The projects provide a path forward and an example of types of projects that could be successful in the future, but they are not sufficient to address the Region's energy needs and goals.*"

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Board's information.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Virginia Reliability Project Fact Sheet	Backup Material	9/5/2024
Pipeline Project Summary - Isle of Wight County	Backup Material	9/5/2024
Project Construction Map	Backup Material	9/5/2024
Project Construction Updates	Backup Material	9/5/2024

Virginia Reliability Project

The Project

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (TCO) Virginia Reliability Project (VRP or Project) would replace two existing segments of the TCO Pipeline System to ensure reliable and abundant natural gas supply. TCO has been providing energy to the Hampton Roads region for more than 70 years through its existing pipelines. As demand for natural gas rises across the region, these updates will enhance natural gas reliability and help meet the current and future needs of the Hampton Roads region.

The Project involves replacing approximately 49 miles of 12-inch pipe with 24-inch steel pipe along the TCO system. This pipeline replacement will occur in the Cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk, along with Isle of Wight, Southampton, Surry, and Sussex

Counties. Upon completion, the VRP will provide an additional 100,000 dekatherms per day to serve growing energy needs in Virginia in a safe, reliable and sustainable manner.

Additionally, at the existing Emporia Compressor Station in Greensville County, a new, emission and environmentally friendly hybrid compressor unit will be installed. The unit will run exclusively on electricity, during which time it would not produce emissions, and will be able to switch to a natural gas engine drive to ensure reliability in the case of a power outage or required maintenance. A facility upgrade involving additional gas cooling will occur at the existing Petersburg Compressor Station in Prince George County.

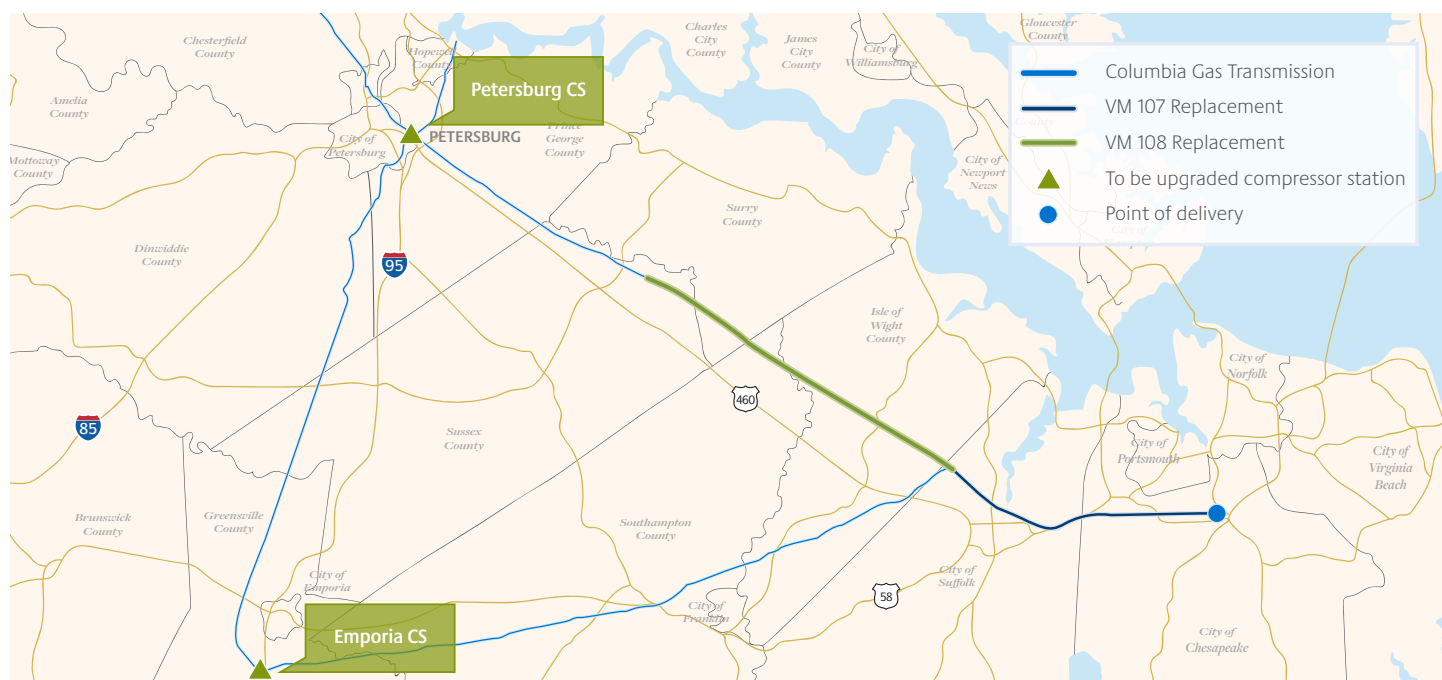
Enhancing the system to meet existing and growing needs will create significant positive economic impacts across the region to offset the more than \$4 billion lost in economic growth over the last five years due to a shortage of available natural gas supply.

