



I-64 CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS - SEGMENT I KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION

Newport News, VA - On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 Shirley Contracting Company, LLC (Shirley) kicked off construction on the first segment to widen I-64 with Governor Terry McAuliffe, regional leaders, and representatives from VDOT and local transportation agencies. The first segment is an \$84 million project that adds a 12 foot lane and shoulder in each direction for 5.6 miles between Jefferson Avenue and Yorktown Road to widen this four-lane section of I-64 to a six-lane section.

“As we break ground on the first segment of an expanded I-64, we are on our way to reducing congestion and delays, improving traffic safety, and providing better access for emergency evacuation on I-64 in the Hampton Roads region,” said Governor McAuliffe. “This important project is also a critical step forward in our efforts to build the transportation system businesses and families need to thrive in a new Virginia economy. This project is a perfect example of making decisions at the local and regional level so that transportation funds get spent in a way that truly makes peoples’ lives better.”

This 5.6 mile corridor of I-64 ties into an eight-lane interstate system to the east and is currently the most congested section of the I-64 Peninsula corridor with over 100,000 vehicles traveling through it every day. These improvements will increase capacity, minimize geometric and structural deficiencies, provide more lanes for evacuation and improve safety by reducing congestion and improving vehicular level of service.

Work will occur in the median of the existing interstate which limits the amount of right-of-way required to construct the project and avoids impacts to existing interchanges. In addition to roadway improvements, existing bridges will be widened to the inside.