



NIMMO PARKWAY PHASE VII-B PROJECT

Environmental Impact Statement – Preferred Alternative Briefing

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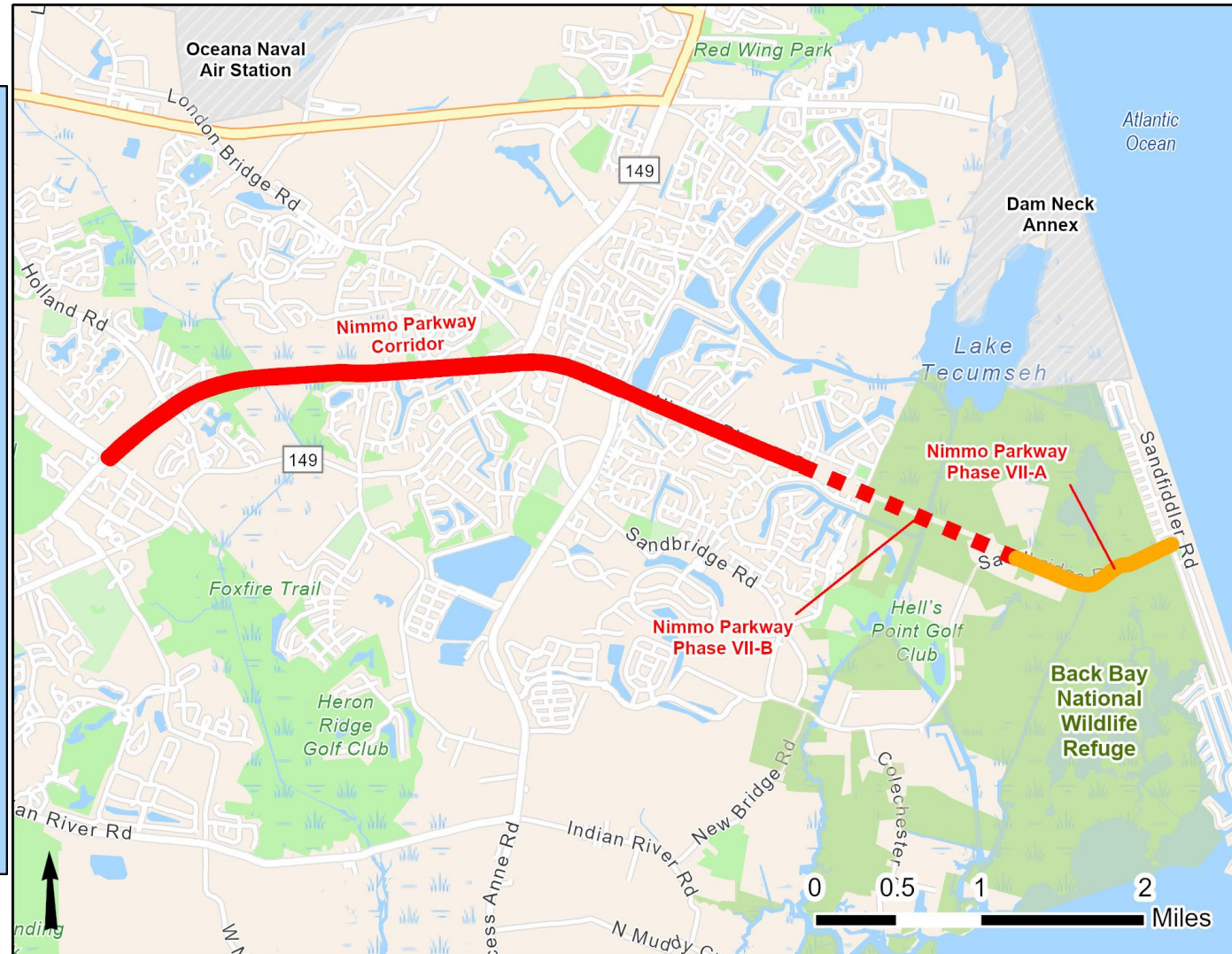
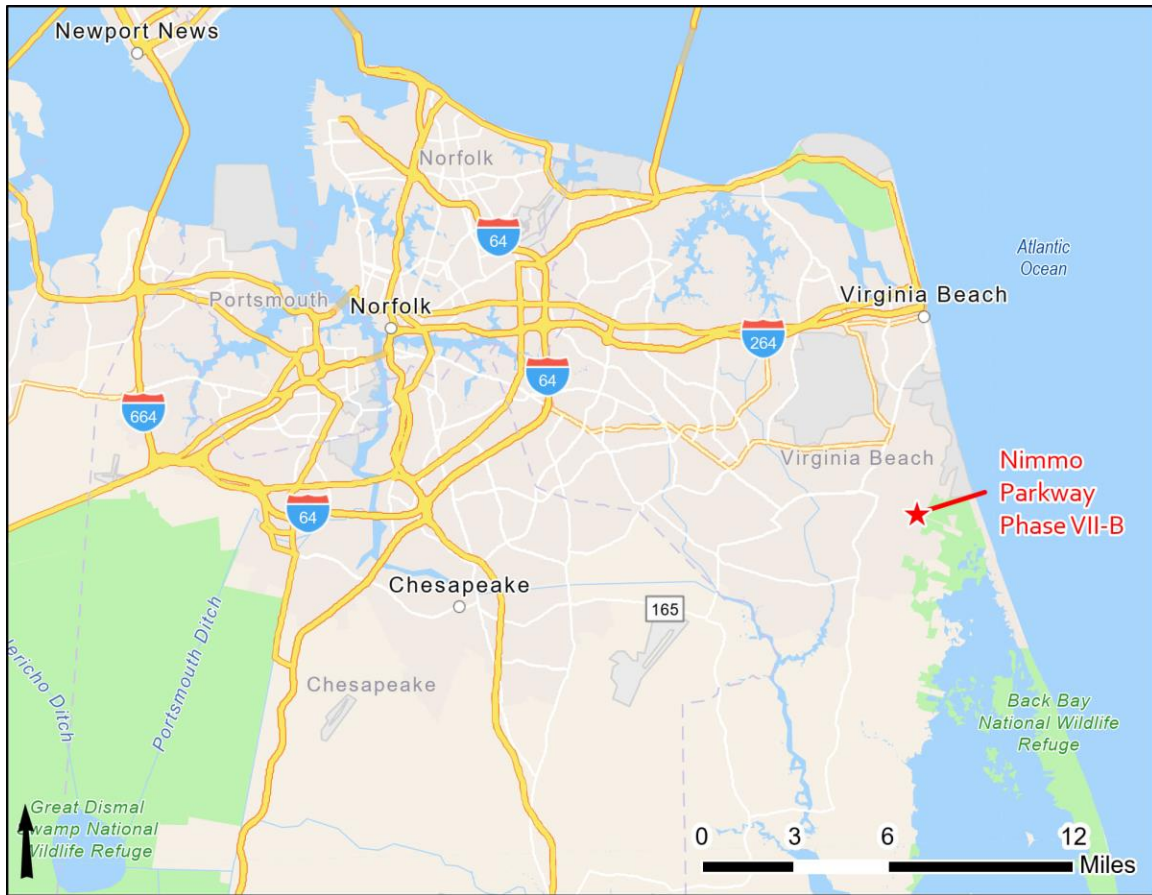
February 17, 2026

