

Southside Connector

A Virginia Natural Gas Distribution Pipeline Project

Project scope

- Connects natural gas supply between the Peninsula and South Hampton Roads.
- Strengthens system operating pressures to meet the needs of existing customers and supports service to large customers with high demands for natural gas.
- Boosts Virginia Natural Gas system operations.
- Supports continued economic growth in southeastern Virginia.

Project Route

The **9-mile SCDP** starts at the northern supply line at Salter Street in **Norfolk** and runs to Bainbridge Boulevard and terminates at the southern supply line at South Military Highway in **Chesapeake**. The majority of the route utilizes existing utility corridors which is an industry best practice as it has the least impact on nearby homes and businesses while providing the best access for pipeline operation and maintenance. While neither the cheapest nor most direct route, extensive evaluation determined it to be the safest and least disruptive option.

Project Details

Consists of 9 miles of 24-inch natural gas pipeline, buried a minimum of 3 feet underground, primarily in existing utility right-of-way. Where possible, directional boring is used under streets and parking lots to avoid disruption to local residents. When open trenching is required, there is coordination with local jurisdictions to manage traffic control. Directional drilling is used for water crossing.

Construction Timeline

The pipeline is expected to be operational by the 2018/19 heating season.



The Southside Connector Distribution Pipeline (SCDP) project is a new natural gas pipeline that will link Virginia Natural Gas' main northern gas supply feed to its southern supply feed and is necessary to transport more of the gas supply available from our northern region into the South Hampton Roads region. It will improve Virginia Natural Gas' system operations, support continued economic growth, and ensure that all of our customers have access to the most cost-efficient gas commodity prices.

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