An economic analysis estimates that this Project would provide an estimated one-time increase of economic activity to Virginia during construction that would support approximately:

- 3,635 job years
- \$194.5 million in associated labor income
- \$562.6 million in economic output
- \$7.7 million in local tax revenue
- \$8.6 million in state tax revenue

The Project is expected to begin construction in mid-2024 with a projected in-service date of November 1, 2025.

TCO has been providing safe, reliable service for heating and cooling homes, cooking and commercial purposes in Southeast Virginia for over 70 years and strives to continue to be a good



neighbor. As part of our commitment to stakeholders, affected landowners, towns, communities and local, state and federal governments and agencies involved in the Project will be notified and kept well-informed during the Project's life cycle. If you have any questions about the Project, please reach out via the contact information below or by calling (888) 499-3450. You can also visit our website at www.virginiareliability.com.

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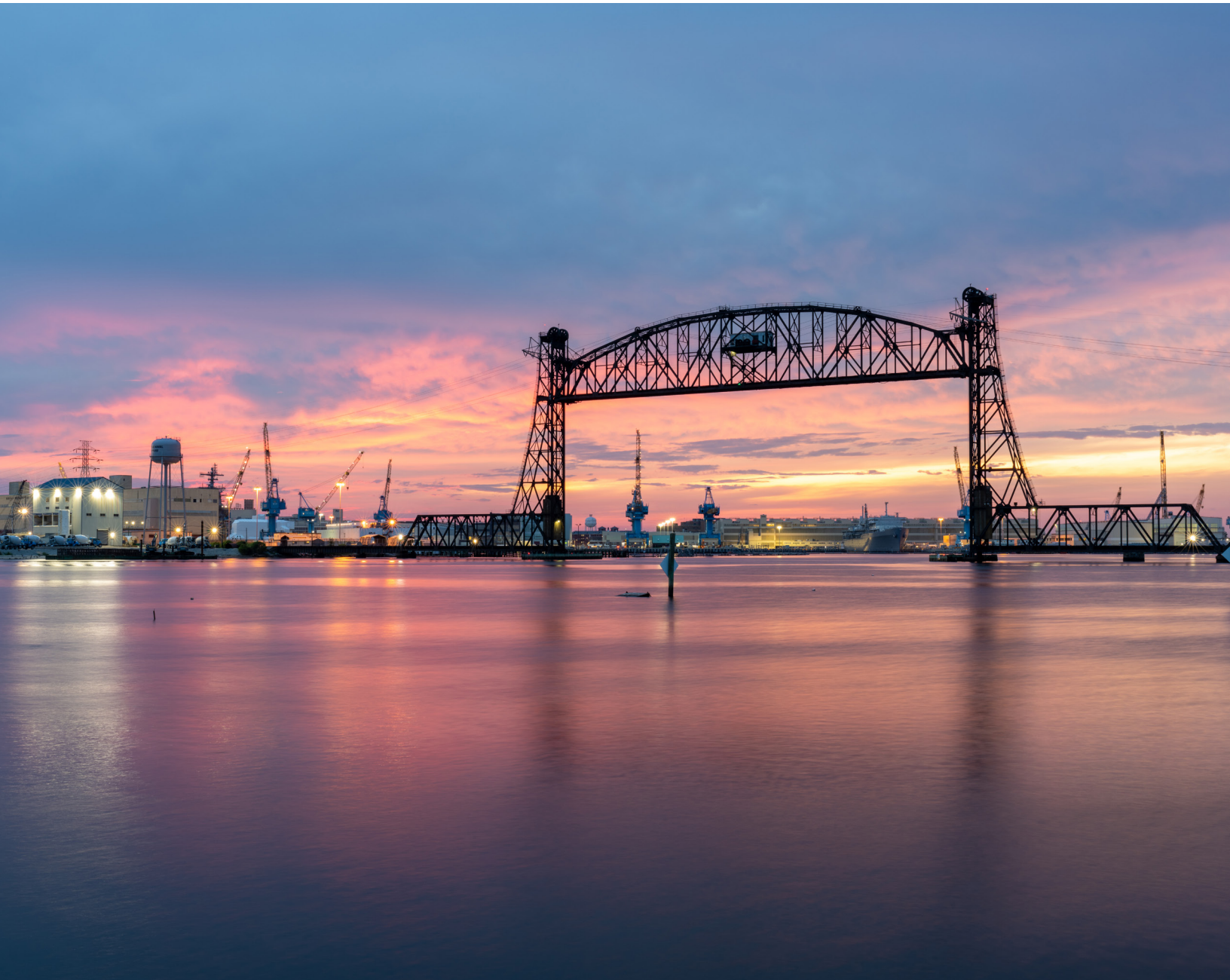
For more information, go to www.TCenergyOpenHouse.com/VRP.

Anticipated Project Schedule

Columbia initiates Pre-Filing with FERC	December 2021
FERC Certification Application Filing	August 24, 2022
Anticipated Receipt of FERC Certificate	Q4 2023
Begin Construction	Q1/Q2 2024
In-Service	November 1, 2025

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Isle of Wight County

The Project

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The Project involves replacing approximately 48 miles of 12-inch steel pipe with 24-inch steel pipe along the TCO system. Additionally, upgrades will be completed at the existing Emporia and Petersburg Compressor Stations.

Economic Impact

The project would entail over \$696 million in new investment, with construction expected to begin in the second quarter of 2024 and an in-service date of November 2025. The project will also provide a much-needed economic boost to its host communities and Virginia.

- As of March 2021, Virginia was still down 153,594 jobs from where it had been in March 2020 before the full impact of the pandemic came in April.
- As of March 2021, seven of the eight host communities that will benefit from VRP had also yet to fully recover and were still below the employment level they enjoyed in March 2020.
- The construction sector, which will be most directly affected by VRP, is frequently a high-paying, economic mainstay in rural communities and proved to be one of the more robust employment sectors during the pandemic.

