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Facelift Begins on Poindexter Street *City Takes First Steps Toward Revitalizing South Norfolk*

November 8, 2006, Chesapeake – Great communities have impressive thoroughfares. That’s the operating principle that will guide the City of Chesapeake as it begins work on the multi-year redevelopment of the South Norfolk Community and its Poindexter Street Corridor.

City officials, community leaders and neighborhood residents will gather to break ground on the re-creation of Poindexter Street **Thursday November 9th at 10 am at the intersection of Poindexter Street and Bainbridge Boulevard.**

“Streets are the foundation upon which neighborhoods are transformed,” says Mayor Dalton Edge. “An attractive streetscape sets the stage for our experiences as we walk, bike and drive. Moreover, these are the kind of improvements that spur new investment.”

As part of the improvements, all overhead utilities along Poindexter Street, from Liberty Street to Bainbridge Boulevard, will be removed and placed underground, new water lines will be installed and all streetlights will be replaced with fluted poles, creating an historic appearance.

“Streetscapes encourage social and business activity by creating and framing points of interest, ultimately restoring and repairing the fabric of a community,” says Warren D. Harris, Director of Chesapeake’s Department of Economic Development.

The Poindexter Street improvements are being funded through a mix of federal, state and local programs, as well as the South Norfolk Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund.

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