HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT



A STUDY OF HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

Connecting Chesapeake A Study of High-Capacity Transit

Chesapeake City Council Project Update March 19, 2024







Introductions



A STUDY OF HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

Hampton Roads Transit is collaborating with the City of Chesapeake to explore high-capacity transit options that enhance the City's economy, align with future growth plans and improve connectivity to the regional transportation network.







Agenda

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- Study Area
- Schedule
- Public Engagement
- Tier 1 Alternatives
- Thoughts and Input
- Next Steps

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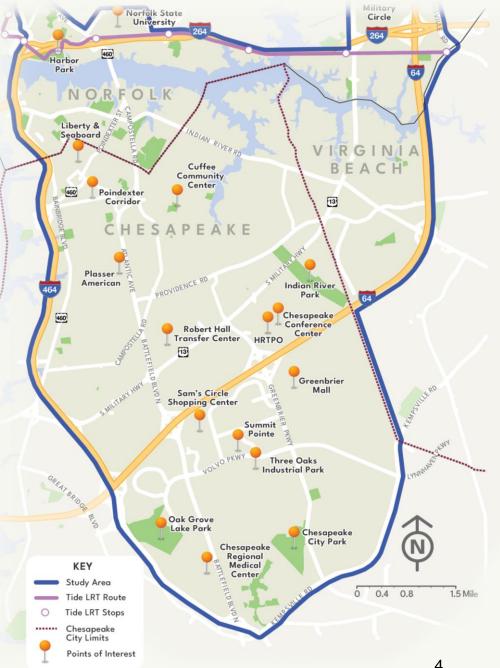


Study Area











What is High-Capacity Transit

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Can travel in its own **dedicated right-of-way**.



Can include technologies that prioritize transit vehicles to **improve mobility and operations**.



Makes fewer stops, travels at higher speeds, has more frequent service, and carries more people than local bus service.



Express Bus

Bus service that makes fewer intermediate stops and operates in mixed traffic or HOV managed lanes.



LRT

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Bus service that operates in mixed traffic or its own lane. Technologies can be incorporated to prioritize BRT.

Light Rail

Electrified service that uses a steel-tracked fixed guideway and operates primarily along an exclusive right-of-way.



Methodology Evaluation of Alternatives



TIER 1 ALTERNATIVES

Develop multiple conceptual alignment alternatives connecting Greenbrier Town Center Area to the wider Hampton Roads Service area.

TIER 1 SCREENING

Evaluate whether the Tier 1 alternatives meets the Purpose and Need of the project. This qualitative analysis will identify the most viable Tier 2 alternatives.

TIER 2 ALTERNATIVES

Develop the most viable Tier 2 alternatives by completing ridership forecasting, right-of-way analysis, traffic analysis, and corridor/street modification analysis.

TIER 2 SCREENING

Evaluate the performance of the Tier 2 alternatives by based on the criteria developed by stakeholders.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES

Recommend an alternative that can be further developed in the next phase of the FTA CIG program.

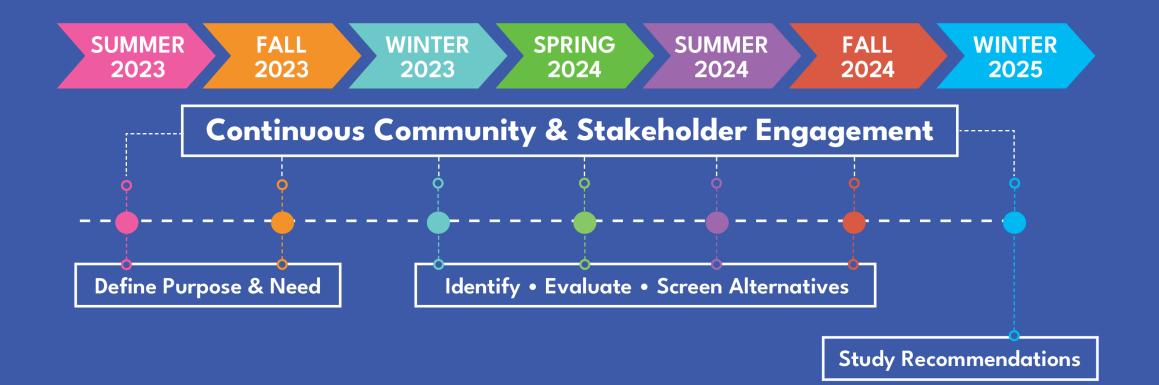
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Study Schedule



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Public Engagement







Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) is exploring high-capacity transit options in the City of Chesapeake.

