

Birthplace of America Trail

Project Overview, Opportunities and Update

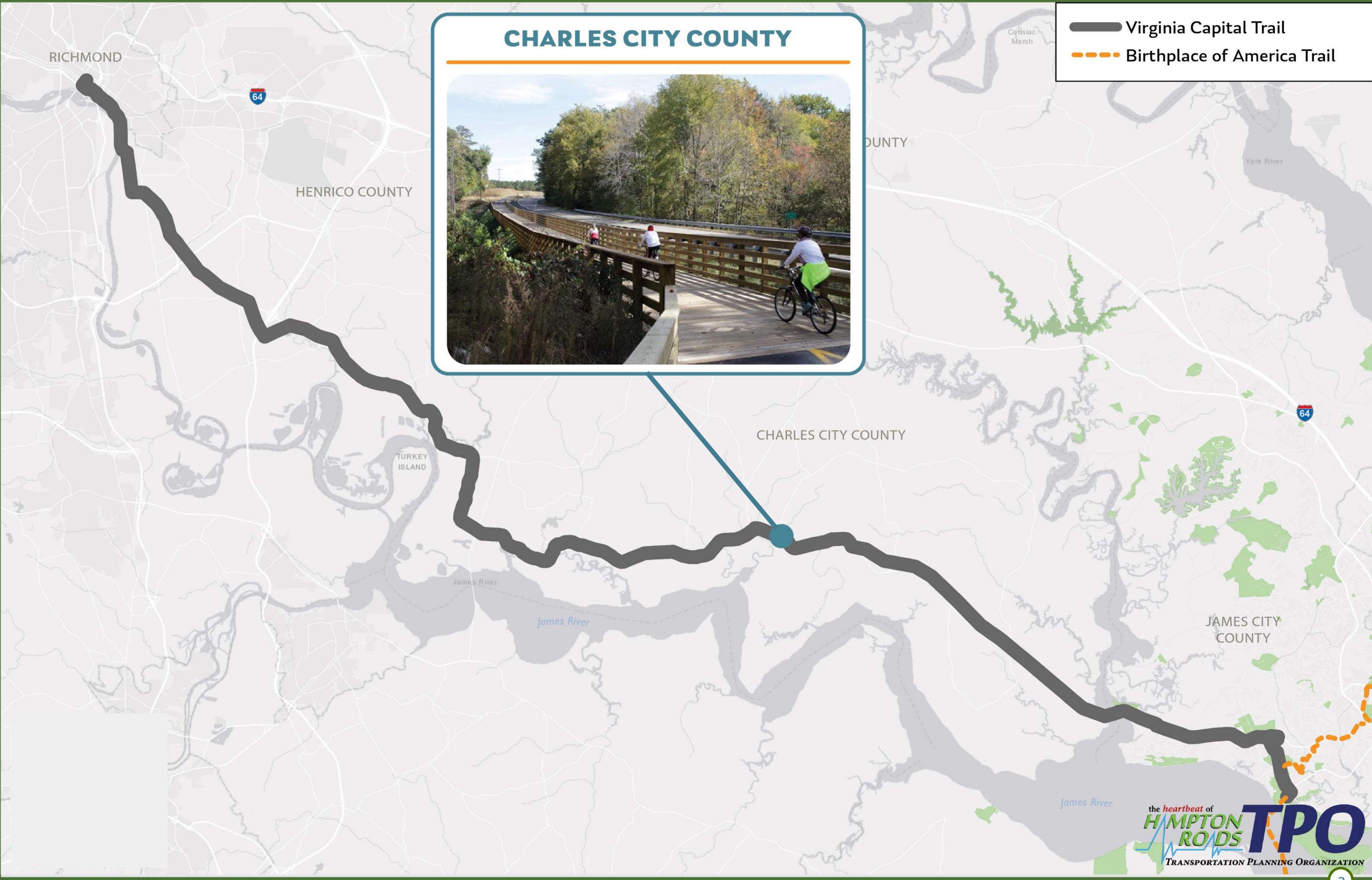
**Community Advisory Committee
September 22, 2021**

