



# Traffic Advisory

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## **WESTBOUND CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR I-264 DOWNTOWN TUNNEL BEGINNING AUGUST 9**

*Motorists should use alternate routes: I-64 High Rise Bridge or the Midtown Tunnel*

**Portsmouth** – The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will close the I-264 West Downtown Tunnel on weekends beginning August 9, to rehabilitate the 61-year-old facility. The eastbound tunnel is not affected and will remain open to vehicular traffic.

Improvements being made will extend the life of the structure and improve its safety and energy efficiency. The work requires complete closure of the westbound Downtown Tunnel to safely perform this activity. The closures will occur almost every weekend beginning August 9, and are scheduled to continue through spring 2014.

The I-264 westbound Downtown Tunnel to Portsmouth will close at 8 p.m. on Fridays and reopen at 5 a.m. on Mondays, with the exception of holiday and event weekends.

Traffic will be detoured to the I-64 High Rise Bridge. Expect delays of up to 30 minutes. Other alternate routes include Route 58 Midtown Tunnel, Route 13 Gilmerton Bridge and the tolled South Norfolk Jordan Bridge.

A [complete calendar](#) of the closures, as well as a map featuring alternate routes can be found on [DriveERT.com](#).

Concurrent with the weekend closures, the following ramps from Norfolk will also be closed:

- The on-ramp from City Hall Avenue onto west I-264
- The on-ramp from Tidewater Drive onto west I-264

Motorists are encouraged to visit [www.va511.org](http://www.va511.org), call 511 or listen to Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM or call the VDOT Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016 for current traffic and travel information.

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