



City Council Staff Report

Subject: I-264/Independence Boulevard Interchange Improvements (CIP 100211)—VDOT Public Meeting Notice

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Summary

As noted at the October 21, 2025, briefing to City Council, VDOT is planning to hold a public meeting to present the preferred alternative from the I-264/Independence Boulevard Interchange Access Report (IAR). The public meeting is scheduled for **November 6, 2025, at Thalia Elementary School (421 Thalia Road) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be a drop-in style format with information boards and VDOT staff available to answer any questions.

Background

The I-264/Independence Interchange Improvement Project has been included in several VDOT traffic studies dating back to 2016. An ultimate interchange configuration was recommended as part of the preliminary analysis; however, the cost in 2020 was already \$690.7M. Given the significant cost of the improvements, interim alternatives were explored that might provide economical congestion relief and safety benefits, without precluding the ultimate improvements in the future. This analysis effort was performed under the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) program that was administered by VDOT and completed in March 2020.

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) programmed \$1.25M for an IAR in 2023. The work began in August 2023 and is anticipated to be completed by December 2025. The IAR has reviewed previous studies to analyze the recommendations and assess traffic impacts. A detailed review of the traffic impacts during construction has also been provided to determine the viability of the various alternatives. Once the IAR is complete, grant funding opportunities, such as Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) or the Mega Program under the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program, will have to be pursued to fund a project of this magnitude. In the meantime, HRTAC has allocated \$120M in its FY31 six-year plan for the project.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Director of Public Works, LJ Hansen, P.E., ljhansen@vbgov.com or 757-385-8740.