**Robert Crum
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HRPDC/HRTPO**

CHARLES CITY COUNTY

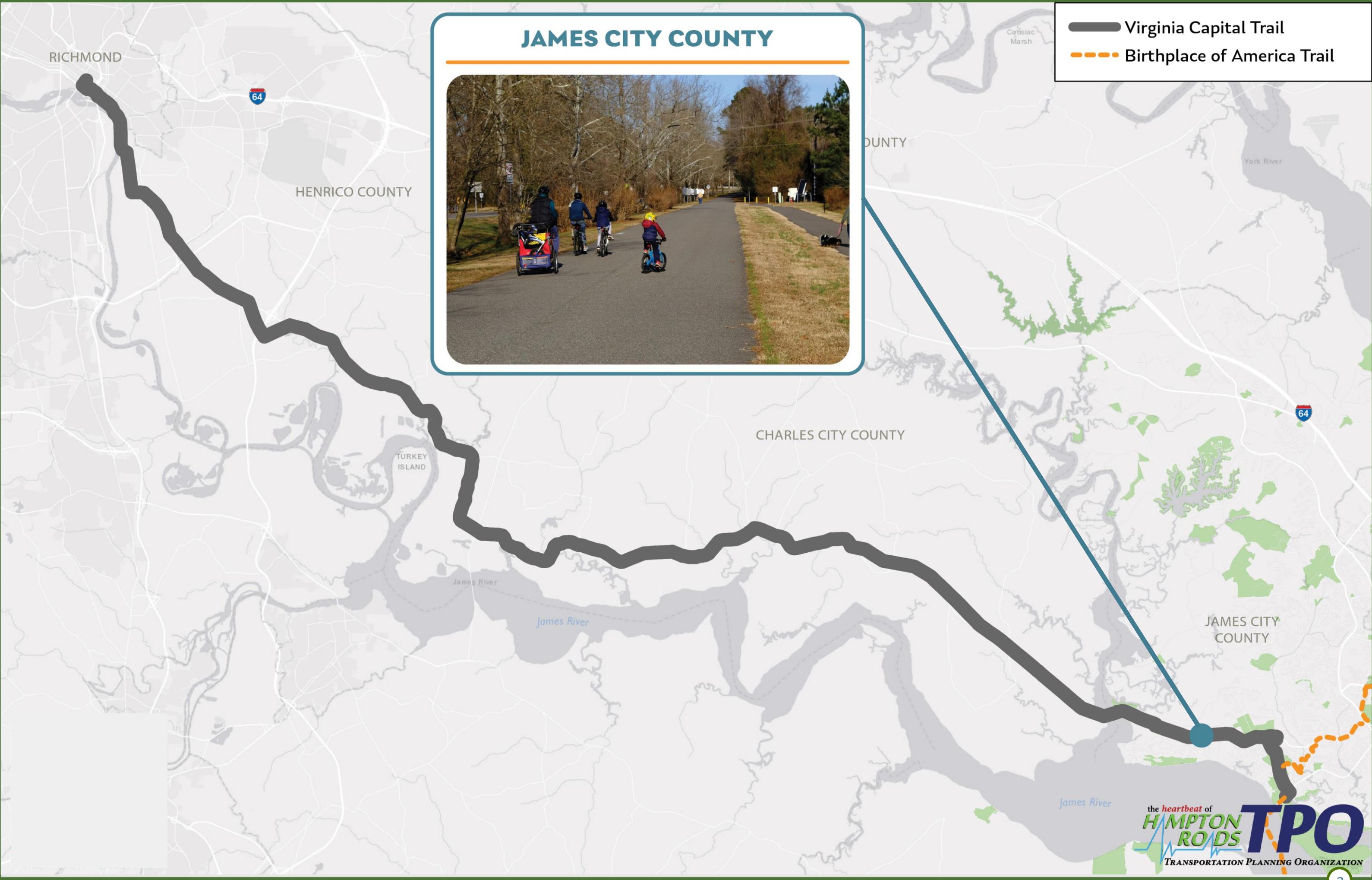


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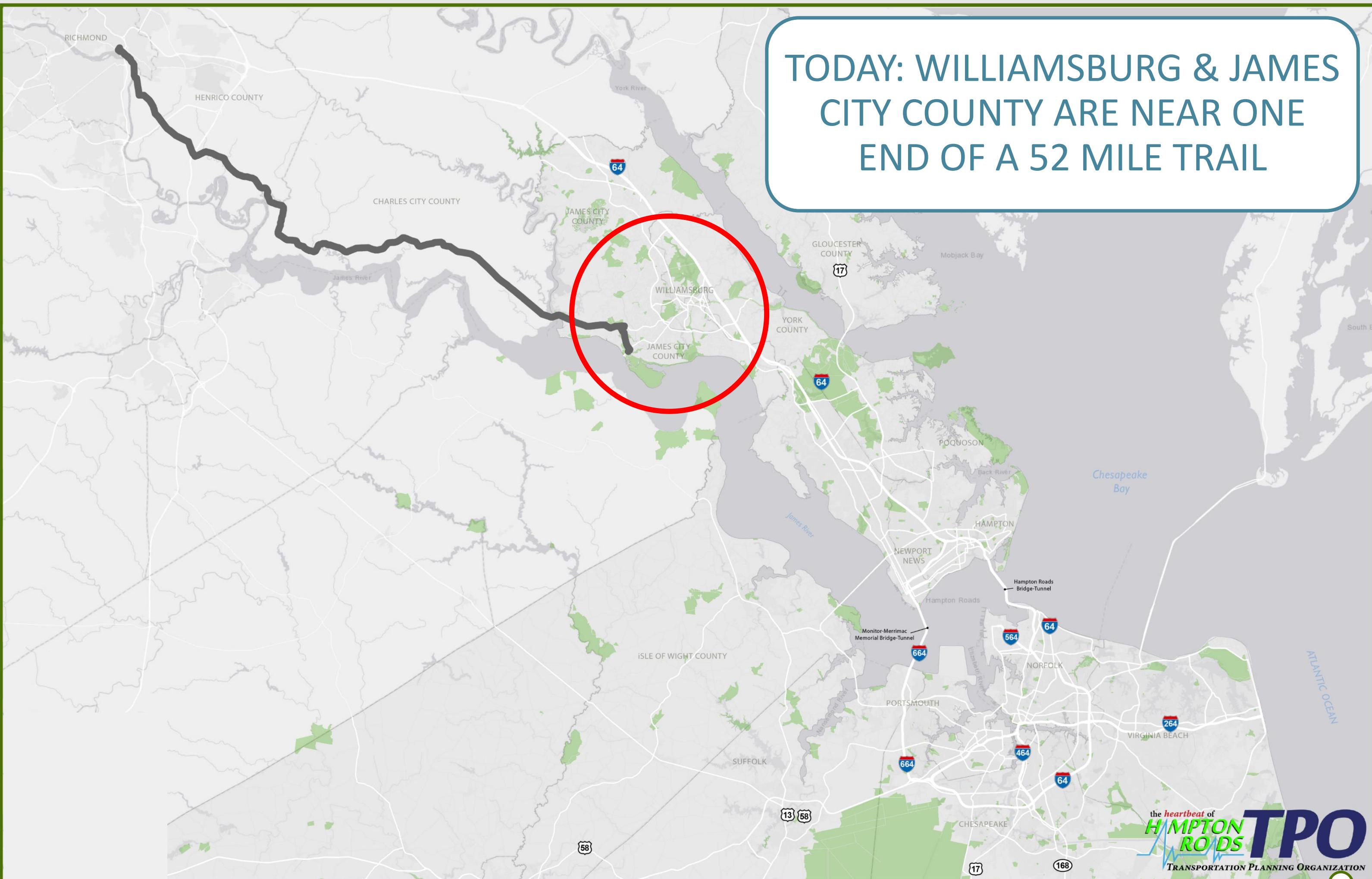


