

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2024

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator



SUBJECT: Strategic Priorities Quarterly Report - Department of Public Works

The Strategic Priorities adopted by the Board provide clear direction to obtain shared attainable goals, establish a common understanding among managers and teams as well as a straightforward approach to future challenges. As stated in the previous memorandum from January 12, 2024, I wanted to share the progress of some of the projects that the Department of Public Works is currently working on.

Exemplary Public Safety

- **Law Enforcement Building:** Work on the project continues to move forward. The flooring installation is approaching completion, while drywall and painting touch-ups are underway. The furniture is completed, and assembly is in progress. Additionally, one generator has been installed, with the second expected to arrive soon.
- **Emergency Communications Center Building Addition:** Electrical rough-in is complete, and exterior brickwork has been completed. Interior walls, ceilings, and offices are nearing final completion.
- **Building Safety Renovation:** Design work and surveys are ongoing to renovate offices previously occupied by the York Poquoson Sheriff's Office. The project will begin later this year and will develop in scope over the next several years.
- **York High School Generator:** Design has been completed, and work is underway. Generator pads have been constructed, with a delivery of generators scheduled for later this spring. Installation should be completed this summer.

Excellent Educational Opportunities

- **Grafton High School and York High School Tennis Courts:** Renovation of courts to include crack filling, leveling, color coating, ret replacement, crank repair, and re-stripe playing surfaces. York High School courts have

been completed, and Grafton High School courts are scheduled for later this winter. Pickleball court lines will be added to existing courts.

- Back Creek Park Tennis Courts: Upper courts of the Back Creek Park Tennis Courts will be renovated to include the design of Pickleball Courts on some of the existing Tennis Courts. Project is ongoing with a projected start date later this spring.
- Chisman Creek Park: Installation of remote athletic field lighting control on existing softball fields is on-going. Project should be complete early this spring.
- New Quarter Park Kayak Launch: Design work for an ADA kayak launch at the point is under design and development.
- Back Creek Park Kayak Launch: Plans and design have been reviewed by Public Works Staff and Parks & Recreation. Current construction estimate is for late 2024.

Value Driven Economic Development

VDOT Revenue Sharing Projects and Transportation Alternatives

- Route 17 Sidewalk: The project connects the newly renovated York Library project to the existing multi-purpose trail along Route 17 in front of York Villas. The project includes a signalized crossing. Plans were received in October and are currently under review.
- Lakeside Drive Sidewalk: The Project will connect Carraway Terrace and North School Lane on the northern side of Lakeside Drive with a sidewalk. It will also connect School Lane and Bailey Road on the southern side. Plans were received in November and are under review.
- Villa Way Sidewalk: The project starts at Yorktown Road and continues down Villa Way with a connection to Mt. Vernon Elementary. Plans were received and are currently under review.
- Siege Lane Sidewalk: The project starts at Runaway Lane and continues down Siege Lane past the elementary school to York-Warwick Drive. Cox Communications accepted the utility alterations proposed by staff. Plans were received and are under review.

- Grafton Drive Sidewalk: The project will be connected to the already completed Grafton Complex Connector sidewalk and will extend to Timberline Loop. Plans were received in October and are under review.
- VDOT projects that have been approved for future funding and approximate award dates. These projects will develop in scope and design over multiple years.
 - Lifting of Seaford Road- This project has been approved for VDOT funding for budget FY27.
 - Waller Mill Road- This project has been approved for VDOT funding for Budget FY27.
 - Sports Way/Lakeside Sidewalk and Crosswalk- This project has been approved for VDOT funding for Budget FY27.
 - Goodwin Neck Bikeway- This project has been approved for VDOT funding for Budget FY26.
 - Victory Blvd Trail- This project has been approved for VDOT funding for Budget FY27.