Presentations to CTB on Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B EIS



Per § 33.2-208
Location of Routes

Project Location



Study Area

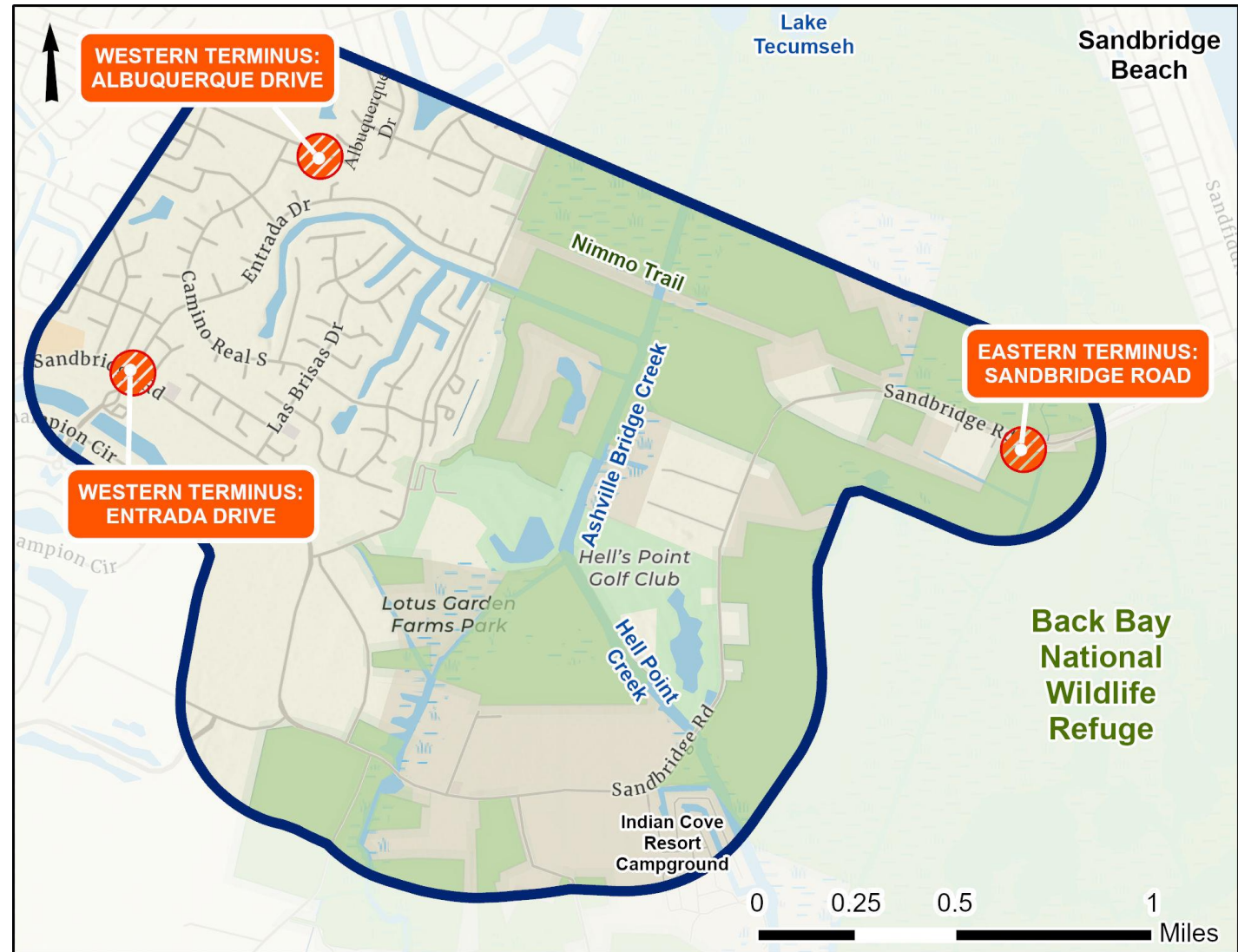
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 Termini of EIS Study

 EIS Study Area

 Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

NAS Oceana Dam Neck Annex is located north of Sandbridge Beach



Public Involvement to Date

Public Involvement for the Environmental Assessment

- Citizen Information Meeting (Sept. 2018); public hearing and 30-day public comment period (June 2022)

Virtual Citizen Information Meeting (August 2024)

- Study introduction, seeking input on transportation needs within the study area and potential improvements
- Public survey, pre-recorded presentation, virtual meeting, and 30-day public comment period

Notice of Intent (NOI) (May/June 2025)

