

NIMMO PARKWAY

PHASE VII-B | Environmental Impact Statement



Public Hearing for the Recommended Preferred Alternative

Virtual Public Hearing

February 18, 2026 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

virginiabeach.gov/nimmo7b

In-Person Public Hearing

February 19, 2026 | 5-7 p.m.

Three Oaks Elementary School

2201 Elson Green Avenue | Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Welcome

The City of Virginia Beach (City) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are holding a public hearing for the Recommended Preferred Alternative (RPA) for the Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is being conducted to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This public hearing is being held to present the alternatives evaluated in the EIS, recommend a preferred alternative, and gather input from the public.

City and VDOT representatives are available to discuss the RPA and answer questions. Comment forms are available online and at this meeting and your input is encouraged.

Project Overview

There have been many studies of the proposed Nimmo Parkway corridor by the City, dating to the first proposal in 1968. Most recently, the City developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) in May 2022, which focused on a single build alternative along the City-owned right-of-way to extend the existing Nimmo Parkway and connect to existing Sandbridge Road. Following the release of the EA, comments from federal agencies led the Federal Highway Association (FHWA) to determine an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was necessary.

The Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B Study Area includes the existing east-west Nimmo Parkway/ Nimmo Trail right-of-way, which extends approximately 1.9 miles between Albuquerque Drive and Sandbridge Road east of McClannan's Curve. The Study Area also includes the Sandbridge Road corridor, a section of two-lane roadway extending approximately 3.4 miles between Entrada Drive to just east of McClannan's Curve.

Study Area

NIMMO PARKWAY:

Approximately 1.9 miles between Albuquerque Drive and Sandbridge Road east of McClannan's Curve

SANDBRIDGE ROAD:

Approximately 3.4 miles between Entrada Drive to just east of McClannan's Curve



Project Goals and Objectives

The goal of this Project is to provide reliable access and connectivity to the Sandbridge Community. In order to meet this goal, the project must meet the following objectives:

- Reduce the impact of flooding that routinely interrupts travel along Sandbridge Road
- Address existing roadway deficiencies that limit dependable and safe mobility
- Minimize delays and access issues caused by crashes or other roadway blockages, including disabled vehicles, vehicles leaving the roadway, and fallen trees

Summary of Potential Impacts

RESOURCE	RECOMMENDED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	
	Nimmo Parkway Alternative	Sandbridge Road Alternative
Potential Residential Acquisitions	0	12
Potential Commercial Acquisitions	0	2
Total Acres of Impacted Portions of Property*	0 acres	53.3 acres
Estimated Stream Impacts	1,701 linear feet	22,459 linear feet
Estimated Wetland Impacts**	9.7 acres	22.5 acres
100-Year Floodplain	17.3 acres	49.7 acres
500-Year Floodplain	2.3 acres	7.6 acres

Coordination regarding potential impacts to public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife refuges, as well as historic properties, is underway. It is anticipated that the results of this coordination would not change the recommended preferred alternative.

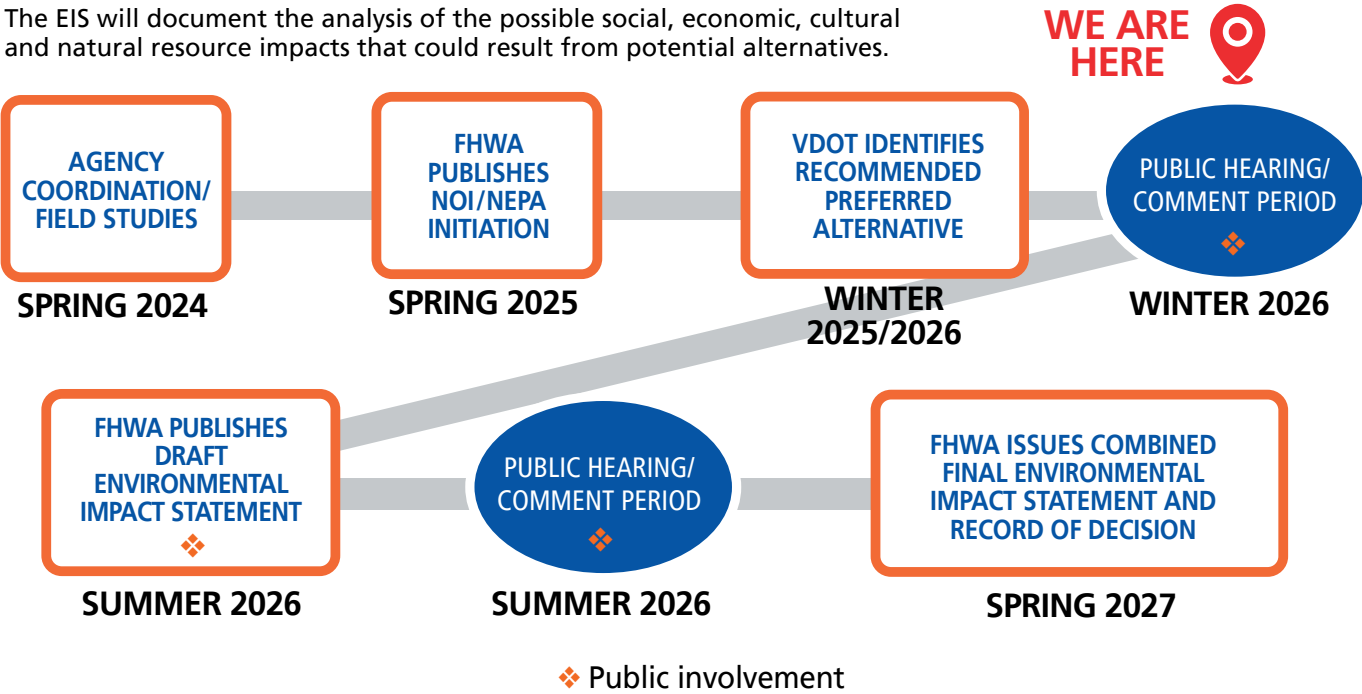
Impacts above are estimates identified in the NEPA process and may be refined in the future.

