



Traffic Advisory

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TURNPIKE ROAD IN PORTSMOUTH TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE FOR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

PORTSMOUTH – [The Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will temporarily close Turnpike Road in Portsmouth between Confederate Avenue and Constitution Avenue beginning next week for construction of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension.

Turnpike Road will close between Confederate Avenue and Constitution Avenue for up to eight weeks beginning Monday, Feb. 9 for drain installation. The closure is being installed with the coordination and approval of the City of Portsmouth. Signed detours will be in place directing traffic to Confederate and Constitution avenues.

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.

Due to the nature of construction, dates are subject to change. 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](#).

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, with SKW Constructors, JV as design-build contractor. Located in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, the Project is comprised of a new two-lane tunnel under the Elizabeth River parallel to the existing Midtown Tunnel; fire, life and safety modifications and upgrades to the existing Midtown Tunnel and Downtown Tunnels; interchange modifications in Norfolk and Portsmouth; and extending the MLK Freeway in Portsmouth from London Boulevard to I-264. More information can be found at [www.DriveERT.com](#). Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DriveERT>.

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