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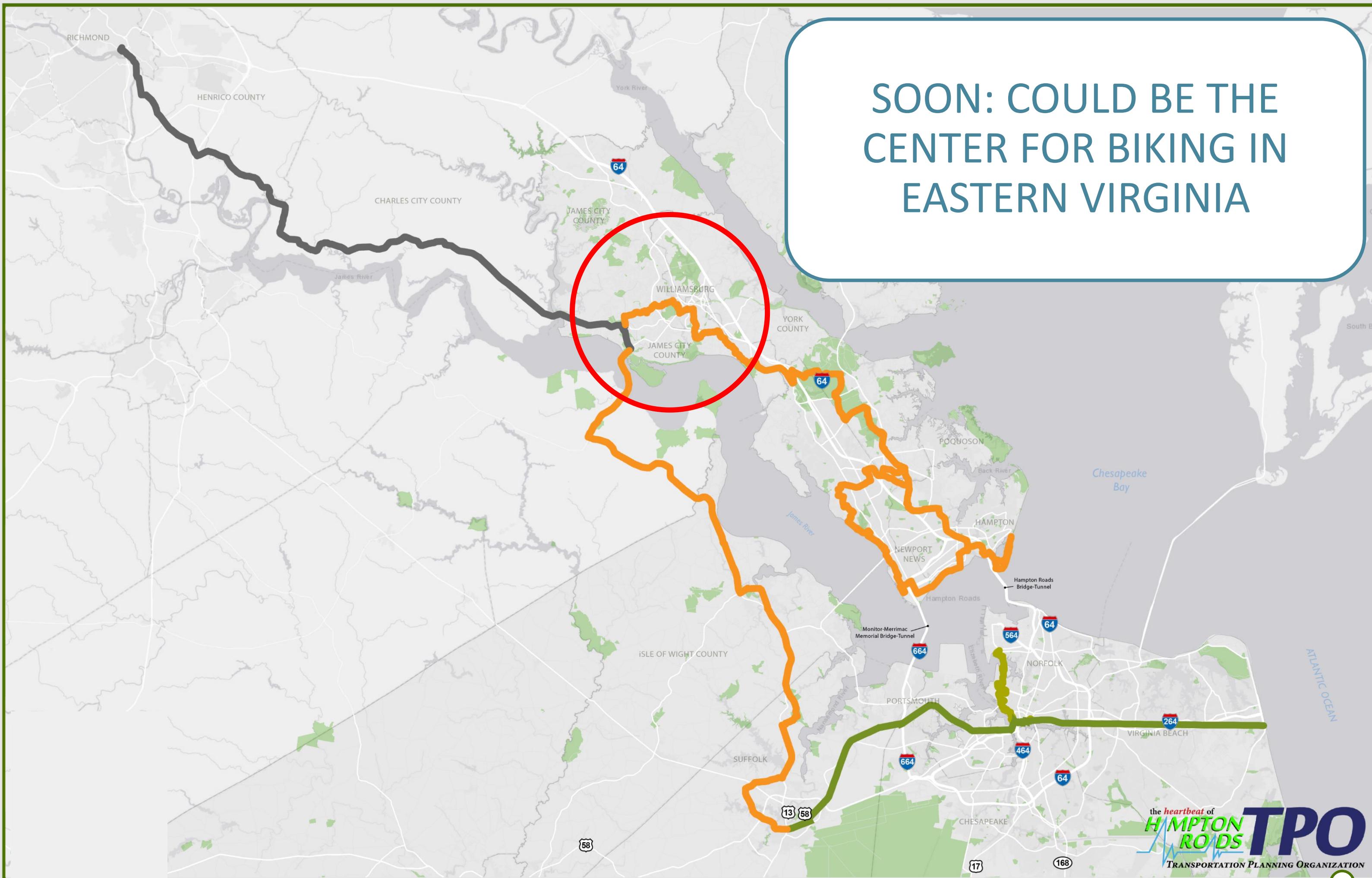
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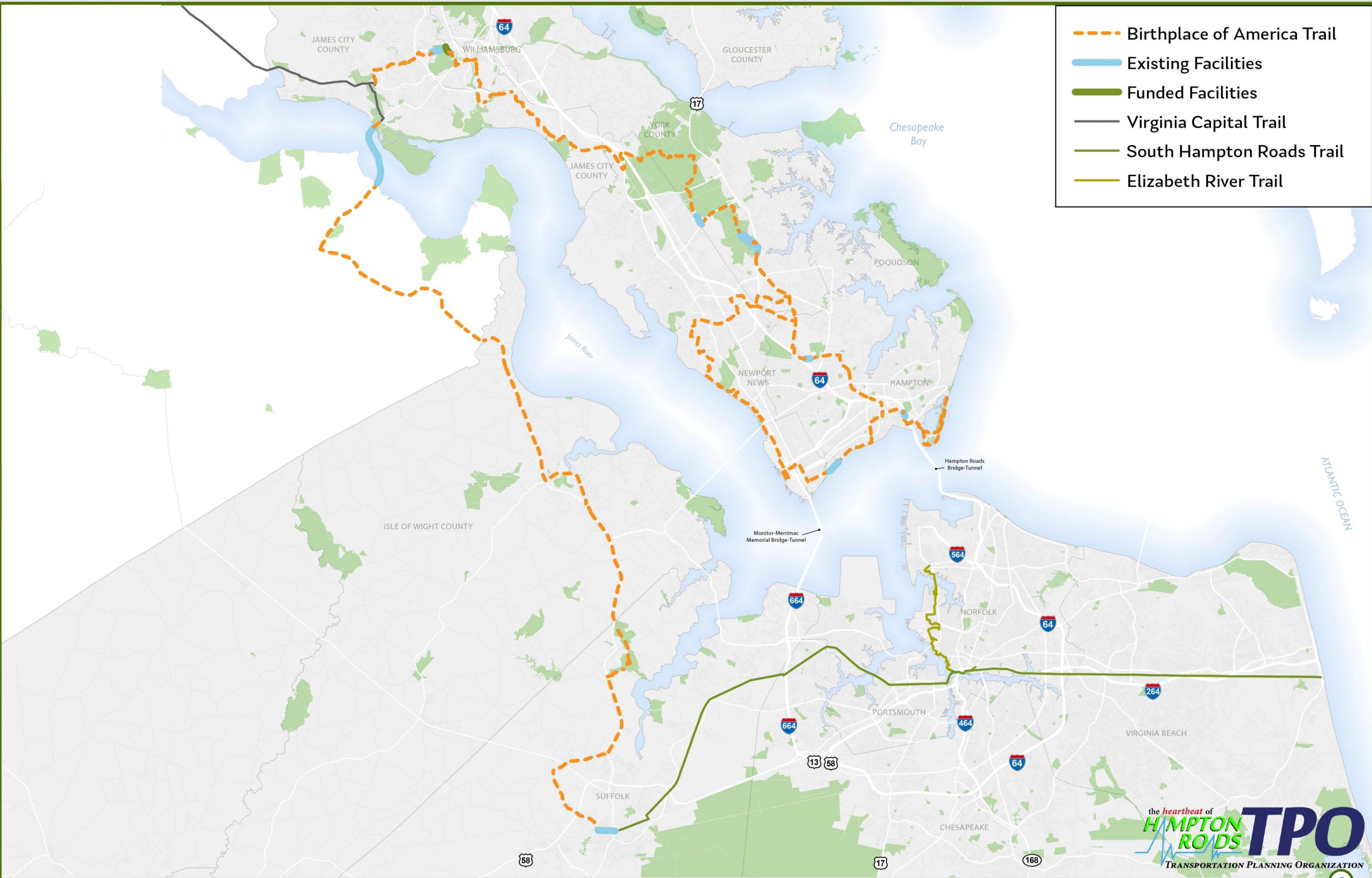