Give us your input and follow our progress as we identify potential corridors and modes of transit that improve connectivity in our region.

Sign up for project updates to stay informe







October 2023 - Public Meeting Materials

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PUBLIC MEETINGS AND POP-UP EVENT

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October 2023 - Public Meetings and Pop-Up Flyer

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Public Engagement Round 1: October 2023

- Public Meeting: Hyatt Place -Chesapeake/Greenbrier
 October 17, 2023
- Pop-Up Event: Robert Hall Transfer
 Center
 October 18, 2023
- Public Meeting: South Norfolk
 Memorial Library
 October 19, 2023





Public Engagement Survey: Dec. 15 - Jan. 16

What We Heard...

1,164 Respondents

> Nearly 74 of respondents felt a high-capacity transit option would benefit the overall community around Chesapeake.

6 OUT OF 10 respondents felt they would be likely to use a high-capacity public transit option if it

became an option.

TOP 3 TRANSIT DESTINATIONS:

- Downtown Norfolk
- Greenbrier Mall
- Virginia Beach Town Center

Public Engagement Survey: Key Insights



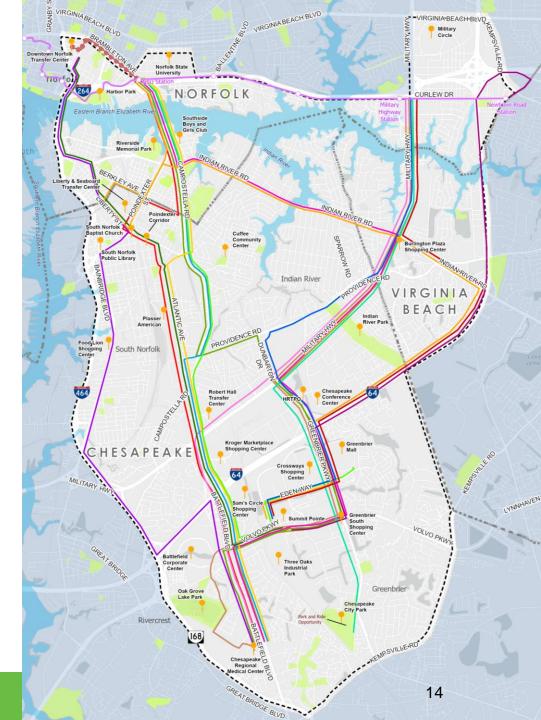
Public Engagement Upcoming Events and Community Outreach

- Share preliminary alternative routes and seek public and stakeholder input
- April 2024
- Pop-ups and street teams
- Small Group Meetings
- \bigcirc Online version of alternative maps
- Survey
- Facebook Livestream event

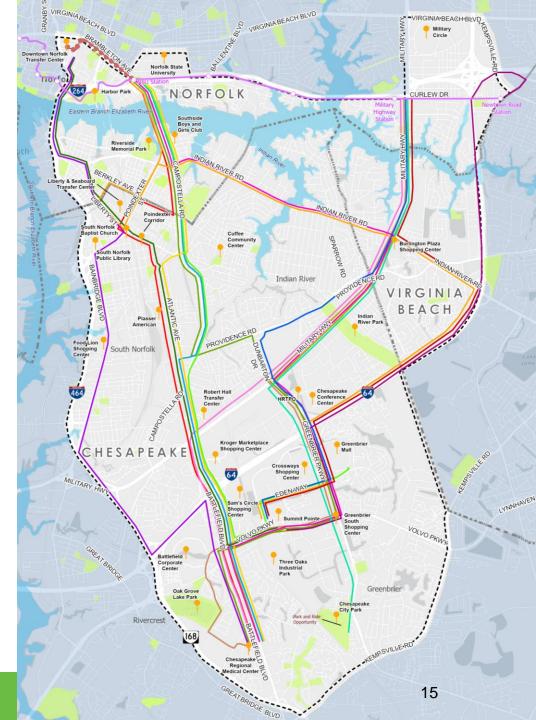




- Tier 1 evaluation includes 16 conceptual alignment alternatives connecting activity centers within Chesapeake and to the wider Hampton Roads service area.
 - >> Alternative use existing streets and highways
- Most start in the vicinity of Summit Pointe or Chesapeake Regional Medical Center
- End near Downtown Norfolk or Military Highway Light Rail station or Newtown Road station
- Transit mode (BRT/LRT/Express Bus) will be evaluated in Tier 2.



