



## Churchland Bridge Replacement Information

- The original bridge was constructed by VDOT over 50 years ago prior to the annexation of Norfolk County with the City of Portsmouth and still carries the seal of the Commonwealth on it.
- The existing structure is a multiple span, multiple-unit structural steel bridge with a suspended (pin-and-hanger type) span over the navigation channel.
- This bridge has reached its useful life and is now considered structurally deficient. The primary justification for this project is the safety of the traveling public.
- The Churchland Bridge project will replace existing northbound lanes, High Street, over the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River.
- The Churchland Bridge is currently under design. The project team includes Parsons Brinkerhoff, A/H Environmental, Mapp Environmental, the McPherson Design Group, GET Solutions, the Engineering Department and the Public Works Department
- This bridge replacement project is part of the current Six-Year Plan and has previously received \$2.25 million in funding for the PE (design) and RW (right of way clearance) phases.
- The total estimate – PE, RW and Construction – for this project is \$29.5 million dollars.
- The current project schedule anticipates construction to start in late 2015. It will take approximately 2 years to complete the project.
- The old bridge will be completely demolished and removed. The new bridge will maintain the existing navigational channel width and height.
- The new bridge will be slightly wider than the existing facility to meet FHWA pedestrian access standards.
- The southbound bridge will be used to carry traffic in both directions during construction of the new bridge.
- The design team is currently pursuing other funding sources for construction.
- This project is a design, bid, build project.