TODAY: WILLIAMSBURG & JAMES CITY COUNTY ARE NEAR ONE END OF A 52 MILE TRAIL



SOON: COULD BE THE
CENTER FOR BIKING IN
EASTERN VIRGINIA





PLACES & DESTINATIONS ALONG THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA TRAIL

JAMESTOWN



WILLIAMSBURG



YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD

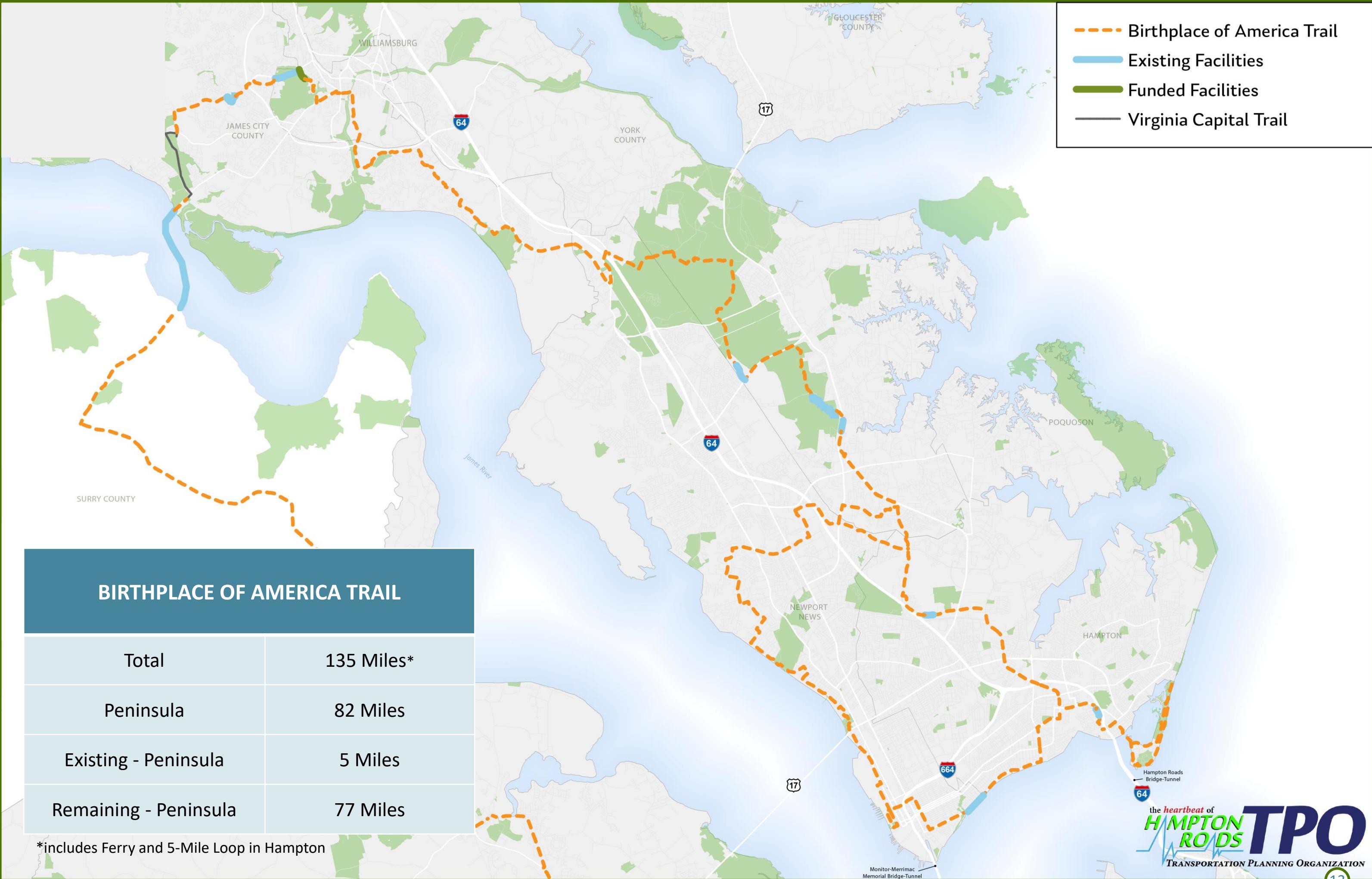


NEWPORT NEWS



HAMPTON





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JAMES CITY COUNTY - MONTICELLO AVENUE



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YORK COUNTY - MCREYNOLDS ATHLETIC COMPLEX



