



TRAFFIC ALERT

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I-264 WEST DOWNTOWN TUNNEL CLOSED NEXT WEEKEND

Motorists Encouraged to Use Alternate Routes

NORFOLK – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will close the I-264 West Downtown Tunnel next weekend for ceiling tile removal. Crews will begin removing selected ceiling tiles overnight throughout the week during single lane closures.

From Friday, October 2, at midnight, through Monday, October 5, at 5 a.m. the westbound Downtown Tunnel, from Norfolk to Portsmouth, will close. Motorists will detour onto I-464 South to the I-64 High Rise Bridge.

Motorists should expect a single lane closure in the I-264 West Downtown Tunnel on Monday, September 28, through Thursday, October 1, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

In April, 2009, a tractor-trailer carrying a large piece of construction equipment caused damage to a number of ceiling tiles inside to westbound Downtown Tunnel. At the time of the incident, two tiles were significantly damaged and removed. At that time, crews performed an initial inspection of the effected ceiling tunnel tiles and found no additional structural damage or immediate threat to the integrity of the ceiling tile system.

VDOT, using a proactive approach, will remove a sample of the tunnel ceiling tiles for further evaluation and inspection to validate that the tiles are performing as designed to ensure system safety and integrity.

In addition to replacing tiles, crews will also perform drain cleaning, sweeping, and lighting repairs.

Suggested Alternate Routes:

Interstate 464 South to Interstate 64 and the High Rise Bridge
or Route 58 through the Midtown Tunnel

Traffic updates are available to on www.511va.com, 511, Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 610 AM and Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016.

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