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LONG-TERM I-64 LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN NEWPORT NEWS

One lane to close in both directions on I-64 at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard overpass and near Hampton Roads Center Parkway through early 2026

NEWPORT NEWS – Contractor crews with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are scheduled to implement a series of long-term single-lane closures and traffic shifts on I-64 at the J. Clyde Morris Boulevard (exit 258) overpass and near Hampton Roads Center Parkway (exit 261) in Newport News as construction of the Hampton Roads Express Lanes (HREL) Newport News Segment continues.

As part of a multi-phased approach to facilitate bridge rehabilitation at both locations, crews will first close one inside lane on I-64 in each direction, reducing travel lanes from four to three and shifting traffic right toward the outside of the roadway. The first phase of this new traffic pattern on I-64 is scheduled to begin first at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard as early as Monday, May 5, and near Hampton Roads Center Parkway as early as Monday, May 11. Overnight closures of the I-64 east and west on-ramps from J. Clyde Morris Boulevard and Hampton Roads Center Parkway are scheduled to be in place during implementation of the new traffic pattern from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The closure of the I-64 inside lanes at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard and near Hampton Roads Center Parkway are estimated to be in place through summer 2025, followed by the next phases of single-lane closures and traffic shifts at these locations. The next single-lane closures at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard are scheduled to be implemented in the center lanes of I-64 with lanes open on each side, followed by the closures of an outside lane in each direction, shifting traffic toward the inside of the roadway on I-64. Near Hampton Roads Center Parkway, the single-lane closures will move to the outside lanes, shifting traffic to the inside of the roadway in a future phase.

Watch a video about the long-term I-64 lane closures and traffic shifts.

This work is expected to continue through early 2026. All work is weather- and schedule-dependent; therefore, this schedule is subject to change.

Motorists are reminded to use caution when traveling near work zones, obey posted speed limits, follow lane markings and barrier guides, be alert to digital message signs and drive distraction-free.

Before hitting the road, consider using VDOT's free 511 Virginia traffic tools, or the free 511-integrated Waze GPS app, to check for the most up-to-date road and travel conditions. VDOT's <u>511Virginia.org website</u> and <u>mobile app</u> offer information about construction, traffic, incidents, and congestion, as well as access to traffic cameras, weather-related impacts and more.

Hampton Roads Express Lanes Newport News Segment

This work is part of the HREL Newport News Segment Project that spans approximately 11.5 miles on I-64, starting just east of LaSalle Avenue (exit 265) in Hampton and ending 1.2 miles west of Denbigh Boulevard in Newport News. For 10.5 miles of the segment, from just west of Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) to I-664 (exit 264), the existing HOV lane in each direction will be converted into an Express Lane, alongside the three general purpose lanes. For the last 1 mile of the segment between I-664 and LaSalle Avenue, one general purpose lane will be converted into an Express Lane in each direction, alongside two general purpose lanes.

The HREL Newport News Segment will ultimately become a part of an overall continuous 45- mile high-occupancy toll Express Lanes network on I-64, from west of Denbigh Boulevard in Newport News to the I-264/I-664 Bowers Hill interchange in Chesapeake. As traffic demand continues to increase in the region, incorporating the Express Lanes dynamic tolling model, together with other interstate improvements, provides an additional approach to managing congestion in the long term and providing more travel choices and a reliable travel network for Hampton Roads motorists. For more information on the Hampton Roads Express Lanes projects and to learn more about construction updates, traffic impacts and to sign up to receive project updates, visit 64expresslanes.org



Image: Inside single-lane closures in each direction on the J. Clyde Morris Boulevard (exit 258) overpass



Image: Inside single-lane closure in each direction near Hampton Roads Center Parkway (exit 261)

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