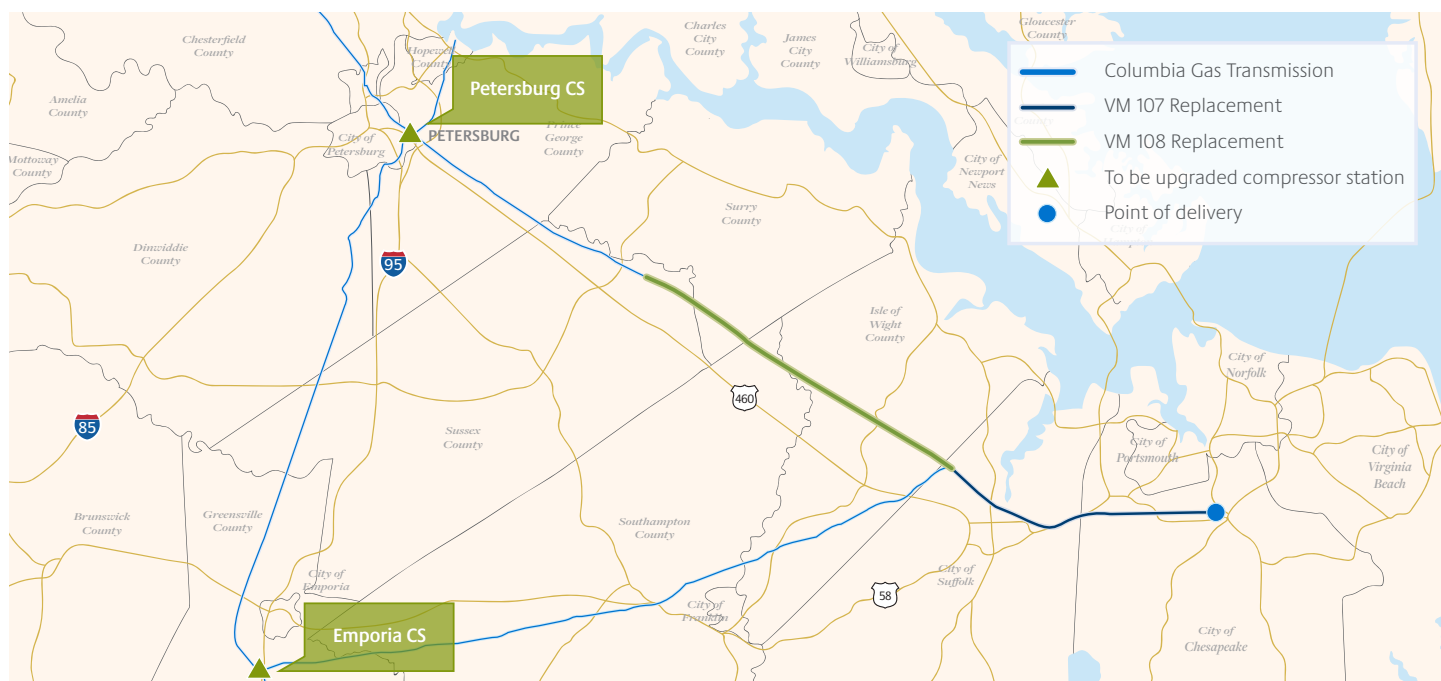
VRP would provide a significant economic contribution to the Commonwealth, including an estimated one-time pulse of economic activity during construction that would support approximately:

