

NIMMO PARKWAY PHASE VII-B

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

State Project: U000-134-897 and U000-134-880, UPCs 114154 and 115543
City CIP: 100 278, FHWA-2025-0008

Recommended Preferred Alternative
Public Hearing

February 2026

Purpose

This purpose of this presentation is to:

- Present the City of Virginia Beach's (City) and Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Recommended Preferred Alternative (RPA)
- Obtain input from the public on the RPA to inform Commonwealth Transportation Board action
- Share next steps for the project



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



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



Existing Conditions

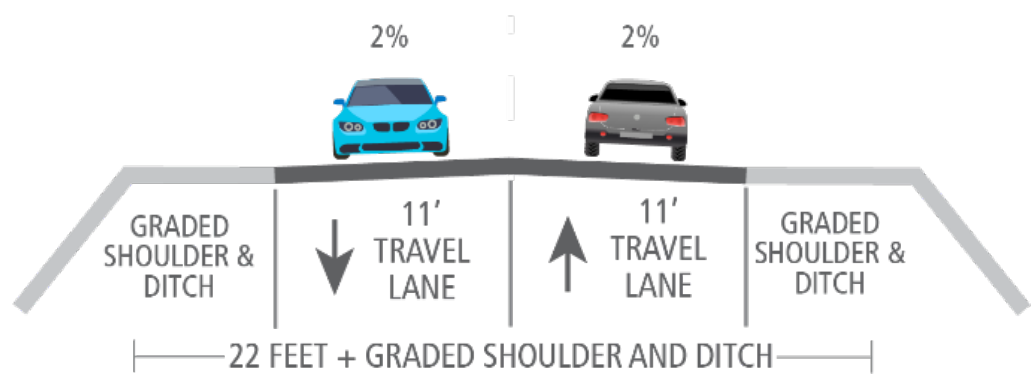
Existing Sandbridge Road

- Only public access road to Sandbridge Community
- Two-lane roadway with no shoulders
- Adjacent homes, businesses, cemeteries, church and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

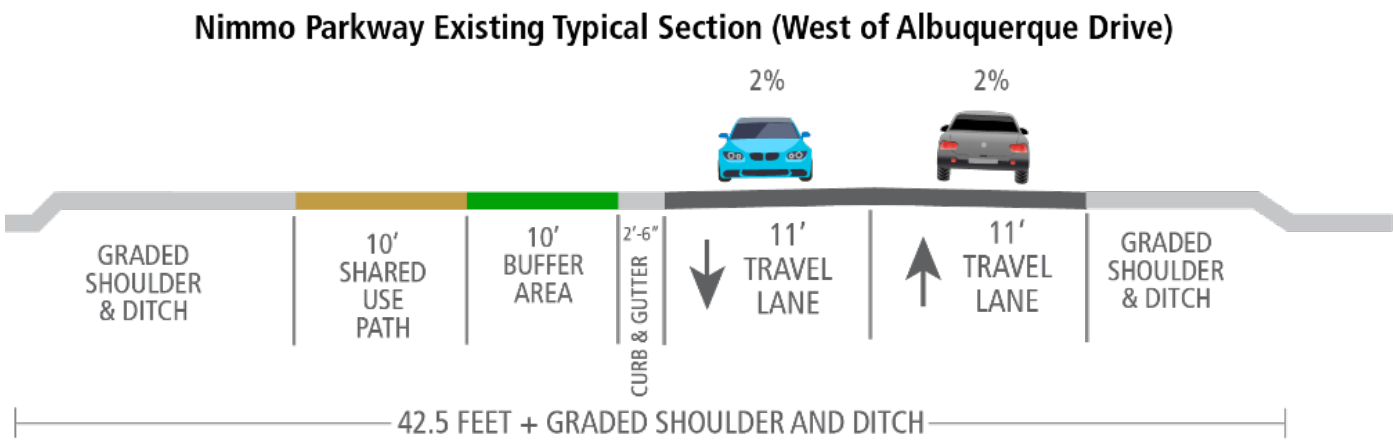


Alternatives Carried Forward – No Build Alternative

Sandbridge Road Existing Typical Section

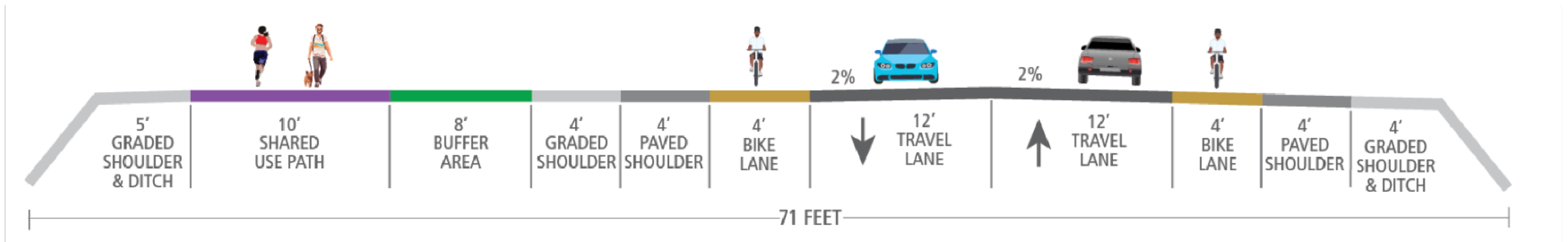


Nimmo Parkway Existing Typical Section
(West of Albuquerque Drive)



