



Traffic Advisory

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DES MOINES AVENUE TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY BETWEEN SOUTH AND DUKE STREETS IN PORTSMOUTH FOR PILE DRIVING

Traffic to be detoured March 30 through April 13

PORTSMOUTH – The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will close Des Moines Avenue near Interstate 264 (I-264) between South and Duke streets in Portsmouth for pile driving the morning of Monday, March 30. The road will remain closed for construction through Monday, April 13. This work is related to pier construction for the future Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension.

During this timeframe, residents and motorists in the vicinity of the construction site may hear noise during daytime hours resulting from the pile driving activities.

Signed detours will be in place to direct motorists around the closures. Motorists [traveling northbound](#) on Des Moines Avenue will take Duke Street to Elm Avenue to South Street. Motorists [traveling southbound](#) will take South Street to Elm Avenue to Duke Street to re-access Des Moines Avenue.

Completion of the MLK Extension will create an efficient, connected transportation network, providing direct access between the Downtown and Midtown tunnels and High Street and London Boulevard in Portsmouth.

A schedule of construction-related closures and alternate routes can be found on [DriveERT.com](#). Current lane closure information is available on [VDOT's weekly lane closure forecast](#). Visit [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.

The Elizabeth River Tunnels Project in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, provides critical transportation infrastructure to the Hampton Roads region. It involves design, construction, finance, operations and maintenance responsibilities for a new Midtown Tunnel and MLK Freeway Extension; existing tunnel rehabilitation; interchange modifications; and incident response, snow removal and roadway repairs for more than 50 lane miles within the project area. Headquartered in Portsmouth, Virginia, this public-private partnership is comprised of Elizabeth River Crossings OpCo, LLC and the Virginia Department of Transportation. For more information, visit <http://www.DriveERT.com> or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DriveERT>.

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