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First part of North King Street improvements will be finished in July

April 2, 2014 - The first section of improvements on North King Street – from Old Fox Hill Road to just south of Little Back River Road - should be finished by July of this year.

Completion has been delayed for about six months while the city incorporated the installation of new sewer lines and other equipment into the project - along with upgrades to nearby pump stations.

The work on the sewers became part of the first section of improvements after it became clear that the new road would be torn up during the sewer construction.

More than \$4 million is being spent on the first section of North King Street to create a four-lane divided road, install a raised median, curbs, gutters, storm drain improvements, sidewalks, bike paths, improved lighting, and the sewer improvements.

The second section of improvements on North King Street will reconfigure the 6-point intersection at Little Back River Road. Final plans are under review by the Virginia Department of Transportation and city staff. Construction for the second section is expected to cost \$1 million and should begin in the fall of 2014.

A third section of improvements on North King Street - from Little Back River Road to the gate at Langley Air Force Base - also calls for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and other work. The third section, now in its planning and design phase, is expected to cost \$1.5 million. Construction won't start until April or May of 2015.

All of the projects are part of the North King Street Master Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 2007. The master plan focuses on North King Street as an important transportation route and gateway to Langley. Among other things, the projects are designed to enhance road safety and capacity.

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