Alternatives Carried Forward – Nimmo Parkway Alternative

Nimmo Parkway Proposed Typical Section

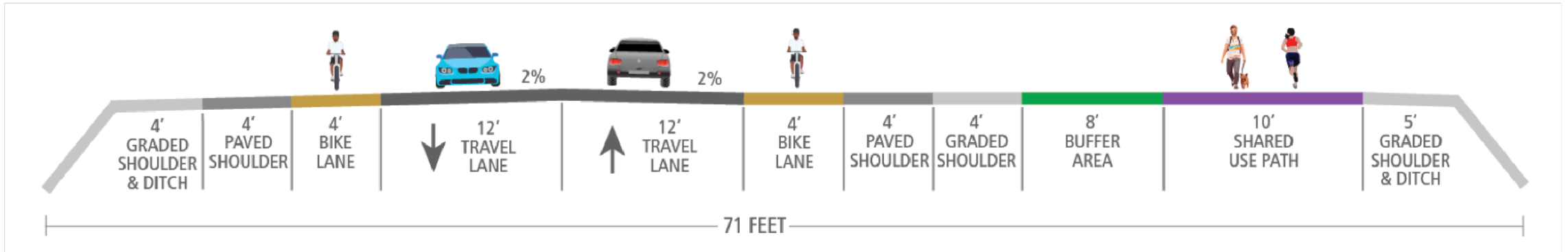


Preliminary, illustrative conceptual design for typical section.

- New, two-lane, undivided roadway between Albuquerque Drive and Sandbridge Road (1.8 miles)
- Elevated roadway to reduce future flooding risk
- 800-foot bridge over Ashville Bridge Creek

Alternatives Carried Forward – Sandbridge Road Alternative

Sandbridge Road Proposed Typical Section



Preliminary, illustrative conceptual design for typical section.

- Realigns and elevates Sandbridge Road for approximately 3.4 miles from Entrada Drive to approximately 0.8 miles west of Sandbridge Road's terminus at the Atlantic Ocean
- Roadway largely built on new alignment to facilitate continued access to the community during construction

Potential Impact Estimates

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.

