

# WELCOME

October 28, 2009



## Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study

Alternative Analysis/Supplemental Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement (AA/SDEIS)

**Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1**

# What To Expect Tonight And How You Can Participate

Review the Purpose and Role of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Assist in identifying key corridor issues specific to your business and/or neighborhood and civic organization:

- traffic and vehicular movement,
- pedestrian access and safety
- environmental issues
- neighborhood concerns (noise, visual, etc.)

# Purpose of Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The purpose of the committee is to advise HRT, the City of Virginia Beach, and the consultant team on issues and potential impacts related to the alternatives under consideration within the study corridor.
- The CAC will be comprised of representatives from organizations that represent neighborhoods , civic leagues, places of worship, and representatives of businesses that are within the project corridor.
- The CAC is not a budget or policy setting committee, but will provide a constructive neighborhood-level forum on specific impacts and potential mitigation strategies.
- All CAC meetings will be open to the public and the meeting schedule will be available on the project website.

# Community Advisory Committee Meeting

- Tonight is first of 4 anticipated Committee meetings
- Meeting purpose is to assist in identifying key corridor issues specific to businesses and/or neighborhoods and civic organizations:
  - traffic and vehicular movement
  - pedestrian access and safety
  - environmental issues
  - neighborhood concerns (noise, visual, etc.)

# The Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study (VBTES) Corridor



# AA and Supplemental DEIS

- FTA directed update of previous Alternatives Analysis (AA) and study of:
  - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Norfolk Southern ROW
  - Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Norfolk Southern ROW
- Concurrently Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS)
  - Update social and demographic data
  - Update physical and right-of-way constraints and opportunities
- Complete AA/SDEIS, hold public hearing, and determine next steps

# Bus Rapid Transit



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# Light Rail Transit



# Light Rail Transit



# VBTES Goals and Objectives

- Improve access, operations and reliability of the public transportation system
- Provide a cost-effective, efficient travel option that connects residential and employment areas as well as recreational venues
- Implement service which helps to manage growth in vehicle miles traveled
- Support Virginia Beach economic development activities consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and related land use strategies
- Support the tourism industry of Virginia Beach and the Hampton Roads region by providing an alternative to travel on congested roadways
- Support preservation and protection of the environment

# What Criteria Will Be Used To Evaluate the Transit Alternatives?

Measures	TSM/ Enhanced Bus	BRT	LRT
Consistency with Local Plans			
<b>Transportation Benefits and Impacts</b>			
<b>Environmental Benefits and Impacts</b>			
Community and Economic Development			
Capital and Operating Costs			
Cost Effectiveness			
Financial Capacity			

# Schedule Overview

## Alternatives Analysis/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/SDEIS)

Project Initiation

Collect Environmental Baseline Data, Define Alternatives

Refine Alternatives, Develop Capital/ Operating Costs & Ridership Estimates

Complete SDEIS

Summer 2009

Fall-Winter 2009-2010

Winter-Spring 2010

Fall 2010

Public Outreach

# How Can The Public Participate?

- Public meetings:
  - Open House Meetings held on September 9 and 10, 2009; more to be scheduled at key milestones
  - Station Planning Workshops
  - Formal Public Hearings at Completion of AA/SDEIS
- Webpage: <http://www.gohrt.com/vbtes>
- Newsletters/press releases/news articles
- Community events and business organization meetings
- E-mail update, sign up for monthly updates
- Facebook  and Twitter 
- Virginia Beach Public Access Channel
- Contact Marie Arnt at 757.222.6000 ext. 6291 or [marnt@hrtransit.org](mailto:marnt@hrtransit.org)