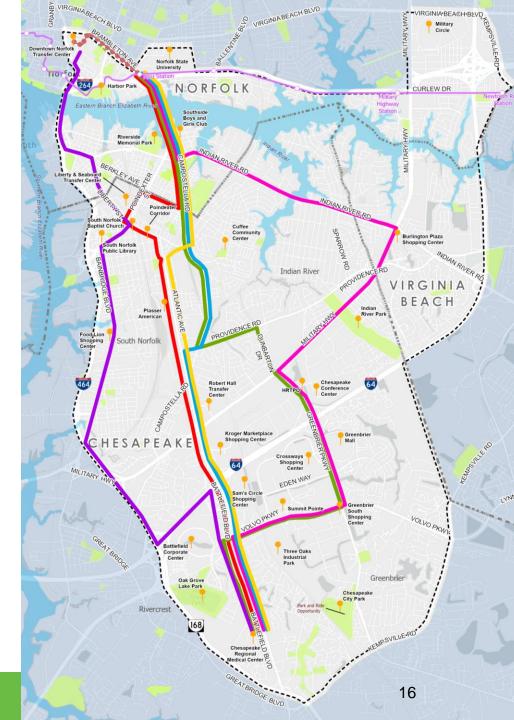
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Medical Center - Downtown Norfolk (MC-DN) Options

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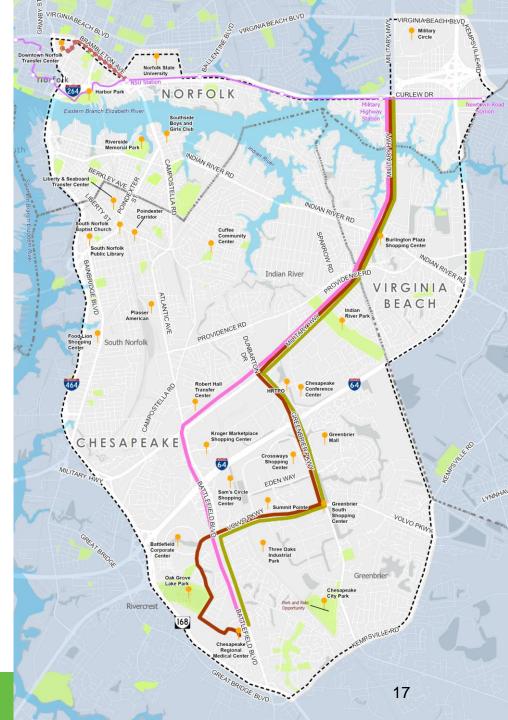
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Medical Center - Military Highway Station (MC-MH) Options

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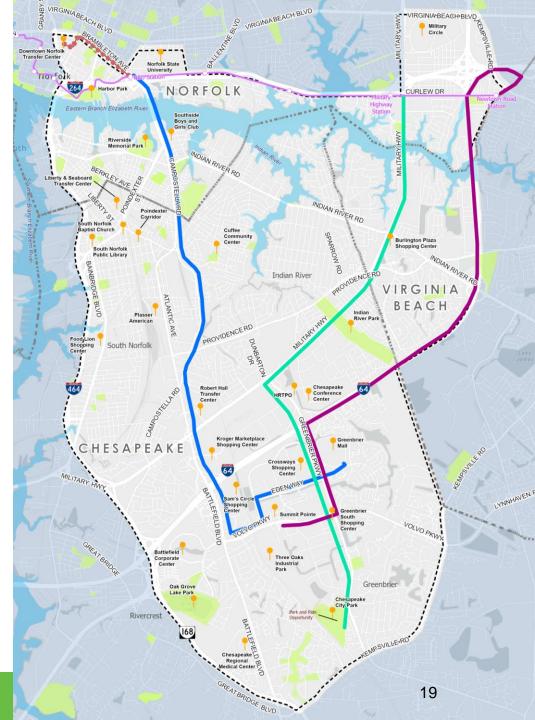
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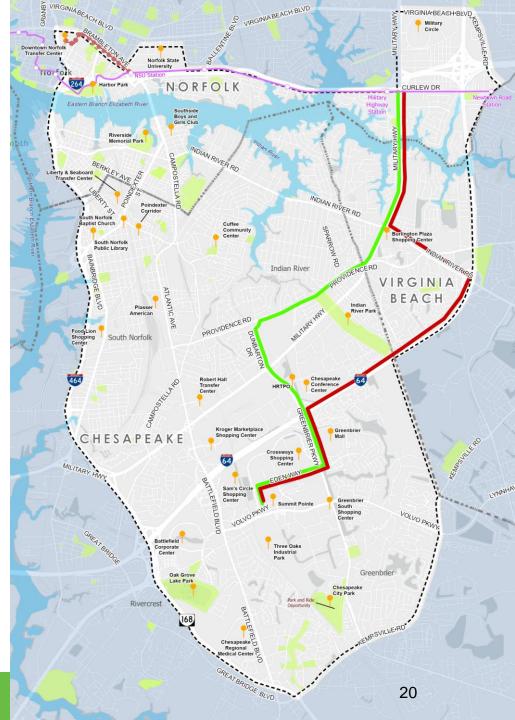
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SP-MH – 2	