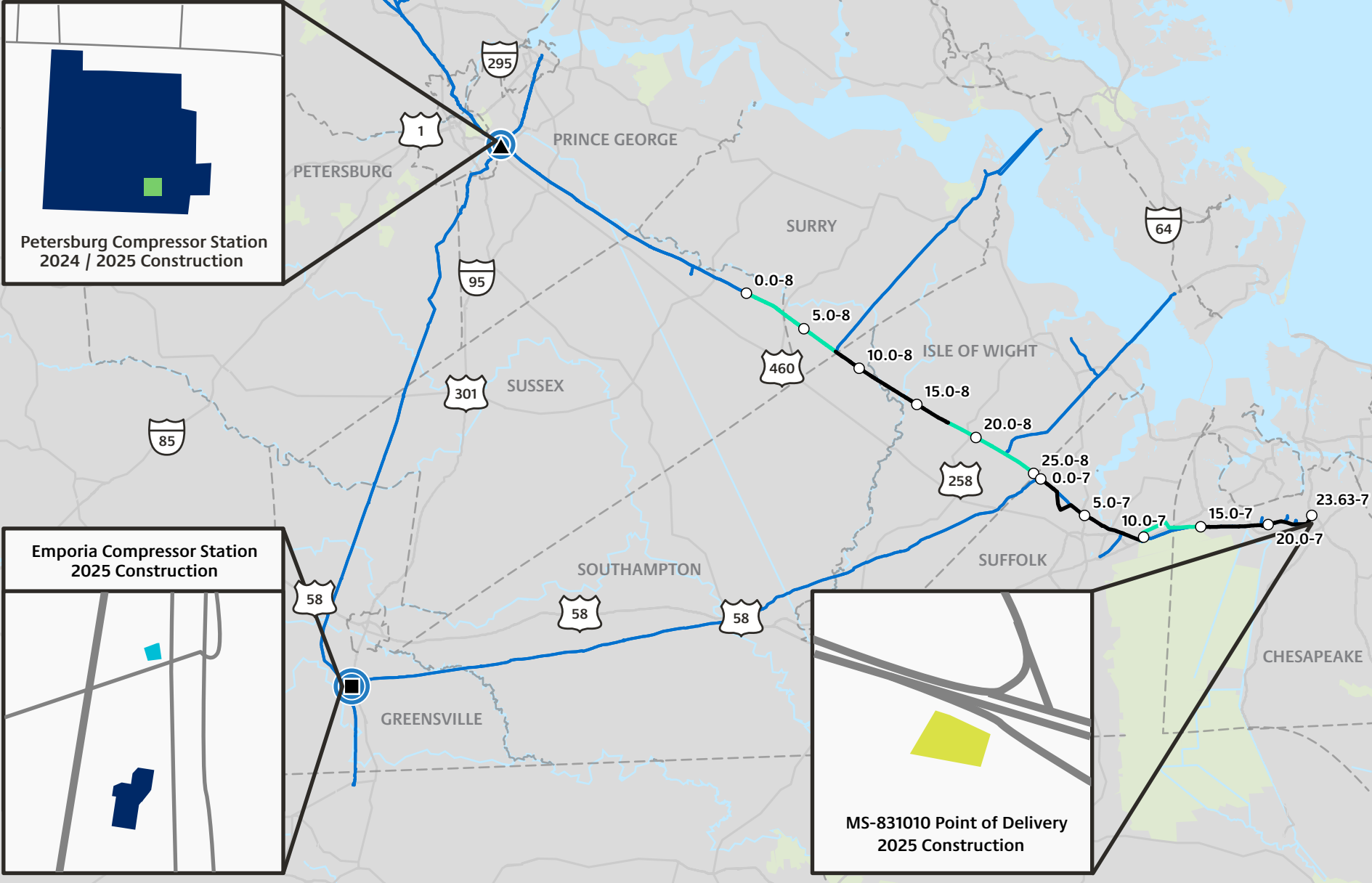
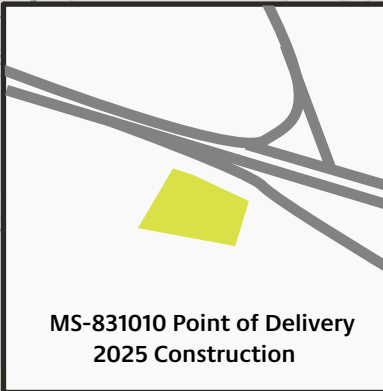
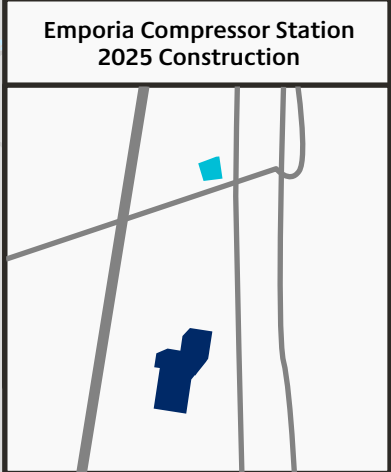
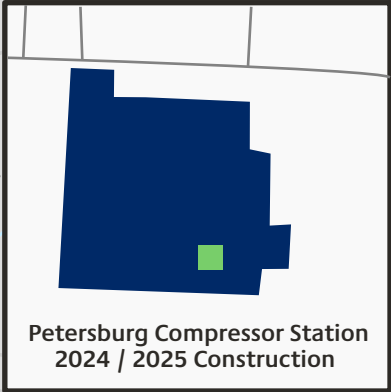
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Isle of Wight County Impact