# Potential Station Types

- Community Station
- Neighborhood Station

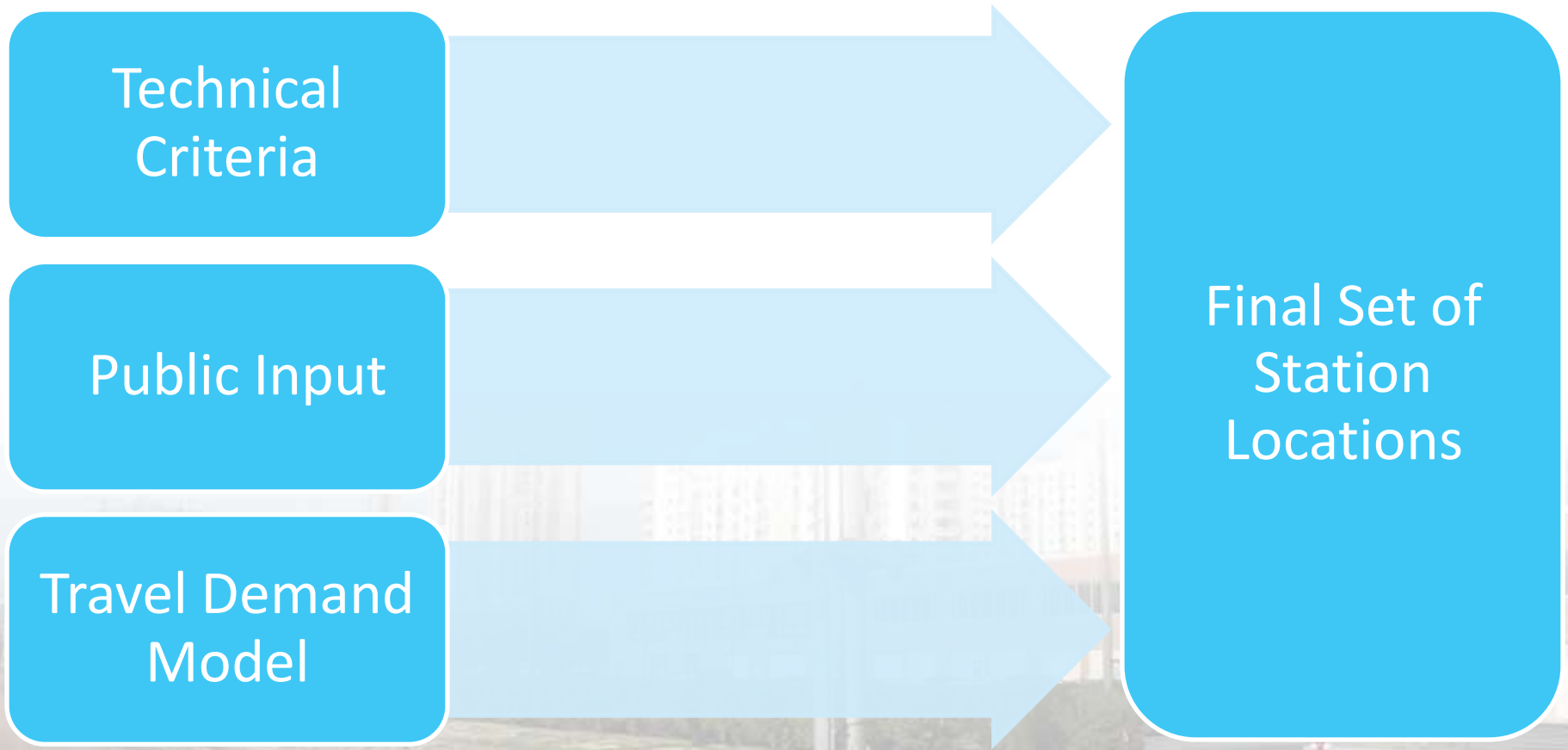


# Potential Station Types

- Core Station  
(Town Center)
- Specialty Station  
(Convention Center)



# Generalized Station Site Selection Process



# CAC Discussion of Corridor Issues

Participate in a breakout session:

- Station #1                      **Newtown – Town Center**
- Station #2                      **Town Center – Lynnhaven**
- Station #3                      **Lynnhaven – Birdneck**  
**Birdneck – Oceanfront**

# CAC Discussion of Corridor Issues


Identify key corridor issues specific to your business and/or neighborhood and civic organization:

- **Access**
  - Parking, traffic and vehicular movement
  - Pedestrian access and safety
  - Deliveries

# CAC Discussion of Corridor Issues

- **Environment and Community**
  - Noise
  - Visual
  - Parks and recreation

Each breakout group to provide a brief summary of key issues



Thank you for your  
participation and interest in the  
Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study!