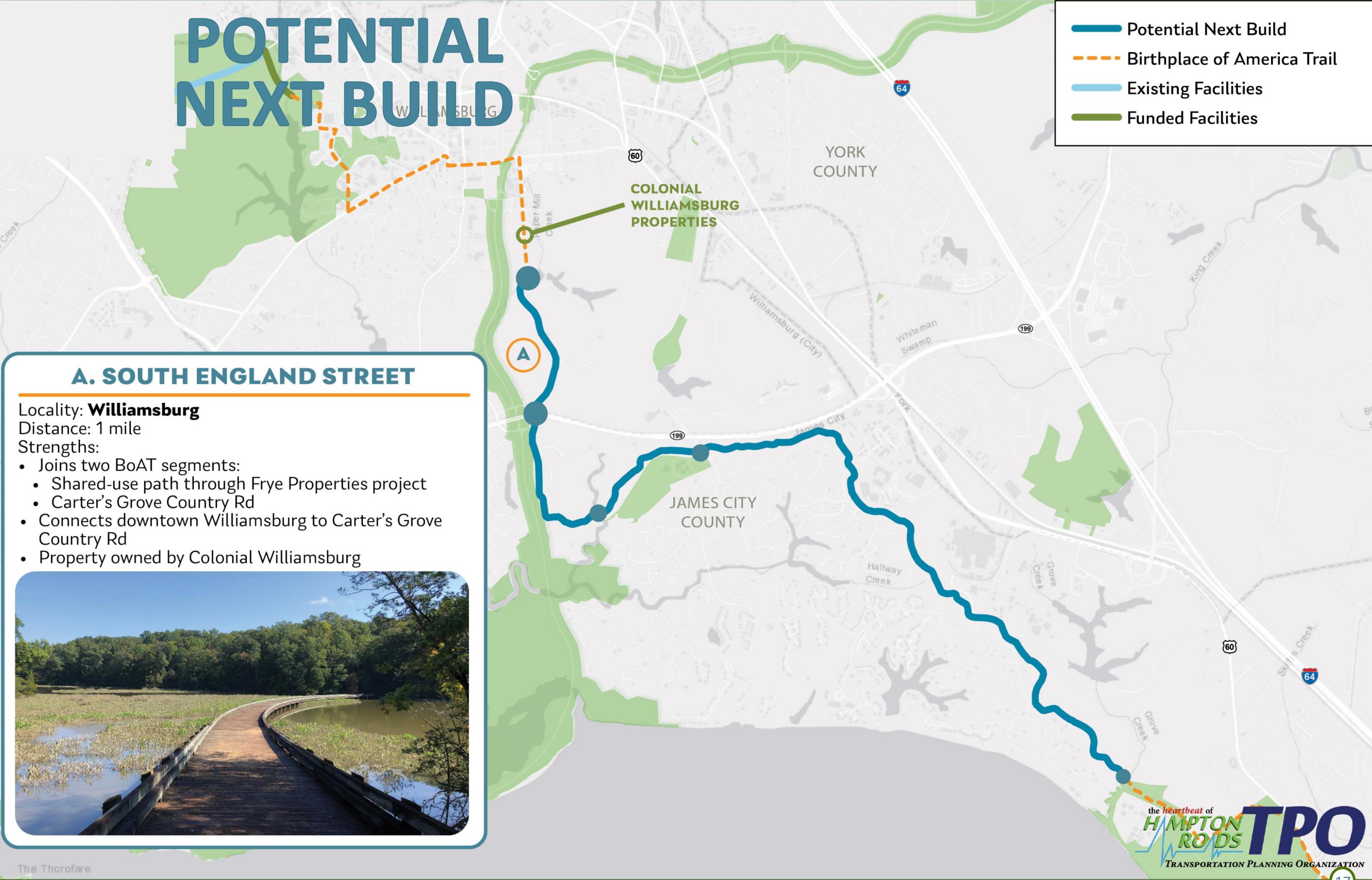
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NEWPORT NEWS - CHESAPEAKE BOULEVARD



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B. CARTER'S GROVE COUNTRY ROAD

Locality: **James City County**

Distance: 6 mile

Strengths:

- Submitted LRTP Candidate Project: 2045-723 (score 130, ranks 26th among active transportation candidate projects, 2nd in James City County)
- Already paved (needs resurfacing)
- Beautiful surroundings
- Right-of-way reportedly owned by JCC, Colonial Williamsburg, and Kings Mill



The Thoroughfare



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D. MCREYNOLDS ATHLETIC COMPLEX-NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR

Locality: **York County**

Distance: 0.4 miles

Strengths:

- Connects McReynolds Athletic Complex (M.A.C.) to neighborhoods east of US 17
- Joins two existing BoAT segments:
 - Path through McReynolds Athletic Complex
 - Path along US 17 between Showalter Rd and Mill Rd
- Property apparently owned by government



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E. FIVE MILE LOOP

Locality: **Hampton**

Distance: 5 miles

Strengths:

- Submitted LRTP Candidate Project: 2045-724 (score 104, ranks 43rd among active transportation candidate projects, 1st in Hampton)
- Southern terminus for the BoAT
- Government-owned property
- Part of Fort Monroe Master Plan and Bike Walk Hampton Plan
- Scenic, historic area
- Intersects with low-volume roads



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- Future Poquoson Connector
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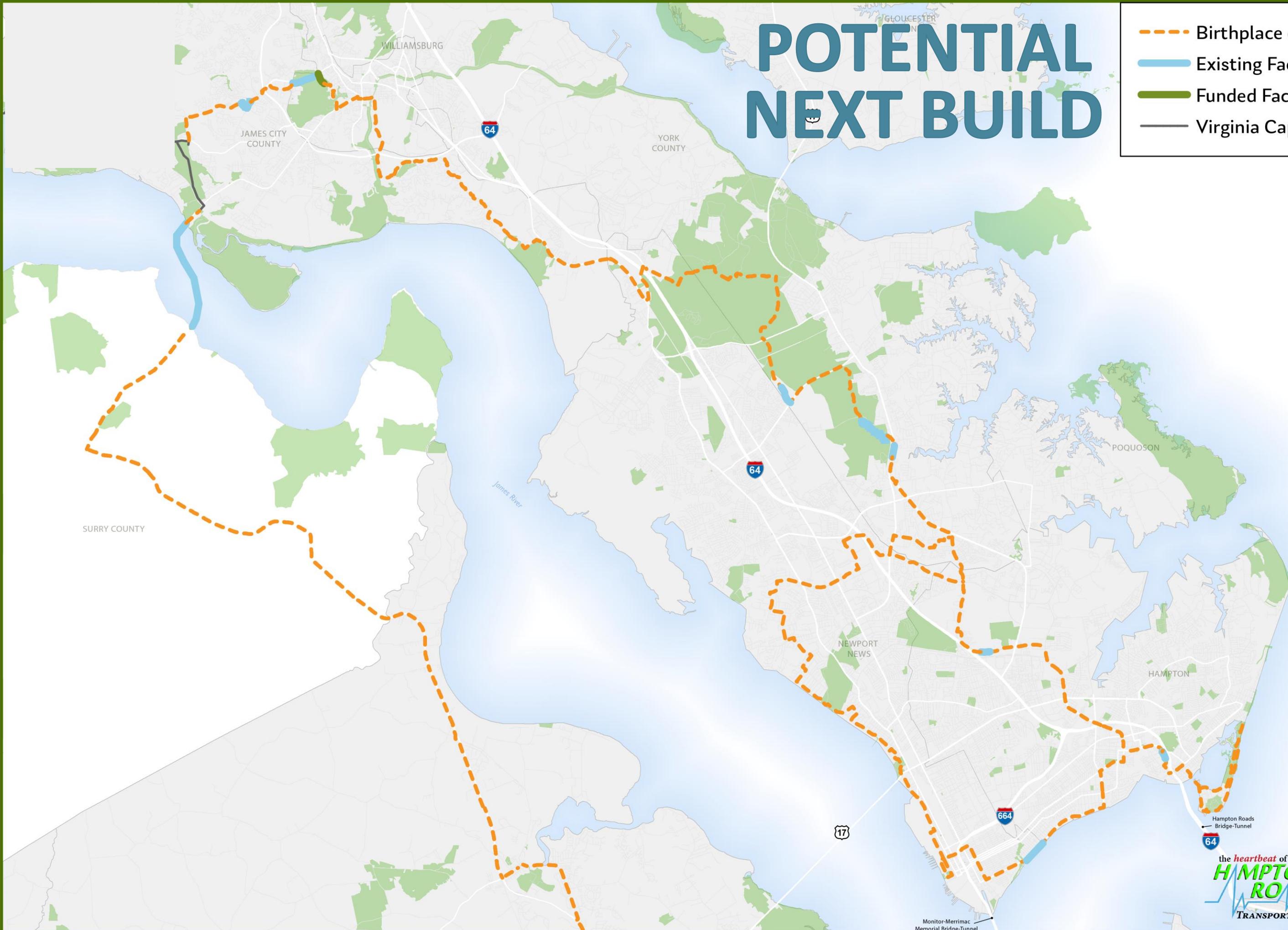
PROPOSED POQUOSON CONNECTOR- VICTORY BOULEVARD