* Does not include total acreage of acquired properties

** Excludes impacts to ditches

Study Process

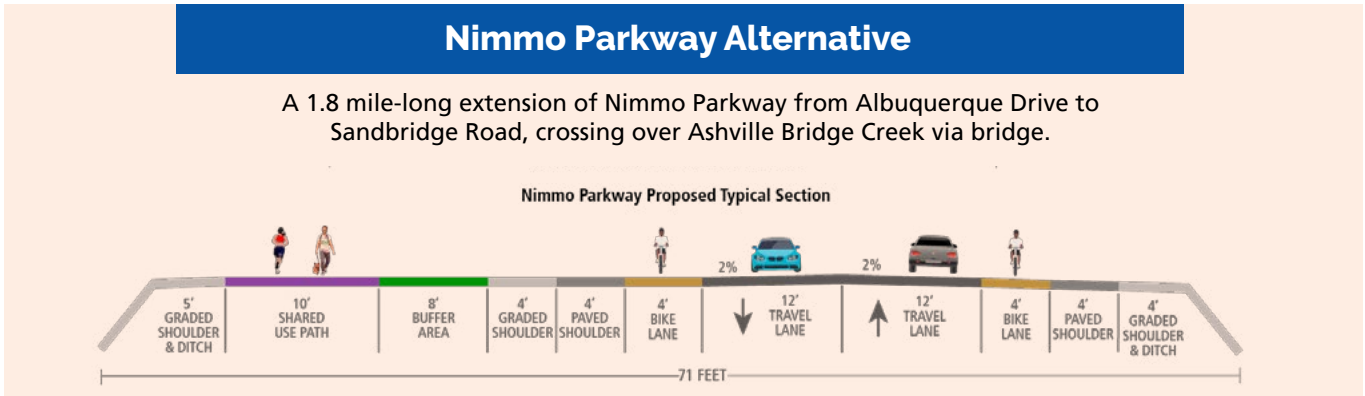
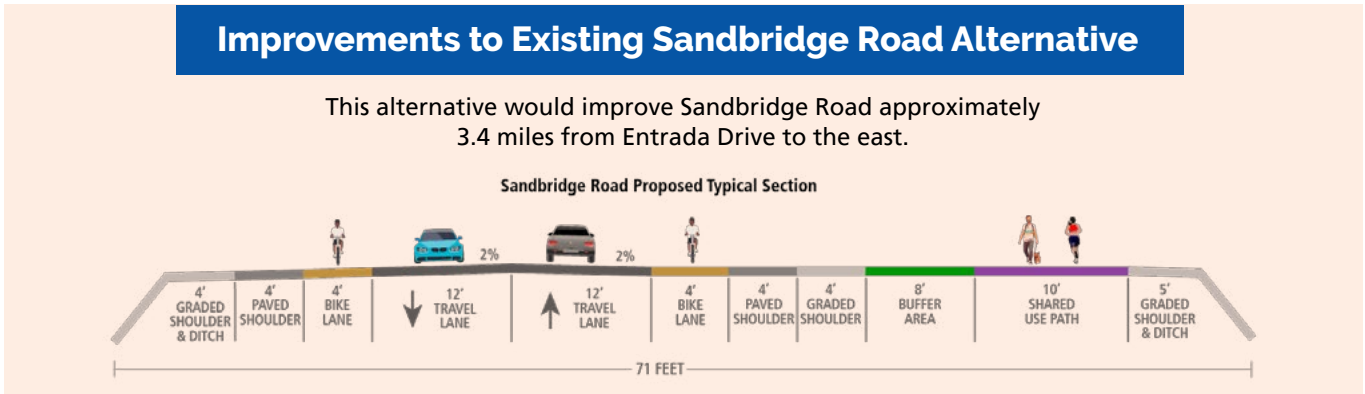
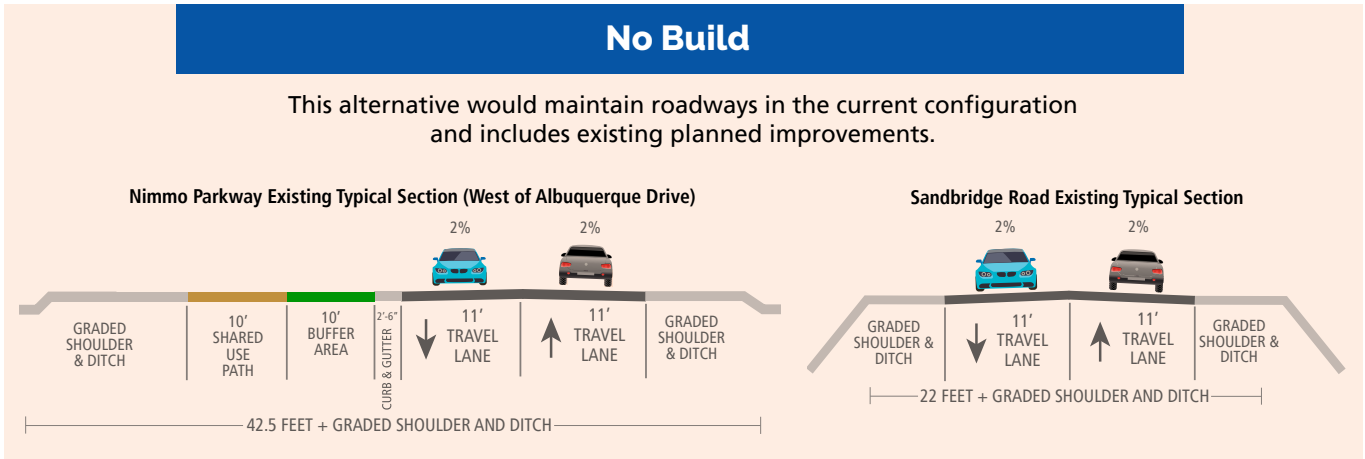
The EIS will document the analysis of the possible social, economic, cultural and natural resource impacts that could result from potential alternatives.



