

CIP FY17-21 INPUT SURVEY COMMENTS

A project to encourage BUSINESSES to come to Hampton. Which provide jobs for citizens earn money and spend in the community.

Make our city clean by having trucks that clean (sweep) trash from the public roads daily or at least weekly.

Sidewalks EVERYWHERE

Neighbor hood grants for the Fordham area. This area is in the Buckroe Neighborhood but was EXCLUDED from Buckroe grant matches.

Brain Injury Association of Virginia reports families have been forced to move because of lack of needed rehabilitative services for traumatic brain injured survivors, a brain injury clubhouse at Fort Monroe would be an excellent reason to choose Hampton instead of moving out of state to find needed rehabilitation. Prime example is The Denbigh House in Newport News, which is CARF approved.

More bus shelters, particularly outside LAFB; Extension of Hampton Roads Center Pkwy. / Fix potholes and bad roads. / New hotels.

Address drainage/flood problem on Armistead Ave.

The city of Hampton needs a better transportation system that connects the citizens a little better to many of the destinations in the area ... so that it doesn't take 2 hours to get from one side of Hampton to the other. We also need a better transportation system to get from the city of Hampton up to Newport News or to other cities on the Peninsula - so that it doesn't take several hours. Not everyone has a car and they rely on public transportation. By having a better public transportation system, we encourage businesses to come to the area and stay.

We must continue to center this city's focus on the older, more urban areas (i.e downtown, Phoebus). As millennials become professionals, trends are showing they look for walkable and independent business-heavy locales, which ultimately lead to greater income through taxes. Importantly, the downtown area of the city should look to become the home of a National Slavery Center and Museum, as the city's history is rooted deep within some of the most imperative moments in slavery - this will not only bring tens of thousands of visitors into the city's core, spurring new, overdue development in downtown and creating an additional experience for visitors.

I would love to see security guards provided for the libraries to protect staff and patrons from unruly/disruptive people.

more streetscape and beautification improvements in Coliseum Central and Downtown. Continue to acquire blighted properties within strategic areas for redevelopment

We need to invest in Bicycle Trails and sidewalks and curbs. Bicycling and Pedestrian traffic is increasing. More people would bicycle if the streets were safer. Hampton is not bicycle friendly. Look at the bicycle friendly sections of Virginia Beach that attract more visitors.

Add more of the storm water catch basins that catch trash before entering water. Also put up signs not to drive in flooded streets

Build the pool. Create a really nice central facility that works for our residents and tourists/visitors. Don't renovate War Memorial; build a new one. It's in the wrong place, and it

hurts Hampton because when people come for games, they are in an isolated industrial area. Put it somewhere that is a visitor draw - downtown or Coliseum Central.

Restoration of the Buckroe Beach Lighthouse as promised. Handicap ramps on home side at Darling Stadium. Polyfil playground at Moton.

Crosswalk improvements and Higher Density Housing incentives (parking garages..)

I don't know if dredging the Indian river is in the current plan and that is why it is not mentioned, or if it just hasn't been considered yet, but I'd like to see that done.

I would support bringing Phoebus back to what it was before everyone started pulling out.

More funding to school district to attract and retain teachers.

Programs that would help employ men of all working age.

1. Westview Lakes playground/basketball court reconstruction,
2. Westview Lakes neighborhood LED sign Installation
3. Westview Lakes Retention Pond Repairs.

Redevelopment of downtown Hampton waterfront

Extend the walking path along the water in Downtown.

1) A comprehensive plan to minimize empty stores/bldgs BEFORE new construction. Ex: Macy's at PTC. It's closing, now what? The old Superfresh that was in Riverdale plaza sat empty for YEARS! Marshall's is moving to newly developed space...what happens to the old space? I've lived here for 17 years and there doesn't appear to be ANY cognitive thought in planning.

I would (wholeheartedly) support a boat tax that taxed personal use boats at the same rate as personal use automobiles. Those funds then could be used to dredge channels and marinas, etc.

Replacing "systems" in which the operating and maintenance costs are more than say a 5 or 10 year ROI on the capital investment Rank em and yank em.

