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## Trolley would link Oyster Point, City Center

*Newport News officials want to connect two hubs of the city with shuttle buses.*

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**NEWPORT NEWS** — Workers, shoppers and residents of Port Warwick and City Center at Oyster Point soon may be able to commute between the two developments using a trolley or shuttle service.

Newport News economic development and Hampton Roads Transit officials are preparing plans for a service that connects the two, which have emerged as hubs in central Newport News. A plan is coming together that likely will be presented to Newport News City Council in October.

The service would be the first of its kind in the city, although details on the type of vehicles and the route are not final. The exact route is still being discussed, said Paul Adamo, with Hampton Roads Transit, in a presentation to the Newport News industrial and economic development authorities Friday morning.

"Being able to put these two together is something we're all very excited about," said Flo-

rence Kingston, director of development for Newport News.

Kingston said the concept is to have a fleet of vehicles like airport shuttle buses, running between key points in Port Warwick and City Center. The shuttles likely would run into the evening, to cater to people working late or visiting restaurants.

Riders likely would have to pay a fee, Kingston said.

Kingston said it is logical to

connect the two centers, as Port Warwick is more heavily residential and City Center has more office space.

The shuttle routes would stop at regular HRT bus stops, but the shuttle would distinguish itself from regular bus service by the type of vehicle and shorter route.

It's also possible the city could be eligible for federal or state transportation grants for the project, Kingston said. ■