PROJECT OVERVIEW

VDOT’s I-64 Southside Widening and High Rise Bridge, Phase I Project will widen nearly 9 miles of I-64 from east of Bowers Hill to Battlefield Boulevard. At the completion of the project, there will be two general purpose lanes and one express lane in each direction for this highly traveled corridor.

The project will also construct a new 100-foot vertical clearance fixed-span bridge over the Elizabeth River serving motorists traveling toward Virginia Beach and the current High Rise Bridge will be converted to serve motorists traveling toward Suffolk.

Other improvements include replacing the Great Bridge Boulevard overpass, installing sound walls, resurfacing the existing roadway and stormwater management features.

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CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- The new lanes will be built mostly in the existing median of I-64. This will minimize right-of-way and environmental impacts, which in turn minimizes the cost of the project.

- While under construction, all existing lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during the vast majority of operations.

- Occasional short-term lane closures will be necessary. Construction operations that require longer duration single-lane closures will be limited to night operations.

- Speed limits have been reduced to 55 mph in work zones along I-64.

- Lane closures will be suspended during significant holidays.

All lane closures will be announced in advance on electronic overhead signs and on the Traffic Alerts page at www.64highrise.org.

PROJECT SAFETY

VDOT is dedicated to work zone safety. Undivided attention to driving is the most important factor in avoiding a crash. Motorists are encouraged to:

- SLOW DOWN
- PAY ATTENTION
- OBEY TRAFFIC & CONTROL DEVICES
- LOOK OUT FOR OUR WORKERS

Motorists should be alert for lane closures and alternate routes prior to traveling in the work zone area by watching for VDOT variable message signs, calling 511, visiting 511virginia.org, or downloading Virginia’s free 511 mobile app.

PROJECT DETAILS

- Replacing and realigning Great Bridge Boulevard Bridge
- Widening corridor from four to six lanes by adding one managed lane in each direction
- Widening six existing I-64 bridges over South Military Highway, Yadkin Road and Shell Road
- Designed to accommodate a future project that will replace the existing High Rise Bridge and expand the corridor to a total of eight lanes

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULING

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PROJECT BENEFITS

- INCREASING CAPACITY
- IMPROVING SAFETY
- REDUCING CONGESTION
- ENHANCING REGIONAL EVACUATION ROUTE