



# News Release

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## **I-264 EAST DOWNTOWN TUNNEL REHABILITATION BEGINS WEEK OF JULY 20**

*Full Weekend Closures Begin as Early as July 25*

**PORTSMOUTH**– The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will begin rehabilitation activities on the I-264 East Downtown Tunnel, with evening single lane closures beginning as early as the week of July 20 and full weekend closures beginning as early as Friday, July 25.

Preliminary work taking place during single lane closures includes relocation of conduit, wiring, and radio antennas in preparation for the more extensive work that will take place during full weekend closures. Full closures are necessary for the safety of both the workers and motorists. Much of the rehabilitation work is being done overhead and crosses the center line of the tunnel.

The I-264 East Downtown Tunnel to Norfolk will close at 8 p.m. on Fridays and reopen at 5 a.m. on Mondays, with the exception of holiday and event weekends. The current closure schedule through September 7 is as follows:

- Friday-Sunday, July 25-27
- Friday-Sunday, August 1-3
- Friday-Sunday, August 8-10
- Friday-Sunday, August 15-17
- Friday-Sunday, August 22-24
- **Friday-Sunday, August 29-31: No scheduled closures**
- Friday-Sunday, September 5-7

Single lane closures eastbound may also occur from 8 p.m. each night until 5 a.m. the following morning and can be expected seven days a week through fall 2014, with the exception of full closure weekends, holidays and designated events. The westbound tunnel will continue to have weeknight full tunnel closures concurrent with eastbound weeknight single lane closures. Full closures of I-264 East Downtown Tunnel and I-264 West Downtown Tunnel will not be scheduled concurrently.

Traffic will be detoured to the Midtown Tunnel when the eastbound tunnel is closed. Other alternate routes include the I-64 High Rise Bridge, Route 13 Gilmerton Bridge and the tolled South Norfolk Jordan Bridge.

Improvements being made will extend the life of the structure and improve its safety and energy efficiency. The work requires complete closure of the eastbound Downtown Tunnel to remove suspended ceiling tiles and police booths.

Due to the nature of construction, closure dates are subject to change. Get the latest updates on construction activities at the I-264 Downtown Tunnel by visiting the [Rehabilitation Work page](#).

Headquartered in Portsmouth, Virginia, Elizabeth River Crossings OpCo, LLC, is the private partner of the Virginia Department of Transportation for the design, construction, finance, operations and maintenance of the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project, with SKW Constructors, JV as design-build contractor. For more information on the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project, visit [www.DriveERT.com](http://www.DriveERT.com). Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DriveERT>.

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