* Does not include total acreage of acquired properties

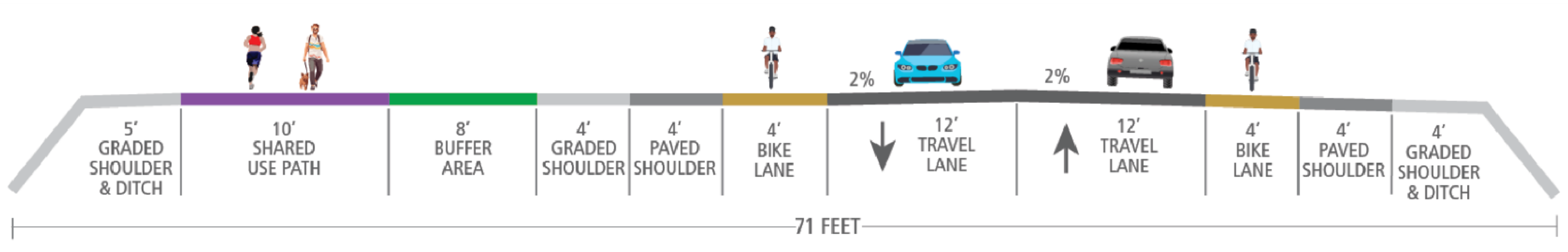
** Excludes impacts to ditches

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

Recommended Preferred Alternative

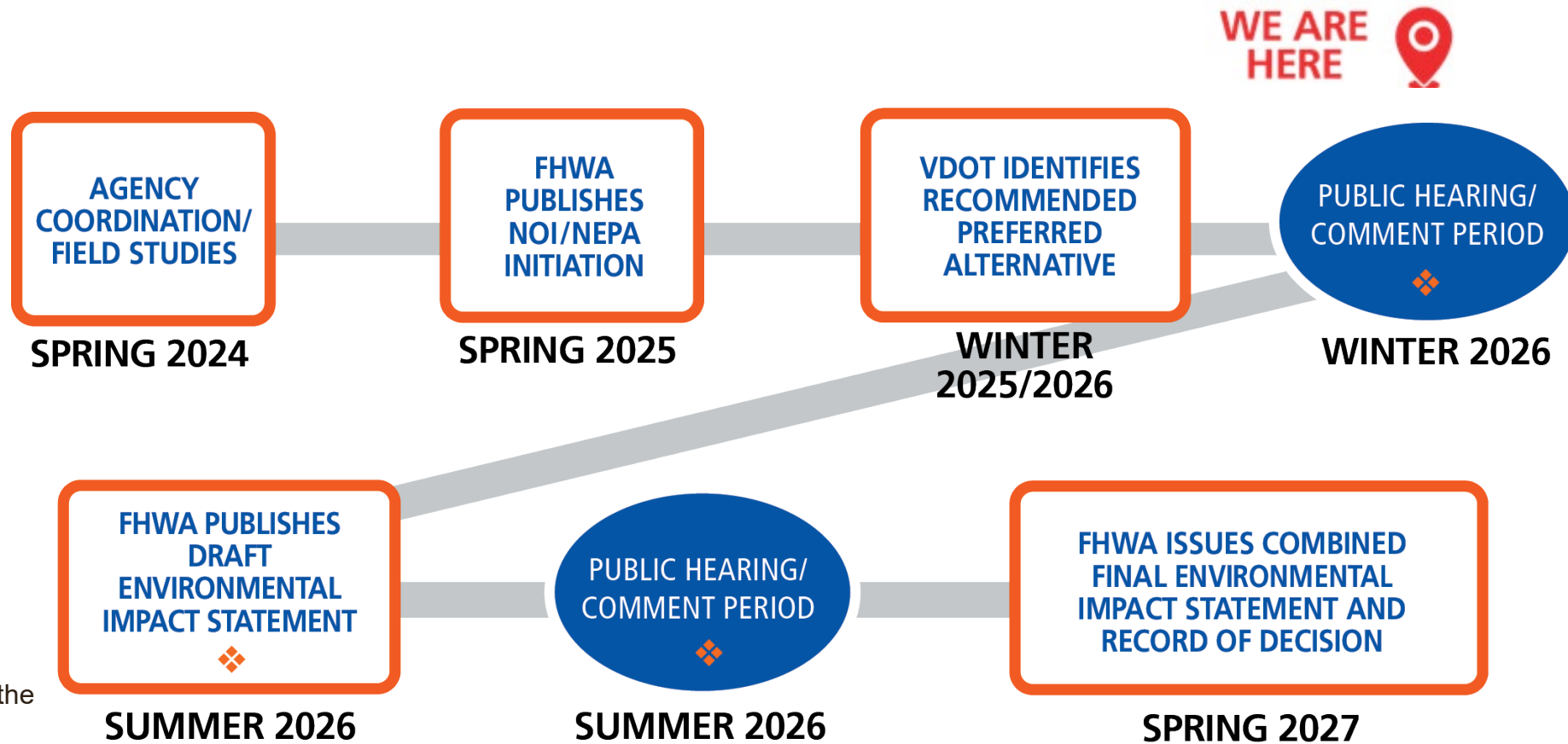
Nimmo Parkway Recommended Preferred Alternative

Nimmo Parkway Proposed Typical Section



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 wetlands and streams and requires no taking of Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge property. It is also significantly less expensive to construct.

Study Progress



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

❖ Public involvement

Share Comments

How to Provide Input



Complete the online survey at virginiabeach.gov/nimmo7b



Email comments to:
NimmoParkwayEIS@VDOT.Virginia.gov



Leave a comment on the Project hotline: 1-800-818-7817



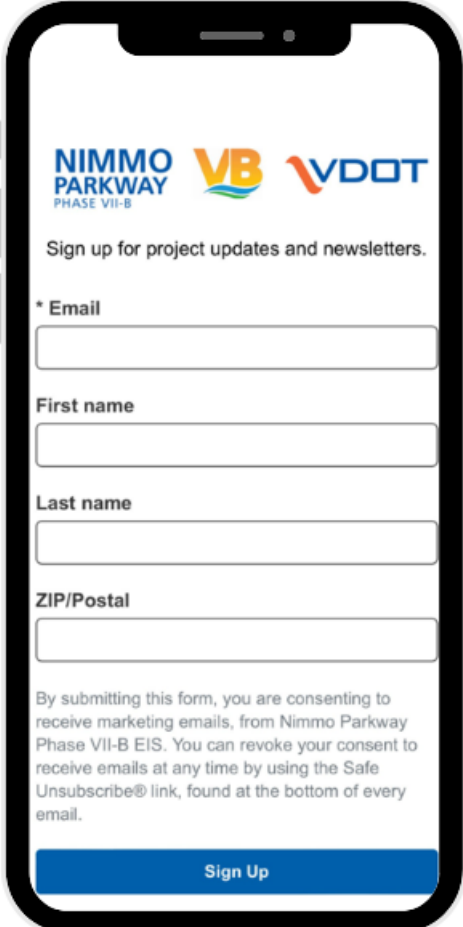
Mail comments to VDOT: VDOT Environmental Division
9120 Lockwood Blvd.
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

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

Next Steps

- Draft EIS issued for public review and comment
- Refine Preferred Alternative as appropriate
- Final EIS issued and FHWA Record of Decision

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