Proposed Poquoson Connector

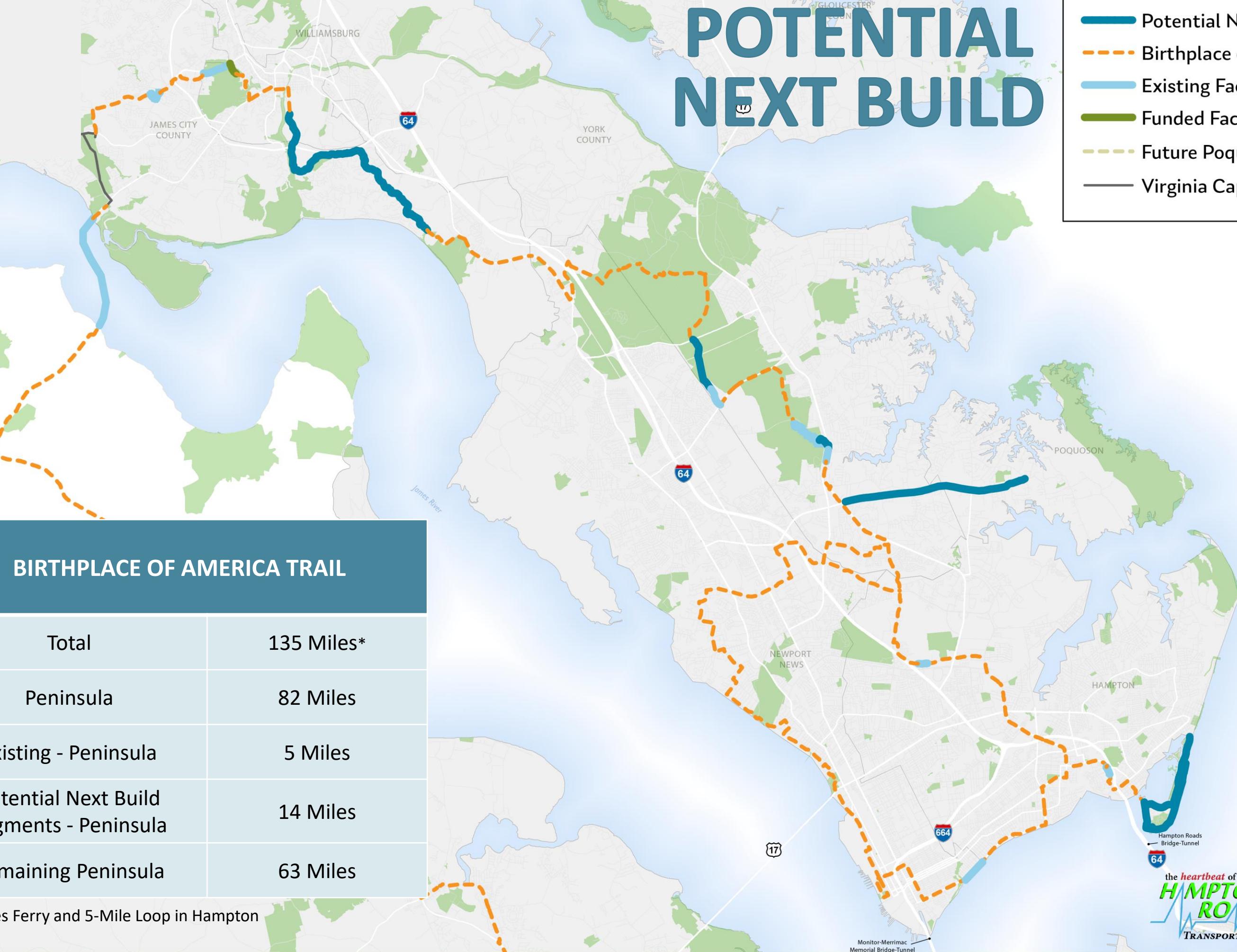
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Updates

