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ROAD CLOSURES AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC DELAYS

SUFFOLK, VA (February 17, 2012) The following roads in the City of Suffolk will have closures and possible delays today, Friday, February 17, 2012, due to construction and maintenance projects:

New Projects:

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works' Traffic Engineering's Paint Crew will have the southbound left turn lane closed on Main Street at the Farm Fresh signalized intersection from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will have a flagger operation on East Washington Street between 10th Street and Hollywood Avenue until 11 a.m.

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Ongoing Projects:

-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.

-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.

-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 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.

-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.

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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.

-City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will close Garfield Avenue between Harrison Street and Pitchkettle Road until 3 p.m.

-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.

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