Next Steps

Complete the Tier 1 Screening ProcessContinued public involvement activities

- April Pop-ups, Small Group Meetings
- Select two or three alternatives for Tier 2 Screening
 - Cost
 - Ridership
 - Mode
 - Impacts to adjacent properties
 - Traffic impacts
- Recommend one preferred alternative to City Council for approval



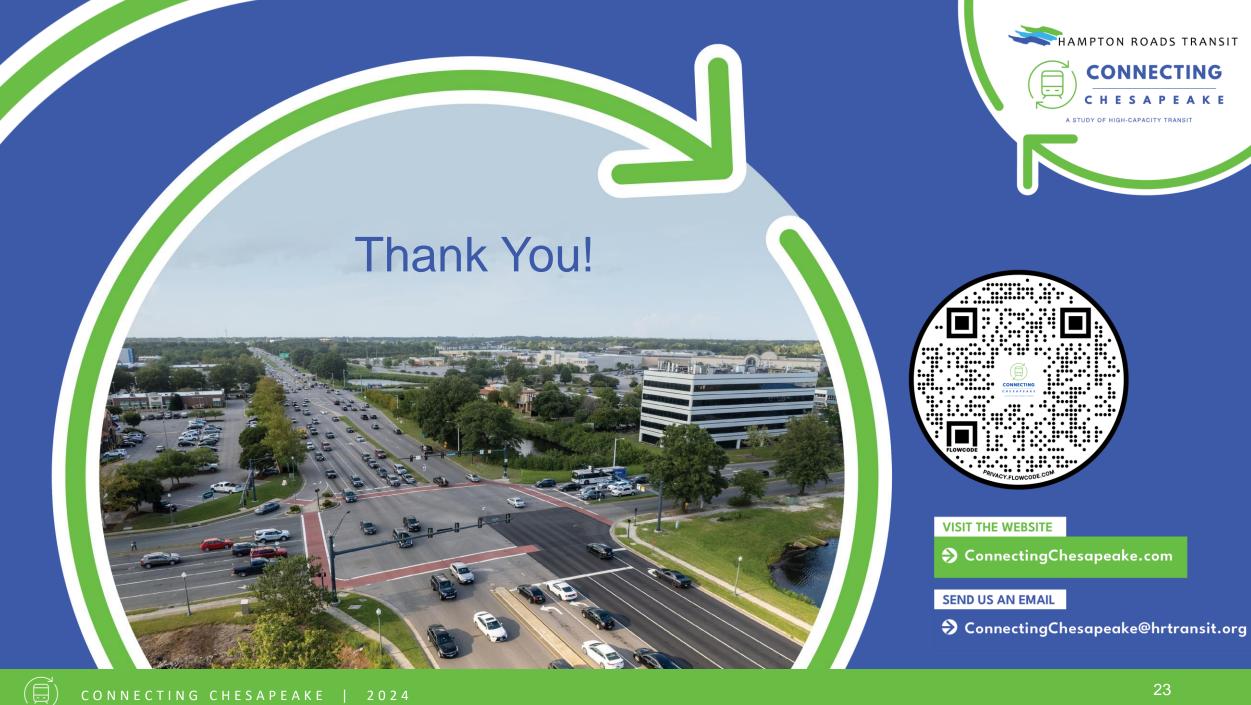








Additional thoughts, input and comments.



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