- 30-day public comment period following Federal Highway Administration's issuance of the NOI
- Public comment form and pre-recorded presentation on website

Public Hearing on and Comment Period (February/March 2026)

- Being held to support CTB's future location decision (Per § 33.2-208 Location of Routes)
- In-person public hearing on February 19, 2026, and virtual public meeting on February 18, 2026; comment period that spans from January 20, 2026, to March 2, 2026; CTB to be briefed prior to location decision

Agency Involvement to Date

In April 2024, agencies were invited to share data and participate in the development of the EIS, including:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the City of Virginia Beach

Monthly Environmental Agency Meetings hosted by VDOT

- Ongoing since April 2024, with brief break in Fall 2025 to conduct additional field studies and facilitate tribal coordination

Primary themes of agency and stakeholder input

- Potential impacts to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge (BBNWR), wetlands, floodplains
- U.S. Navy letter stating NAS Oceana Dam Neck Annex shall not be considered as a permanent route for access to the Sandbridge Community
- Nansemond Indian Nation letter to FHWA identifying BBNWR as a Traditional Cultural Place (TCP)

Purpose and Need Statement

The purpose of the Project is to provide reliable access and connectivity to the Sandbridge Community. In order to meet the purpose, the Project must address the following needs that limit reliable access and connectivity:

- Flooding
- Roadway deficiencies
- Crashes and other obstructions

Alternatives Retained for Detailed Analysis in the EIS

No Build Alternative

- Retained as a baseline/comparison to other alternatives

Nimmo Parkway Alternative





- Construct 1.8 miles of new elevated roadway to extend Nimmo Parkway from the west at Albuquerque Drive to connect to Sandbridge Road to the east
 - Two-lane roadway with on-road bike lanes and a shared use path
 - Added additional wildlife passage to address agency comments

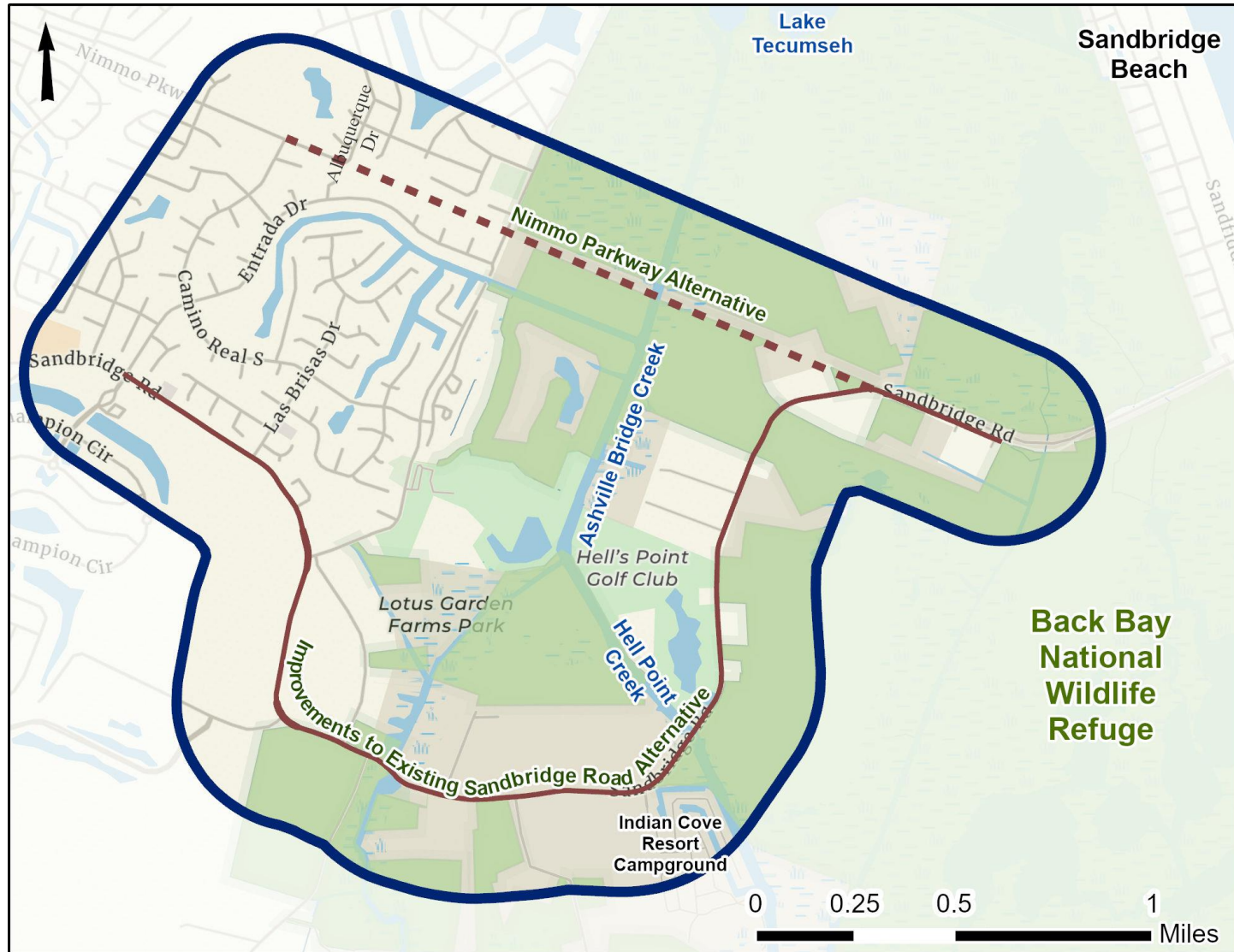
Improvements to Existing Sandbridge Road Alternative