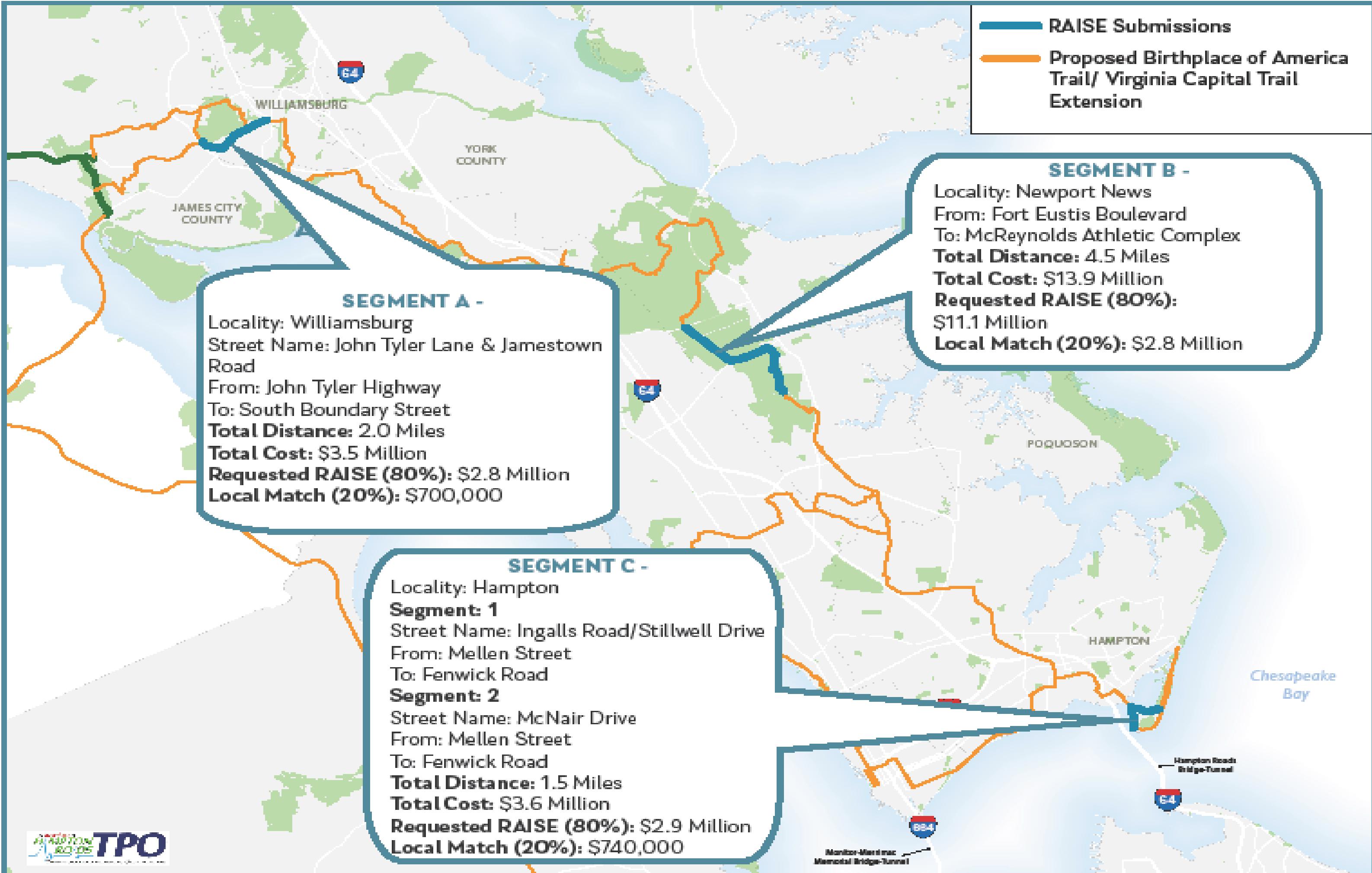
- VDOT has agreed to provide On-Call Consultant
- \$200,000 of resources to support On-Call Consultant Work
- Project Manager – two VDOT project managers have been appointed
- Goal is to advance project segments to be candidates for grant applications
- Refinement of route locations