Roads. Eliminating ALL potholes for safer travel. Signage- several areas are not marker adequately (hold a citizen call in on this) Handicap parking: example for the Rupert Sgt building Is a space behind the building adequate, accessible and signed so the entrance can be locate?

We need better housing options, residential development, and more money for schools and neighborhood grants.

I'd love to see bike lanes around the city so we can safely bike for both recreational and need-based cycling. Also, Little Back River Road between N. King St and the La Petite Academy needs more lighting and the sidewalks need to be installed as soon as possible. I know they are on the Master Plan, but so many people use those little dirt paths on either side of the road, both day and night and it is very poorly lit. That should be an immediate concern.

Programs to reduce youth violence

Improve special education in public schools

Trade programs for incarcerated youth providing hope for the future, and reduce repeat offenses

invest in blighted neighborhoods such as Phoebus and the Mallory St. street area .Fix the water leaks in the median on mercury blvd.in front of Wendy's. Invest in improvements for the aerospace park on mercury Blvd.The aircraft are looking rusty

PenTown Center stability is major concern. Has suffered BR 2 times and now Macy's is leaving. Stop our economic engine decline.

More bike paths, particularly in the mercury boulevard area.

Why are we not investing more funds to the Hampton Public Library? They need new computers and larger facilities.

Prevent flooding in the Riverdale area

Maintenance of Streets: during many rainy nights the street lane markings are not always visible, however the older or planed-off lines/grooves are more reflective and can be better seen. That is where traffic conflict can be hazardous.

I would like to see Hampton public school funding be increased to cover fees for after school youth organizations to use the facilities in the evenings or weekends.

Master Plan and reopening of Grundland Creek Park

1. Refurbishing the Armory Building into a venue or business and acquire the old Dixie Diggs property. That corner could use improvements to make it more attractive now that the new courthouse is about to open.
2. Modernize the public works yard or re-locate. It's kind of an eyesore in its current location-the so-called entrance to Hampton. Maybe it could be re-located to Pembroke Avenue, which is more in line with industrial uses.
3. The city jail is out of date and an eyesore. It's up in age and is bound to have problems with accessibility. Why couldn't it be located near the jail annex off Pembroke instead of on property we hope do develop into a more dense downtown.
4. We need sidewalks down Beach Road. So much of it is broken and a trip hazard. Lots of people take evening walks, but the sidewalks aren't good, especially beyond Francis Asbury.
5. We need to prioritize city facilities that are old, lack modern safety protocols and are in disrepair. Examples being the Police Station, The soon to be vacant Circuit Court and Carmel center.

Eason Park behind Darling Stadium in highly neglected. There is a walking track surrounding a baseball field that is overgrown with grass and weeds and has cracks throughout the paved walking track. The City of Hampton should included the park behind Darling Stadium with any improvements Darling Stadium goes through. Just redoing the walking track would be a great improvement. There are many trees that need pruning and downed limbs from past storms.

Want to see the City Schools bring back the Middle School Athletics Program in support of the City's Juvenile violence Prevention efforts. Sports that include field hockey, lacrosse, football, basketball, softball, baseball, tennis, swimming, etc. Surrounding quality school divisions offer these programs at the Middle School level and it is believed that re-establishing this program in the Middle Schools will help curb teen/juvenile violence to give kids an opportunity to do something more productive. Kids join gangs because they want to "belong". Why not re-invigorate the middle school athletics program to offer better opportunities for our young folks. Replace the Old Hampton Community Center with another pool, gym, locker, rooms, meeting rooms. Let it be a TRUE community center.

Up grades to Library Branches

You need projects to help the seniors and their properties.

Move War Memorial Stadium downtown, Public servant homeownership incentives, Public transit enhancements

A regional Farmer's Market in the Riverdale Shopping Center with related retail, office and premium living space. I would propose an outdoor amphitheater on the Fort Monroe property as a regional attraction. Buckroe and Phoebus development should be delayed until blighted areas are cleared. Improved public transportation to unify to key public retail/entertainment areas.

