



# Traffic Advisory

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## **I-264 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR FREDERICK BLVD. SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT**

*Work will require overnight closures of I-264 from Nov. 19 through Nov. 20*

**PORTSMOUTH** – [The Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will replace the Interstate 264 (I-264) pedestrian bridge near Frederick Blvd. overnight beginning Wednesday, Nov. 19 as part of construction associated with the Martin Luther King (MLK) Extension Project. This will require a complete closure of I-264 in both directions between Frederick Blvd. and Portsmouth Blvd. beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 to 5 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 and again from 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 to 5 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21 for the safe placement of the structure. Due to the nature of construction, dates are subject to change and are weather dependent.

### **I-264 Detour:**

- [I-264 East Detour](#): Motorists traveling on I-264 East towards Norfolk will detour onto Portsmouth Blvd. and back onto I-264 at Frederick Blvd.
- [I-264 West Detour](#): Motorists traveling on I-264 West towards Suffolk will detour onto Frederick Blvd. and back onto I-264 at Portsmouth Blvd.

The old pedestrian bridge was removed in March 2014 while crews widened the interstate to accommodate the new MLK Extension. The new structure will be wider and longer than the previous raised walkway, and will provide additional safety features for pedestrians including increased lighting and access. Additional finishing work on the structure is required before the bridge can be open to public later this fall.

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

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.

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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