Elizabeth River Tunnels Project Portsmouth/Norfolk, Virginia

Project Facts

Start Date: 2013

Completion Date: December 2016

Construction Cost: \$2.1 billion

Owner/Client: Virginia Department of Transportation/HNTB Corporation

Owner POC: Mr. Anil Sharma, HNTB

Corporation: 703-582-3711

General Contractor: Elizabeth River

Crossings Opco, LLC (ERC)

Key Services

- Full-time construction inspection
- Quality control
- Materials approvals & testing
- Quality control document control & management

Project Description

Designed to improve safety and increase travel capacity over the Elizabeth River between Norfolk and Portsmouth, this design-build project featured new construction in addition to several maintenance improvements. The former bi-directional Midtown Tunnel now features a new two-lane tunnel that carries westbound traffic from Norfolk to Portsmouth. Both the existing Midtown Tunnel (which now carries only eastbound traffic from Portsmouth to Norfolk) and the Downtown Tunnel were rehabilitated. The Martin Luther King Freeway (Route 58) was extended from London Boulevard to Interstate 264, and interchange modifications were made at Brambleton Avenue and Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk.

At the time the Comprehensive Agreement between VDOT and Elizabeth River Crossings was signed in late 2011, the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project was the most extensive Public-Private Partnership (P3) Design-Build project in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Quinn was responsible, under subcontract to HNTB, for providing quality control inspection services throughout the project to the ERC Design-Build Team.



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