



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Montré Freeman, City Manager  
Dwan Bell, Public Works Director  
Raymond Staten, Assistant Public Works Director

**DATE:** November 22, 2023

**REF:** Update - Rivershore Road Bridge Replacement Project Timeline

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***BACKGROUND:***

During the November 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, Attorney Morgan provided an update on the easements associated with the Rivershore Road – Fairfax Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, the securing and filing of which had been part of the arduous advance work required before the project could continue. The Council requested staff provide a flow chart to illustrate the timelines associated with the project, as they understood it appeared as a "small" undertaking to the untrained eye, but was actually very detailed and hinged on a multitude of environmental moratoriums that are beyond the City's control.

***ANALYSIS:***

**The Rivershore Road – Fairfax Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Timeline:**

- **February 2022:** The City of Elizabeth City receives a grant for \$ 1.9 million from North Carolina Emergency Management.
- **March 2022:** The City of Elizabeth City contacted AECOM Engineering Firm to begin the reconstruction design phase.
- **November 2023:** Overhead power relocation completed by the City's Electric Department.
  
- ***NC Wildlife Moratoriums (PENDING)***
  - **February 15, 2024 to September 30, 2024:** Herring Moratorium – No water work allowed during this timeframe.
  - **April 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024; December 15, 2024 to February 14, 2025:** Bat Moratorium - No tree removal allowed during these timeframes. Tree removal must take place outside of these windows.

- **January 15, 2024:** Force Main Relocation & Water Main Isolation Valves.
- **January 2024:** Bids for Bridge Construction & Stormwater Improvements Solicited.
- **February 2025:** Expected completion of the Rivershore Road – Fairfax Avenue Bridge Project.

An illustrated document detailing this timeline is attached on the following page. Staff will post the timeline online for the public's general information.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

For information only.

# CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES

## RIVERSHORE ROAD – FAIRFAX AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TIMELINE



Roy Cooper, Governor  
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary



NC Emergency  
Management  
Grant Awarded  
\$1.9M



PENDING



Force Main Relocation TO START 4<sup>th</sup>  
week of Jan 2024



February 2022

March 2022

NC Wildlife Moratoriums

Utility Relocation

Completion February 2025

City contacts  
Engineers to  
start bridge  
design



Herring Moratorium: No in-water work  
from February 15 thru September 30

Bat Moratorium: Tree removal must  
occur outside the dates of Apr 15 to  
Jul 21 and Dec 15 to Feb 14



Force Main Relocation and Water Main  
Isolation Valves on Rivershore bid awarded  
& Overhead Power relocation complete,  
and permanent and temporary right-of-way  
easement deeds recorded



Bridge Construction &  
Stormwater Improvements Bids to  
be solicited in January 2024 with  
expected completion in early  
2025.