



Traffic Advisory

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I-264 EAST/WEST IN PORTSMOUTH TO CLOSE NIGHTLY FOR STEEL GIRDER PLACEMENT BEGINNING FRIDAY

I-264 East Downtown Tunnel weekend closure will be conducted concurrently

PORTSMOUTH – The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) (ERT) Project team, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), will begin placing steel girders across Interstate 264 (I-264) this weekend. The girders will serve as the structural support for the ramp which will carry traffic to I-264 West from the future Martin Luther King Extension.

The work requires a complete nightly closure of I-264 East and West in Portsmouth between the Frederick Boulevard and Effingham Street exits beginning Friday evening, March 6 through Friday morning, March 13. The eastbound interstate closure will take place concurrently with the scheduled I-264 East Downtown Tunnel weekend closure. Signed detours will be in place to direct motorists around the interstate closures.

The I-264 closure schedule is as follows:

- **I-264 East:**
 - **Friday, March 6 – Monday, March 9 full weekend closure of I-264 East:** Closed from 8 p.m. Friday night until 5 a.m. Monday morning.
 - Motorists traveling [eastbound](#) on I-264 to Norfolk will exit the interstate at Portsmouth Boulevard and use the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (all-electronically tolled).
 - **Monday, March 9 – Thursday, March 12 nightly closure of I-264 East:** Closed from 8 p.m. each night until 5 a.m. the following morning.
 - Motorists traveling [eastbound](#) on I-264 to Norfolk will exit the interstate at Portsmouth Boulevard and re-access the interstate via Effingham Street.
 - Several interstate on-ramps connecting to I-264 East will also be closed beginning at 7 p.m. in coordination with the interstate closure:
 - Portsmouth Boulevard on-ramp
 - Frederick Boulevard South on-ramp
 - Frederick Boulevard North on-ramp

- **I-264 West:**

- **Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 nightly closure of I-264 West:** Closed from 8 p.m. each night until 8 a.m. the following morning.
 - Motorists traveling [westbound](#) on I-264 in Portsmouth will exit the interstate at Effingham Street, follow signs towards London Boulevard and re-access the interstate from Frederick Boulevard.

- **Sunday, March 8 – Thursday, March 12 nightly closure of I-264 West:** Closed from 8 p.m. each night until 5 a.m. the following morning.
 - Motorists traveling [westbound](#) on I-264 in Portsmouth will exit the interstate at Effingham Street, travel along London Boulevard and re-access the interstate from Frederick Boulevard.

- Several interstate on-ramps connecting to I-264 West will also be closed beginning at 7 p.m. in coordination with the interstate closure:
 - Bart Street on-ramp
 - Effingham Street South on-ramp
 - Effingham Street North on-ramp

Additional girder work over the interstate is expected to continue the week of March 16.

Completion of the MLK Extension will create an efficient, connected transportation network, providing direct access between the Downtown and Midtown tunnels and High St. and London Blvd. in Portsmouth.

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, with SKW Constructors, JV as design-build contractor. For more information on the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project, visit www.DriveERT.com. Follow us on [Twitter](#).

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