- Realign and elevate 3.4 miles of Sandbridge Road from the west near Entrada Drive to a point approximately 0.8 mile west of Sandbridge Road's terminus at the Atlantic Ocean
 - Two-lane roadway with on-road bike lanes and a shared use path

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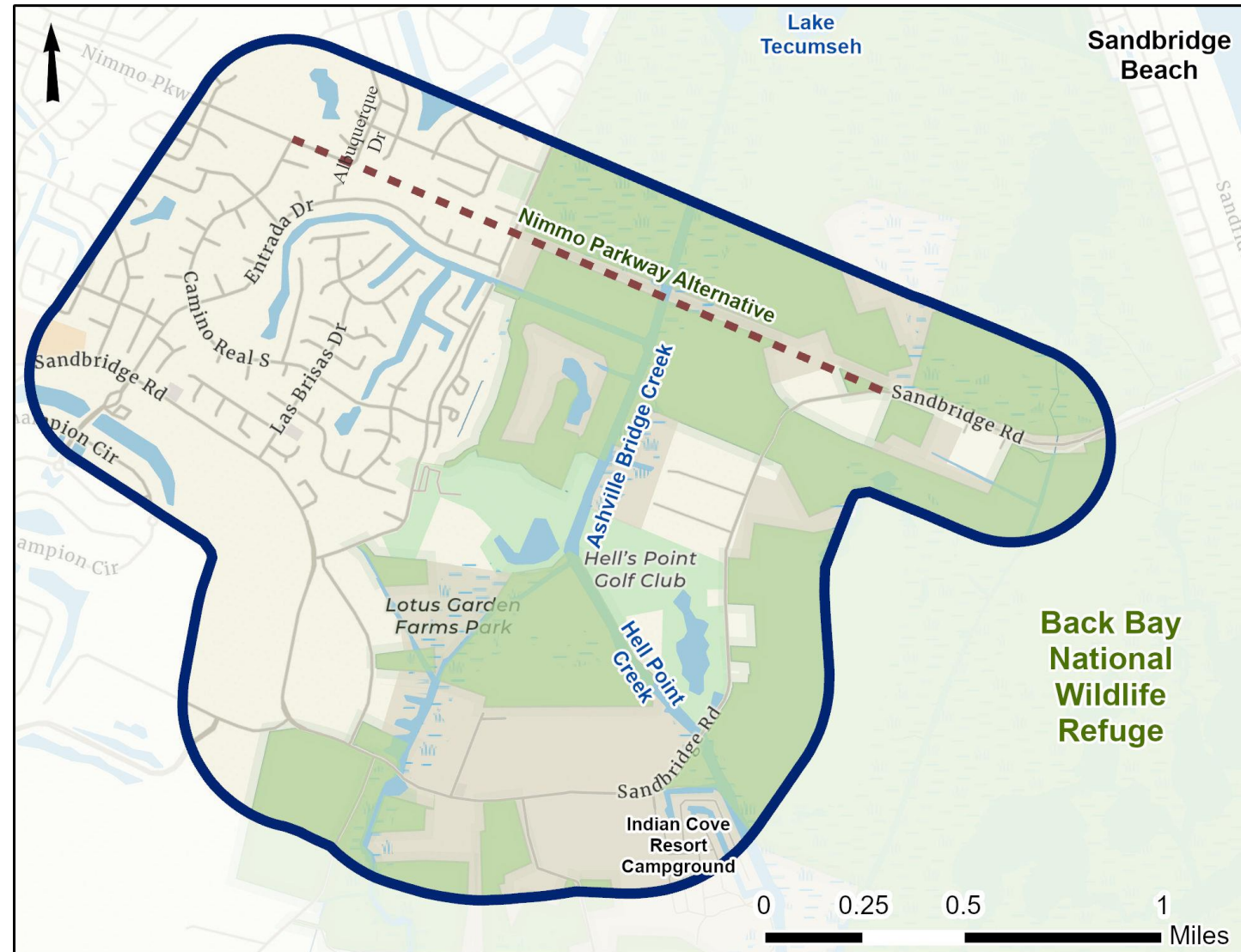
-  EIS Study Area
-  Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge
-  Nimmo Parkway Alternative
-  Improvements to Existing Sandbridge Road Alternative



Recommended Preferred Alternative

Nimmo Parkway Alternative

- Endorsed by the City of Virginia Beach on January 20, 2026
- Follows existing City of Virginia Beach-owned right-of-way, minimizing potential property impacts
- Fewer impacts to wetlands and streams
- Less costly



Summary of Key Environmental Impact Analyses

| Resource | Nimmo Parkway Alternative (VDOT's Recommended Preferred Alternative) | Improvements to Existing Sandbridge Road Alternative |
|--|--|---|
| Potential Residential Acquisitions (Relocations) | 0 | 12 |
| Potential Commercial Acquisitions (Relocations) | 0 | 2 |
| Total Acres of Property Acquisitions | 0 acres | 53.3 acres |
| Estimated Stream Impacts | 1,701 linear feet | 22,459 linear feet |
| Estimated Wetland Impacts | 9.7 acres | 22.5 acres |
| 100-Year Floodplain | 17.3 acres | 49.7 acres |
| Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife Refuges, Historic Sites | 0 acres* | 18.3 acres* – Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Lotus Garden Park |
| Total Cost (Preliminary Estimate) | \$128 million | \$244 million |

**Potential indirect impacts to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.*

Impacts above are estimates identified in the NEPA process and may be refined in the future.

Anticipated NEPA Schedule

| Activity | Timeframe* |
|---|-------------------|
| Location Public Hearing on Recommended Preferred Alternative | February 19, 2026 |
| Brief CTB on the Location Public Hearing and Request Location Decision on Preferred Alternative | March 17, 2026 |
| Completing Section 4(f) Analysis^ | Summer 2026 |
| Draft EIS Issued for Public Review/Public Hearing | Summer 2026 |
| FHWA NEPA Decision | May 2027 |

*Schedule based on FHWA's two-year time limit for EISs (23 CFR § 771.138(a)(1)) and subject to change as NEPA process advances.

^FHWA will identify the Preferred Alternative in the Draft EIS.

