



# Legislative Briefing

Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/MLK Extension Project



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*Midtown Tunnel  
from Norfolk side*



# Project Need & Value

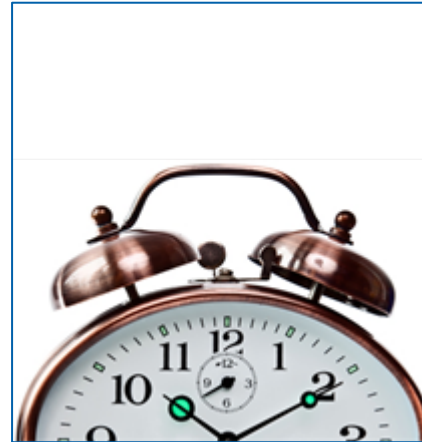
## Current Annual Cost of Congestion To Hampton Roads Region

**3.2 million**  
workdays lost annually

**0.8%**  
of Hampton Roads  
Gross Regional Product

**3 workdays**  
lost per driver per year

**17 million**  
gallons of fuel wasted in  
congestion annually



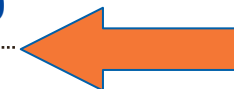
# Video

VDOT's Partner:  
**Elizabeth River Crossings**

# Project Status and Schedule

## Timetable

Call for conceptual proposals	May 2008
Conceptual proposal submittal	September 2008
Public Hearings – Independent Review Panel	March to June 2009
Positive CTB Recommendation	July 2009
Key business points presented to CTB	October 2009
Signature of Interim Agreement	January 2010
IA Phase 1 - Feasibility Stage	January 2010
IA Phase 2 - Development Stage	June 2010
Signature of Comprehensive Agreement	2Q 2011
Financial Close	2Q/3Q 2011



## Transparent Process Overall

- Current negotiations for Concession Agreement

## Lowest possible toll

- Progress made since conceptual proposal

## Public Outreach

- Continuous outreach, various approaches and forums
- Provide timely, frequent and accurate information
- Upcoming activities
- [www.MidtownTunnel.org](http://www.MidtownTunnel.org)



## Brochure and Feasibility Summary

## Tolling Education

- E-ZPass or video tolling
- No toll booths
- Public Information Campaign
- Multiple channels, multiple methods

## Business Involvement

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- Small, Women- and Minority-owned Businesses
- Procurement Inquiries / Qualified Subcontractors

## Impacts and Mitigation

- Context sensitive design meetings with Portsmouth and Norfolk



# Project Attributes



- Double capacity on Midtown Tunnel
- Seamless MLK / I-264 connection; alt. to city streets
- Existing tunnels rehabilitated and upgraded = longer useful life
- Eliminate bi-directional traffic in Midtown tunnel
- Regional benefits:
  - Better connectivity
  - Improved trip reliability
  - Critical links are strengthened



# Where to get more information

Find out more about the project:

[www.midtowntunnel.org](http://www.midtowntunnel.org)

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