

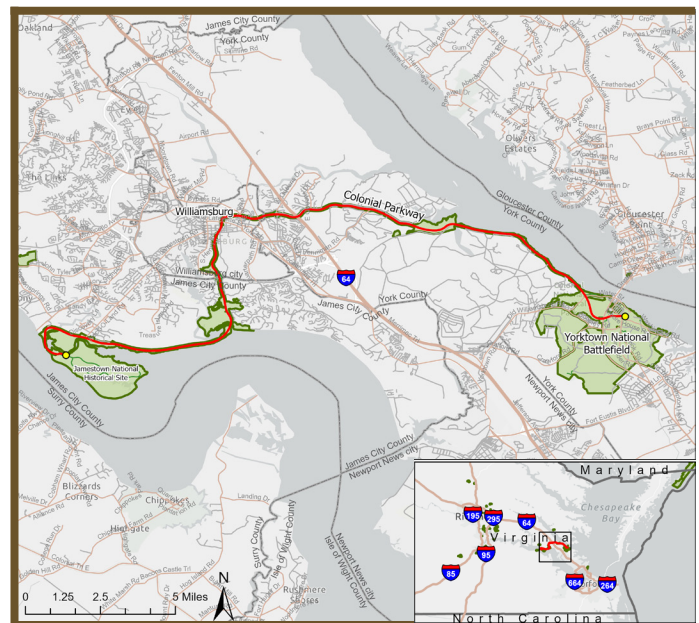
# Rehabilitate Colonial National Historical Parkway



## Project Description

Colonial Parkway, built between 1931 and 1957 within Colonial National Historical Park (COLO), is a vital connection between Jamestown and Yorktown for visitors, park staff, and residents and local commuters. However, the Parkway has **far exceeded its 50-year design life and 87% of its 23 miles have been rated "poor" or "fair"** by the Federal Highway Administration. Ten miles of the Parkway will be rehabilitated through funding from a 2022 allocation of the GAOA Legacy Restoration Fund. This includes rehabilitation and reconstruction of sections of the parkway and multiple bridges.

The National Park Service is **seeking funding for major road and bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction along**



## Project Location

Virginia - Interior Region 1

Credit: Volpe Center

- Colonial Parkway
- Points of Interest
- Interstate
- Primary Roads
- Secondary Roads
- NPS Roads
- State Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- NPS Land

Source Layers: VGIN, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS, FAO, NOAA

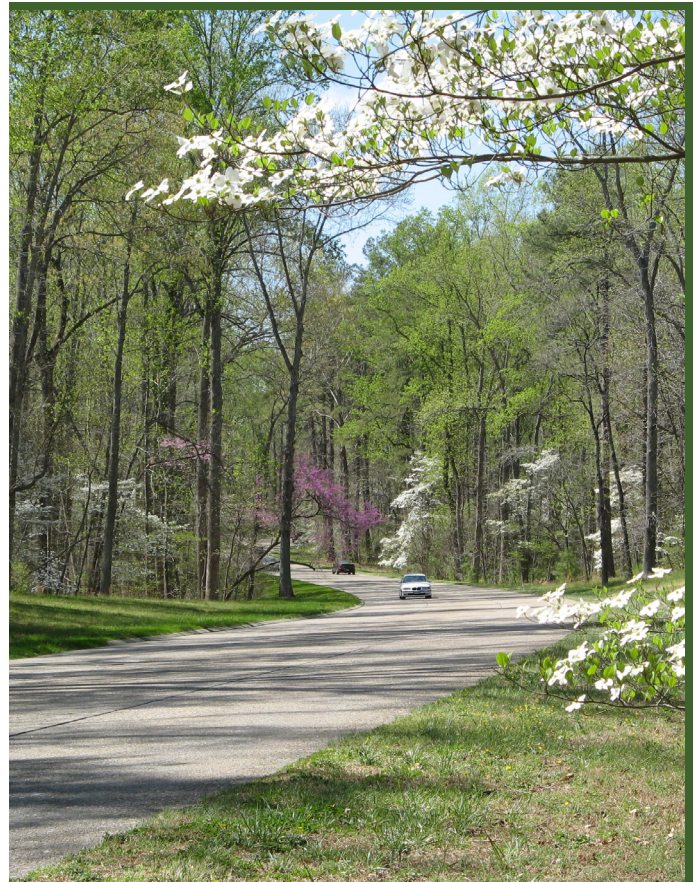
### **the remaining 13 miles of the Parkway.**

This funding is essential to preserving this scenic drive, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and reducing the amount of maintenance required in the long term. This additional funding will support work on three bridges (Kings Creek Bridge, Halfway Creek Bridge, and CSX Bridge) and replacing high priority Colonial Parkway concrete segments (slabs).

## **Background & Current Status**

The Parkway offers access and views along 23 miles of shorelines and forests between the York and James Rivers for **over 3 million annual park visitors**. The Parkway, which links COLO's major historic sites, is an integral part of the visitor experience. Simultaneously, its external connections provide critical access for commuters including connecting census-designated disadvantaged communities and a federally-designated Opportunity Zone.

Due to age, and deterioration compounded by ever-increasing usage, **numerous safety concerns along its span have been identified by FHWA, including broken slabs, failing joints, and concrete spalling**. Many bridges along the Parkway suffer from structural loss of form; FHWA has recommended replacing the bridges by FY31 (for Kings Creek Bridge and Halfway Creek Bridge) and by FY26 (for the CSX bridge). Drainage improvements are needed to support old drainage systems increasingly overloaded by runoff from surrounding development and intensifying storm events.



Colonial Parkway in spring.

*Photo Credit: NPS*

Estimated Project Cost

**\$200  
MILLION**