Alternatives Carried Forward and the Recommended Preferred Alternative

The following alternatives have been identified for evaluation in the EIS. While the No Build Alternative does not meet the Project Goals and Objectives, it is retained for comparison purposes in an EIS. The two Build Alternatives both meet the Project Goals and Objectives.

The City and VDOT make their recommendation for a preferred alternative based on the impacts and costs of each alternative. The potential impacts to social, economic, cultural and natural resources of each alternative will be documented in the Draft EIS and are summarized in the table opposite this page.



Preliminary, illustrative conceptual designs for typical sections.

Recommended Preferred Alternative

The City and VDOT recommend the Nimmo Parkway Alternative as it is less impactful than the Improvements to Existing Sandbridge Road Alternative, with minimal potential impacts to private property, requiring no business or residential relocations. It has fewer impacts to natural resources and requires no taking of Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge property. It is also significantly less expensive to construct.

* The Recommended Preferred Alternative must be endorsed by FHWA to move forward to the next phase of the study.

Providing Your Input

A public survey has been developed to receive feedback on the Recommended Preferred Alternative. The survey is available at the link below. Comments will be accepted between January 20 and March 2, 2026.

Please visit the project website at:

virginiabeach.gov/nimmo7b to view meeting materials, submit comments online or sign up for future updates.

We want your input!

- Mail comments to: VDOT Environmental Division
9120 Lockwood Blvd., Mechanicsville, VA 23116
- Complete the online survey on the project website
- Submit comments via email to
NimmoParkwayEIS@VDOT.Virginia.gov
- Leave a comment on the Project hotline:
1-800-818-7817

View these materials online!

Scan QR Code with Your Phone.

You can also sign up for our email project updates and newsletters.



Comments must be submitted or postmarked by March 2, 2026.

Civil Rights

VDOT project team members are available to discuss the project and answer questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and studies affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-956-3000 or TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The City of Virginia Beach will be responsible for any right-of-way acquisition for this project.

For more information, visit the City's Public Works Real Estate Group's website at pw.virginiabeach.gov/RealEstate.

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