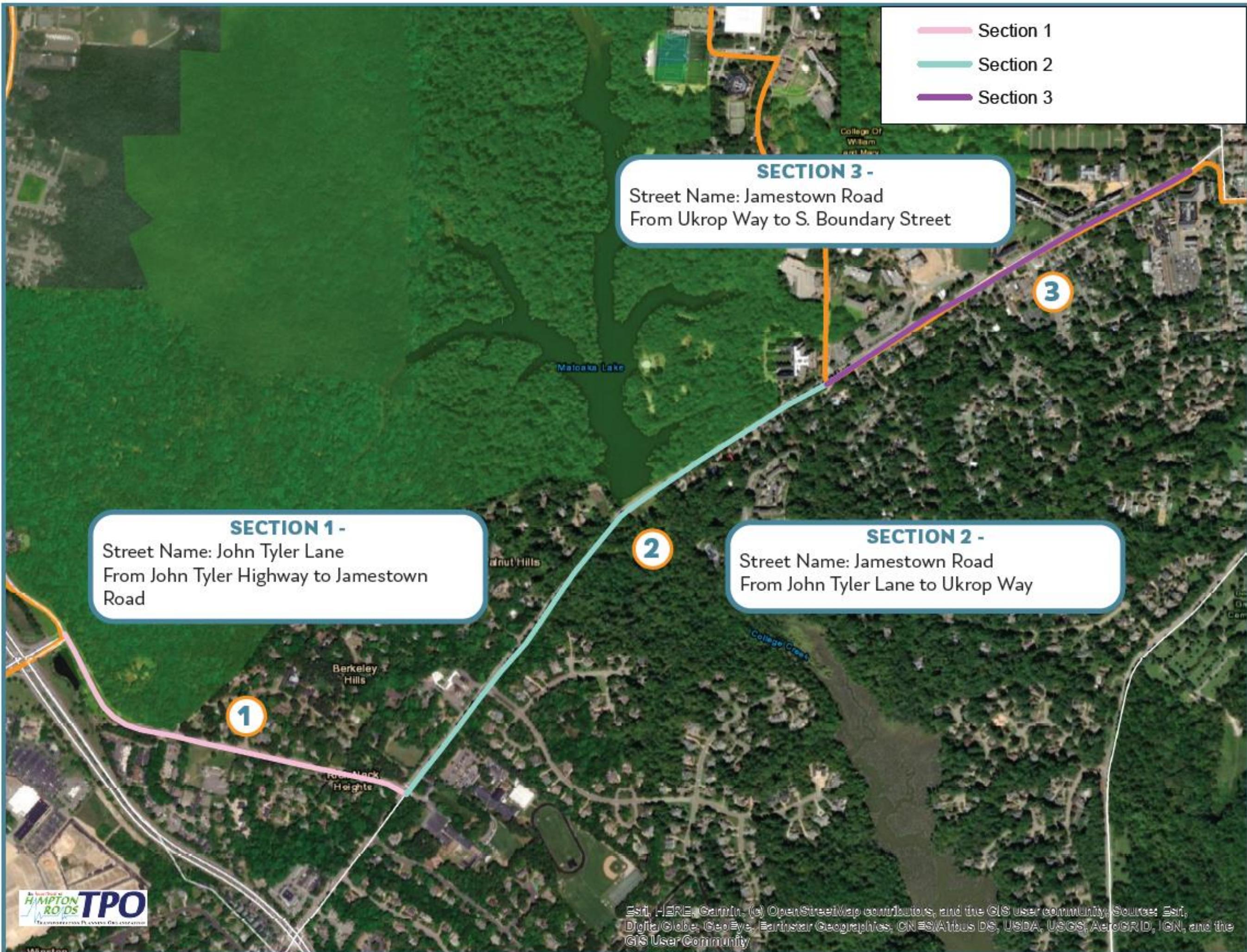
Updates

- **Newport News Section of Trail submitted for both House and Senate Earmarks**
- **Congressman Scott submitted Newport News Segment for House Appropriations (\$ 3.95 Million)**
- **Formation of a subcommittee with representation from Tidewater Trail Alliance**
- **Federal RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) program**

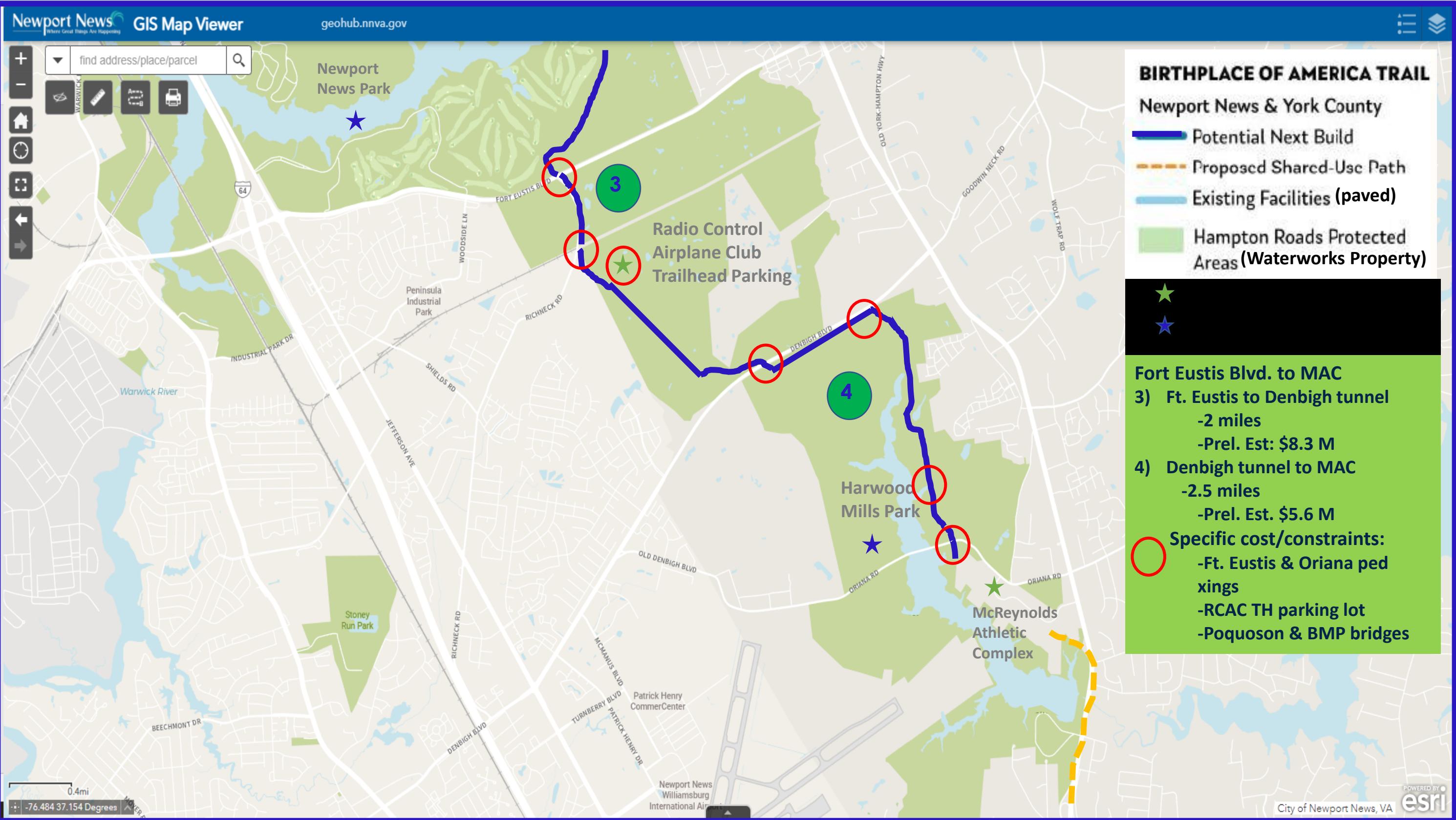
Williamsburg to Fort Monroe Additional Updates

- **HRPDC/HRTPO submitted application through Federal RAISE Program**
- **Application Were Due July 12th – Can Request up to \$25 Million – Requires 20% Local Match**
- **HRPDC/HRTPO worked with Peninsula CAOs to Determine Eligible Trail Segments**
- **Demonstrated benefit to Poverty Communities**
- **Megaregion Letter of Support**









Preliminary Order of Magnitude Cost Estimate Newport News Segments

- Segment 3 - Ft. Eustis Blvd. to Denbigh Tunnel (2.0 miles)
 - Total Estimated Cost: \$8,324,000

Special Features (included in total):

- Ft. Eustis Pedestrian Crossing / Signal
- RCAC Trailhead Parking Lot
- Denbigh Tunnel Improvements

- Segment 4 – Denbigh Tunnel to Mc Reynolds Athletic Complex
 - Total Estimated Cost: \$5,622,000

Special Features (included in total):

- Poquoson River Pedestrian Bridge & Boardwalk
- BMP Outfall Pedestrian Bridge
- Oriana Pedestrian Crossing / Signal



Potential Funding Approaches

- Smart Scale
- Working with Commonwealth Transportation Board Members
- Federal Infrastructure Package
- Capital Improvement Program
- Coordination with Developers
- RSTP/CMAQ

Questions/Discussion