Storm drains with curbs and sidewalks on Atlantic between Pembroke and Mallory.
Maintaining/adding water fountains in Downtown

The nextdoor dot com web site has the availability for additional city departs to continue communication to the citizens. Suggest the city provide full time communications to this and the other social websites.

New branch library buildings to replace leased space.

Reduce flooding risk of properties at Grandview Island which currently gets almost nothing from the city and pays high property taxes that increase every year as assessments decrease.

Youth Development and Training Center

Improve and encourage small businesses along Pembroke Ave area with some form of uniformity, cross walks for pedestrian traffic to reach the other side of street.
Hire more police officers to stop increasing crime. Make Hampton a non-nonsense city and build jails if we must. A park might be nice, but if you're scared to be in it, then it has no purpose,

Crime prevention.

opening the police outdoor shooting range to the public, or creating a public outdoor range. We have enough pools, basketball, tennis courts.

How about bike paths and roads. This could reduce the flow of traffic giving those that prefer to ride a bike instead of a car. Right now there's no safe passages for bicyclists.

I would support the restructure of city parks to include the addition of new state of the art multi-use athletic complexes (i.e. 10-12 field soccer complex, 8 field baseball complex, etc.). This would ensure that Hampton stays competitive with neighboring cities (Virginia Beach, Newport News, Williamsburg, Richmond) in regards to sports tourism

Any projects to raise the tax base: new housing, new businesses, tourist attractions, etc. I'd like to see our downtown become a thriving place that HU students, residents & their families, and all visitors would enjoy visiting. We have a diamond in the ruff but no one seems to want to "shine" it up.

Purchase and demolition of blighted property specifically on Mercury Boulevard. The main thoroughfare is looking awfully shabby. I counted 8 buildings in a row that looked like they should be razed for new development.

Please bring in new and successful businesses into the Power Plant area. Too many empty

store fronts make our community look run down and unsafe. Nascar Restaurant, El Pollo Loco, etc. Hampton can do without places like PBR and Tapps. Please bring in more family orientated businesses like Rebounderz. Too many families in the area are at a shortage of nice places to take their families to and for healthy recreation. We have plenty of bars. Please bring in more family orientated businesses!!!

Left turn lanes are needed at major intersections on Fox Hill Rd, such as Long Bridge Rd, Clemwood Parkway, etc.

Repurposing of Merrimack Elementary School, neighborhood park and playground

A new Northampton Library, somewhere along Big Bethel Road.

Bluebird Gap Farm Renovation

street repaving

To ensure all older apartment communities are on your blighted list for inspection such Colonial Landing, Langley Square apts, and king street.

Properties along Mallory in Phoebus that sit empty that used to be a manufacturing facility beside McDonald's and the empty lot on Mallory and County street that sit empty..., why not a hotel? Also, the kyaking park at the foot of the Pembroke street bride is a waste, it's NEVER used. Why not make it into a small park for toddlers..., maybe then it might get used. Reinvesting/updating/ tearing down properties in shopping centers that have been vacant for more than 10 years. The empty buildings look horrible and discourage new investors. Or begin to utilize the buildings for something like homeless shelters or teen centers.

The VA State school. The school for the deaf and blind. What are you'all going to do about that property. It's just been sitting there for years. There are people staying in the abandoned buildings and rats are everywhere come into the neighborhoods. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM...

Red light camera at Foxhall road and Mercury blvd. A very dangerous intersection and red light running is habitual. Rip Rapids road badly needs repaving. It is a major access road to Eastern Hampton from 64.

Paving of West Mercury in Phoebus area and development of Phoebus along the Mallory Street

Bug treatments in schools, dog parks specifically made for dogs (not shared by humans -- should have small, medium, and large breed sections), Sound walls on 64 WB from Mercury to Hampton Roads Center Parkway

New schools

a project to revitalize grandview nature preserve. we have lost a lot of beach space. We need these wetlands as a buffer to protect foxhill.

Walk way connecting Bellwood Rd to Todd's Ln

Tyler Street Capital Improvement Project in time for the HU Sesquicentennial in 2018

I would hope that plans for a new sports complex would not take priority over making sure our schools are properly equipped for physical education.