



Traffic Advisory

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TURNPIKE ROAD TO CLOSE BETWEEN CONFEDERATE AVENUE AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE IN PORTSMOUTH

Road closure is expected to last through 2016

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.

The long-term closure is expected to begin as early as Monday, Sept. 22 and last through MLK construction, scheduled for completion at the end of 2016. 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.

For more information about construction activities on the MLK Extension, view the [MLK Construction Brochure](#) and the [MLK Extension](#) page.

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](#).

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