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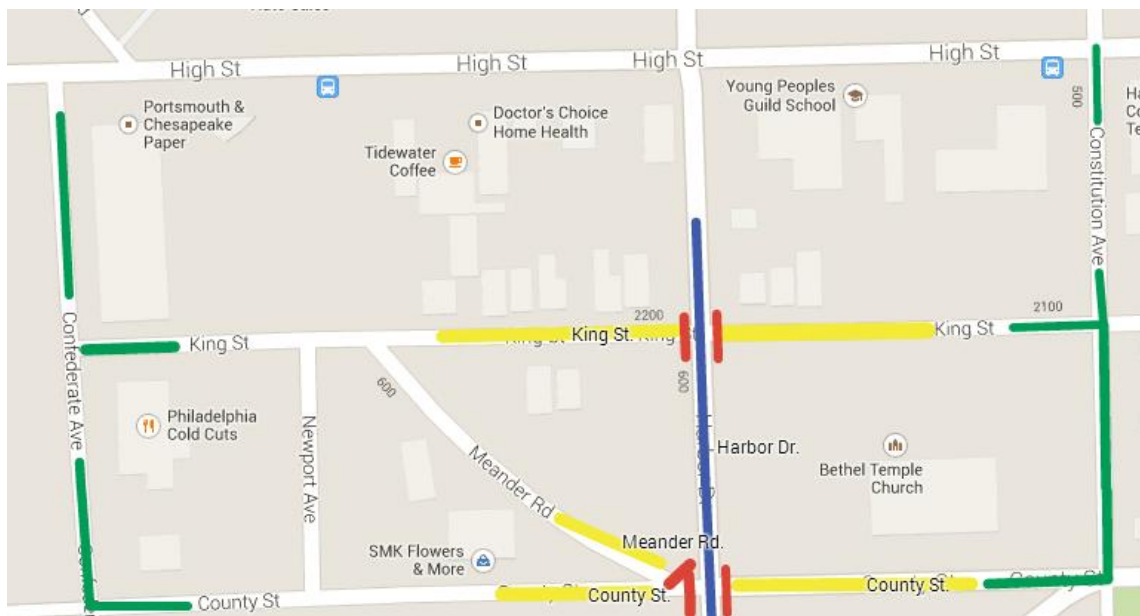
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## **KING ST., COUNTY ST. AND MEANDER RD. IN PORTSMOUTH TO CLOSE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

PORTSMOUTH – [The Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will close direct access to Harbor Dr. from several residential streets in Portsmouth beginning as early as the week of July 21 for construction activities on the Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension.

The new configuration is as follows:

- Direct access to Harbor Dr. is removed from King St., County St. and Meander Rd.
- Motorists wishing to access King St. or County St. east of Harbor Drive will need to use Constitution Ave.
- Motorists wishing to access King St., Meander Rd. or County St. west of Harbor Drive will need to use Confederate Ave. (see green lines below).



The closures are needed for utility relocation, scheduled to begin next week. Once utility relocation is completed, the roadways will be permanently reconfigured to accommodate the new raised MLK Extension.

Completion of the MLK Extension will create an efficient, connected transportation network, providing direct access between the Downtown and Midtown tunnels. Additionally, new

changeable message signs on the MLK Extension will improve communication of traffic conditions to motorists.

For more information about construction activities on the MLK Extension, view the [MLK Construction Brochure](#).

A schedule of the closures and alternate routes can be found on [DriveERT.com](#). Current lane closure information is available on [VDOT's weekly lane closure forecast](#). Due to the nature of construction, dates are subject to change.

Visit [www.511Virginia.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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