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ROAD CLOSURES AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC DELAYS

SUFFOLK, VA (February 16, 2012) The following roads in the City of Suffolk will have closures and possible delays today, Thursday, February 16, 2012, due to construction and maintenance projects:

New Projects:

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Utilities' Line Maintenance Division will close the southbound right lane in the 700 block of North Main Street to clean sewer lines between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Traffic will be directed to merge over to the southbound passing lane until the cleaning is complete.

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will have a mobile right lane closure on Route 58 in the westbound direction between Pitchkettle Road and Business Holland Road until 12 p.m.

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-City of Suffolk Department of Public Utilities' Line Maintenance Division will have a lane closure in the 700-800 blocks of East Washington Street between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to clean sewer lines.

-The City of Suffolk Department of Public Utilities will have a moving lane closure on Main Street from Bank Street to the Northern Suffolk Railroad crossing near the Prentis House from 9 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, to 6 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2012, to review the sewer main in the area.

Ongoing Projects:

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will close Garfield Avenue between Harrison Street and Pitchkettle Road until 3 p.m. Traffic will be detoured to the surrounding streets.

-A contractor will have the right, eastbound shoulder closed on Route 58 between Forest Glen Drive and Grove Avenue until 4 p.m.

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will have a mobile operation in both directions on Carolina Road between Copeland Road and Deer Forest until 3 p.m..

-A contractor will have possible flagger operations with single lane closures in the 4300 to 5200 block of Godwin Boulevard from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday. The work is expected to be ongoing through March 2012.

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-A contractor will have possible shoulder and lane closures in the 3800 block of Bridge Road to conduct construction projects for the Bridge Road Medical Office Complex. This project is expected to be ongoing until March 2012.

-A contractor may have periodic shoulder and lane closures in the 4600 to 4900 blocks of Sleepy Hole Road on the southbound side due to an ongoing project. The work is expected to last until April 2012.

-A contractor will be performing utility work requiring various lane closures on West Washington Street between Wellons Street and North Main Street. The work will run from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. until the end of February. The closing of the westbound lane and parking lane of West Washington Street will occur during phase one and the closing of the eastbound lane and parking lane of West Washington Street will occur during phase two. Roadway signage will be displayed to direct traffic detours for the project duration.

-Contractors will have the outer westbound lane of Route 58 closed from Kenyon Road to Manning Bridge Road from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to provide a safe work zone. This closure is for the installation of new water and sanitary sewer improvements. The work is scheduled for completion in early May 2012.

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-A contractor will begin repair work on the Mills Godwin Bridge in the northbound direction. Due to the work, there will be short durations of flagging operations during the day as well as at night which will require a shifting of lanes onto the shoulder of the bridge to minimize impact to traffic. Two lanes of traffic will be open at all times. Phase one of this project is scheduled to be completed by March 1, 2012, weather permitting. Phase one repair work will include total reconstruction of the expansion dams and resealing of the expansion joints along the entire 4000 linear foot bridge.

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