



Traffic Advisory

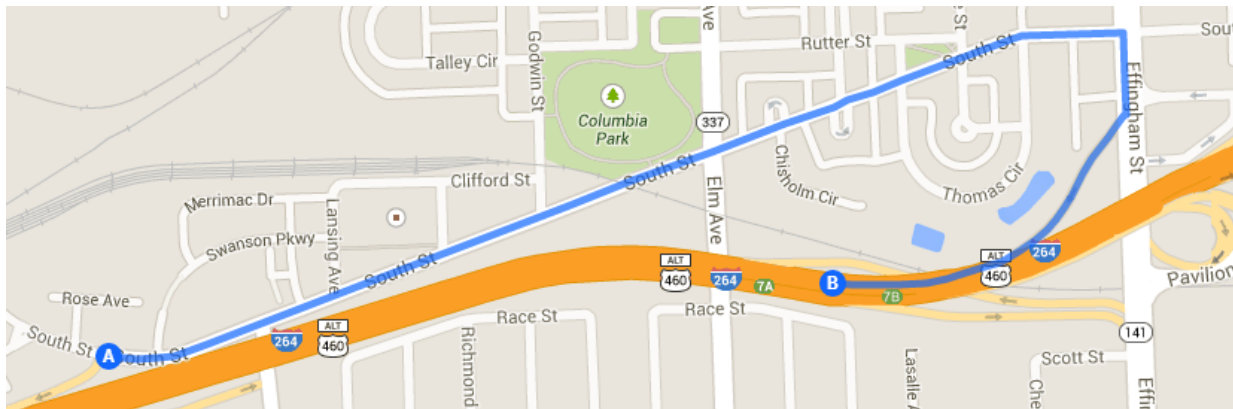
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SOUTH ST. ON-RAMP TO I-264 WEST TO CLOSE

Portsmouth – [The Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will permanently close the South St. on-ramp to Interstate 264 (I-264) West as early as the week of April 14, 2014 in coordination with construction activities on the Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension.

Motorists currently using the South Street on-ramp to access I-264 West will be permanently rerouted to the Effingham St. on-ramp to I-264 West. See detour highlighted below:



The permanent closure of the South Street on-ramp was studied and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and identified as necessary to make the new MLK Extension connector ramps function safely and efficiently. It was initially shared with the public during the May 2011 design public hearings held by VDOT.

Concurrently, a 1/2 mile lane closure will be installed on I-264 West beginning at the Des Moines Avenue overpass for construction activities, reducing the interstate from three to two lanes for up to 18 months.

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.

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.

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. For more information on the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project, visit www.DriveERT.com. Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DriveERT>.

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