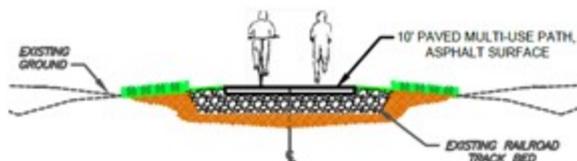


The rails-to-trails project will convert part of the abandoned Seaboard and Commonwealth railway to a 10-foot recreational, off-road trail to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

This just under 2-mile segment is part of the 41 mile South Hampton Roads Trail (SHRT) that, once completed, will connect the downtown centers of Suffolk, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach.



The current phase includes five at-grade street crossings and access points to several Western Branch neighborhoods. The project includes design, engineering, and construction of the trail. Construction will include grading, a 10-foot wide asphalt trail, shoulders, signs, and park benches along the trail. A natural stream will be restored to improve drainage and a trail-bridge will cross it.



At the street crossings, bollards will deter unauthorized vehicle access, trash cans and pet waste dispensers will help to keep the trail clean, signs and pavement markings will accommodate crossing the streets. Other trail amenities will be included at each end of the project.



The public comment period will close 10 calendar days after this Citizen Information Meeting (April 25, 2019). Comments received as a result of the Citizen Information Meeting will be reviewed, compiled and presented to City Council. Written comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to the City of Chesapeake by **May 5, 2019** to the following address in order to be included in the meeting record:

Western Branch Rails-to-Trails:

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Written comments that are received tonight or by May 5, 2019 will be made part of the official record.

CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING Western Branch Rails-to-Trails Multi-Use Path, Phase I

Thursday, April 25, 2019, 5:00-7:00 PM
Western Branch High School
1968 Bruin Place
Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

The City of Chesapeake welcomes you. This Citizen Information Meeting is an opportunity for the public to view and learn about the upcoming project. It also allows us a chance to hear your comments and concerns.

The meeting will not feature a formal presentation; rather, displays will be available for review and City representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss details of the project. Guests may arrive and leave at any time between 5 and 7 p.m.

A comment sheet is available and your input is encouraged. Copies of exhibits, this brochure and the comment sheet are available on the City Website. <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net> All written and emailed comments received will be included in a transcript provided to City Council and available for public viewing.

City staff will address questions and concerns raised.

Project Budget
Design, Right-of-Way, Construction & Admin.
\$850,000.

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