



# Traffic Advisory

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## **U.S. 58 MIDTOWN TUNNEL FULL WEEKEND CLOSURE SCHEDULED**

*Motorists will be detoured to the I-264 Downtown Tunnel Jan. 29- Feb. 1*

**PORTSMOUTH** – The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project Team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will remove the Elizabeth River Trail pedestrian bridge on U.S. 58 spanning over the Midtown Tunnel. **Removal of the existing pedestrian bridge will require a complete closure of the U.S. 58 Midtown Tunnel from Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. until Monday, Feb. 1 at 5 a.m.** Due to the nature of construction, these dates are subject to change and are weather dependent. Removal of the existing bridge is required as part of the new flood protection for the Midtown Tunnel and will be replaced with a new bridge prior to completion of the Project.

Motorists are encouraged to use the I-264 Downtown Tunnel as an alternate route. A signed detour will be in place during the closure.

Nearby residents may hear noise resulting from the removal of the pedestrian bridge beginning Friday, Jan. 29 at 10:30 p.m. through the following morning.

In addition to the removal of the bridge, the ERT Project team will use this closure to perform additional maintenance and construction work. This includes re-lamping, tide gate testing, drain cleaning, milling and paving, removal of the existing handrail and police booths inside the tunnel and modifying the existing barrier wall on the Norfolk approach to allow for a crossover point between the two Midtown Tunnel tubes.

Following the closure, a new traffic pattern will be in place at the Norfolk approach. Motorists travelling from Norfolk towards Portsmouth through the existing Midtown Tunnel should expect a slight shift to the right while the existing lane is adjusted to match the height of the approach to the new tunnel.

This is the first full closure of the U.S. 58 Midtown Tunnel since the beginning of the ERT Project due to construction.

A schedule of construction-related closures and alternate routes can be found on [DriveERT.com](#). Motorists should visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org), call 511 or the VDOT Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016, and listen to the Hampton Roads Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM for current traffic and travel information.

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