



Traffic Advisory

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TIDE GATE TESTING SCHEDULED FOR U.S. ROUTE 58 WEST MIDTOWN TUNNEL

Tunnel closure scheduled for Sunday morning, April 9, midnight to 1 a.m.

Portsmouth, VA – The [Elizabeth River Tunnels](#) Project team will close the U.S. 58 West Midtown Tunnel to conduct tide gate testing on Sunday morning, April 9, from midnight to 1 a.m. The scheduled testing and related maintenance allows crews to safely check facility operations including:

- Tide gate operation and procedural review
- Machinery review and water-seal inspection
- Structural review of the elements that allow the gate to be lowered
- Electrical testing for both the primary and emergency power sources
- Inspection of all pumps, valves and controllers

Motorists traveling westbound during the tunnel closure are advised to take an alternate route via Interstate 264 (I-264) West Downtown Tunnel.

Tide gate testing at the Midtown Tunnel is a regularly scheduled component of routine tunnel maintenance and is conducted at a time that will have the least impact on traffic.

A schedule of construction-related closures can be found on [DriveERT.com](#). Motorists should visit www.va511.org, call 511 or the VDOT Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016, and listen to the Hampton Roads Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM for current traffic and travel information.

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