Maximize Outstanding Communications and Customer Service

- Development Services: The contract has been released for the renovation and expansion of Development Services. Tree clearing is to be completed by April, with construction to follow.
- Parking Terrace Repairs: Repairs to the upper-level deck surface are complete, including pumper stops, re-surfacing, and re-line of parking spaces. The new upper deck gate will be operational this spring.
- Vehicle Maintenance Fuel Station Number 2 (Tabb): The project was completed in the fall of 2023, and the station is operational.
- Vehicle Maintenance Fuel Station Number 3 (Bruton): The project is being designed in-house, and tanks have been ordered. The plans were approved, and the project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2024.
- Church Street Stairs Landscaping: The retaining walls and earthwork have been completed. The landscaping will be installed this spring.
- Charles Brown Park: The asphalt replacement was completed this fall.
- Battle Road Sidewalk: Design work is proceeding and will start at the Route 17 Sidewalk and continue along Battle Road to Old York-Hampton Highway. VDOT has approved the project and staff is securing easements.

The project is ongoing and further design changes have occurred due to comments by Newport News Waterworks.

- **Bulifants Boulevard:** The project will connect the new crosswalk at the intersection of Mooretown Road and along Bulifants Boulevard to the end of the existing apartment sidewalk. The trees have been removed and staff is reviewing construction quotes. The project is scheduled to begin in the spring.
- **Old Mooretown Road Sidewalk:** The project begins at the end of the James City County sidewalk along Old Mooretown Road, crosses the road and continues to Kelton Station on the York County side. The marked up plans and a letter addressing comments has been forwarded to VDOT for review. The final plan submittals were received July 13, 2023. Staff is working on securing the required easements for project.
- **HRSD Park and Trail:** Staff has finished the trail plans and cost estimate. HRSD's consultant received the plans and submitted it with their JPA package and Dominion Energy encroachment application. HRSD has forwarded comments and staff updated the plans. Project design and approvals are ongoing. HRSD has begun construction.

Environmental Stewardship with a Focus on Resiliency

- **Edgehill Culverts:** The project includes installing culverts under Cockletown Road and Harris Grove for the Edgehill drainage improvements. Tree removal has begun and plan review to be completed in February 2024.
- **Celestial Way Stream Restoration:** The project restores over 1,700 linear feet of stream starting at Big Bethel Road and extending downstream to Heavens Way.
- **Larkin Run Stream Restoration:** Brown and Caldwell have completed the survey, field investigation, and environmental research and submitted their Basis of Design. A change order was processed to add a BMP design on Grafton Bethel Elementary School. The design of the stream and the school BMP should be wrapped up once the easements are obtained; two temporary construction easements are still outstanding. The Wetlands permit has been obtained with tree clearing restriction until the end of July 2024. Construction is anticipated in the Fall of 2024.
- **Rosewood-Goodwin Neck Culvert:** Installation of a culvert under Goodwin Neck Road to protect the Emergency Communications and Operations

Center from flooding. The utilities still need to be relocated and the design is ongoing.

- Queens Lake Ravines and Dam: The Survey is complete. The plan and design is ongoing with staff and The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Grant funding is available and awarded for \$1,000,000 for wetlands renovation. The staff is following up with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to process the grant application.
- Whites Faulkner Sewer Extension Project: The project will provide sewer to homes and businesses along both sides of Route 17 from Terrebonne Road to Fort Eustis Boulevard. The survey work is still in the process of being done. The appraisal for the pump station property has been completed. We are still working on finalizing the plat and purchasing the pump station property. The design work and engineering will occur over the next year.
- Hickory Hill Pump Station Rehabilitation: The project design is to renovate and upgrade the pump station that has significant structural, mechanical, electrical, and wastewater capacity issues. The plans and specifications are complete. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled with construction to follow in the spring of 2024.
- Brandywine Pump Station Rehabilitation: The project design and scope is to renovate a pump station that has significant structural, mechanical, electrical, and onsite stream erosion issues. The generator and pumps have been ordered. The roof, all electrical, pumps, lights, and above-ground walls have been removed and/or demolished. The project should be completed in May of 2024.
- Baptist Road Pump Station: Staff is working on connecting three-phase power service from Dominion. New pumps, generator, electronics, and bypass pumps are to be installed in the summer of 2024 in anticipation of the Rose Hill Development.