VRP would provide an estimated one-time pulse of economic activity to Isle of Wight County during construction that would support approximately:

- 782 jobs
- \$36.4 million in associated labor income
- \$110.8 million in economic output
- \$1.6 million in one-time local tax revenue from construction
- \$477,200 in ongoing annual net new local tax revenue from property tax





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| Existing Columbia System | Existing Compressor Station | Existing Point of Receipt | County Lines |
| Planned 2024 Construction | Existing Point of Receipt to be Upgraded | Existing Regulator Station | Milepost |
| Planned 2025 Construction | Existing Regulator Station to be Upgraded | Existing Point of Delivery | |

Monthly Construction Updates

[July 15, 2024](#)

Starting on Monday, July 15th, crews will set up staging areas in Chesapeake, Windsor, and Waverly; followed by two weeks of activities to include preparing staging areas, delivering pipes and equipment, and general mobilization. We will regularly post construction updates, road closures, and other community impacts here.

[August 23, 2024](#)

- Delivery of pipe and equipment to staging areas and work zones, with associated increased truck traffic and crew presence. Significant traffic impacts are anticipated to last through the month of August 2024, until remaining equipment and materials have been delivered. Routine construction traffic will continue through the fall as work is executed for 2024 construction scope.
- Noise from construction preparation activities.
- Other related activities along the pipeline corridors, including equipment mobilization, timber matting and general site preparation.
- Preparation and execution of Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) activities near water and road crossings.

[September 4, 2024](#)

- Delivery of equipment and materials to the project staging areas has been substantially completed. All VRP activities will be conducted in compliance with VDOT and local traffic control plans and approved stipulations.
 - Traffic Pattern Change: Delivery trucks will no longer be routed through Matoaka Road in Suffolk.
- Active Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) operations are continuing near water and road crossings. Sound barrier installation has been completed where applicable.

- Drilling began at the HDD site on Hillpoint Boulevard in Suffolk on Tuesday, Sept. 3.
- Schedule Update: VRP crews are now scheduled to work seven days a week during daytime hours at all active locations of work.
- Over the coming week, neighbors can expect the following activity:
 - Delivery of pipe and equipment to work zones, with associated increased truck traffic and crew presence.
 - Noise from construction preparation activities.
 - Other related activities along the pipeline corridors, including equipment mobilization, timber matting and other general site preparation.
 - Preparation and execution of HDD activities near water and road crossings.

Please note that due to the complexity of construction this schedule may be subject to change.

ISSUE:

Discussion of the Board's Annual Retreat

BACKGROUND:

The Board has previously expressed its desire to hold an annual retreat with focus on updating the Board's Strategic Plan.

Dates for consideration for the Board's retreat are October 24th and 25th and the tentative location is the 757 Room at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) building in Chesapeake, Virginia. The facilitator for the retreat will be Robert A. Crum, Jr., Executive Director, HRPDC.

The Board may wish to determine the date of the retreat so staff can begin to finalize meeting logistics.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Per the Board's discussion and direction.

ISSUE:

Discussion of the Formation of an Audit Committee

BACKGROUND:

At its regular meeting on August 15, 2024, the Board made appointments to the Audit Committee. In this regard, the Board may wish some necessary adjustments to the structure and bylaws of the Committee.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Per the Board's discussion and direction.