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## **CONTRACT AWARDED TO BUILD NEW HIGH RISE BRIDGE**

*Project will also widen 8 miles of I-64 in Chesapeake*

**SUFFOLK, Va.** – The Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded a \$409.6 million contract Tuesday to Granite/Parsons/Corman, Joint Venture of Tarrytown, NY, to widen about 8 miles of Interstate 64 and construct a new High Rise Bridge adjacent to the existing span in the Hampton Roads District. The award is the largest design-build contract in Virginia Department of Transportation history.

The project will widen I-64 from four to six lanes beginning half a mile east of the Interstate 264 interchange at Bowers Hill to one mile east of the Interstate 464 interchange. The widening will add one High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane in each direction to the existing two general purpose lanes.

The new fixed-span High Rise Bridge will be built just south of the existing High Rise Bridge to carry the three lanes of I-64 west traffic over the Elizabeth River. The new bridge will provide 100-foot vertical clearance over the river. The existing High Rise Bridge will continue to operate and will carry three lanes of I-64 east traffic upon completion of the project. The project will include replacement of the overpass bridge at Great Bridge Boulevard and realignment of the associated roadway. The existing bridges carrying I-64 over Military Highway, Yadkin Road and Shell Road will be widened.

The project is being paid for with a combination of funds from the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and the state's SMART SCALE program.

As part of the contract, civil infrastructure, including gantries and signs, will be completed for the new HOT lanes and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The project is expected to be complete in summer 2021. It is designed to accommodate a future Phase 2 project, which will expand the corridor to a total of eight lanes and replace the existing High Rise Bridge.

To subscribe to updates on the 64 High Rise Bridge Project, sign up [here](#). For more on the project, visit [www.64HighRise.org](http://www.64HighRise.org).

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