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LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SHIFT BEGINS ON I-64 GAP SEGMENT C WIDENING PROJECT IN JAMES CITY COUNTY

Motorists can expect overnight lane closures to implement the eastbound traffic shift beginning as early as Feb. 25

JAMES CITY COUNTY – Starting as early as Feb. 25, contractor crews with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are scheduled to implement a long-term traffic shift on I-64 east between mile marker 224.3 at the New Kent/James City County line to just west of Route 199/Lightfoot Road (exit 234) for roadway widening operations as part of the “Segment C” section of the I-64 Gap Widening projects.

Lane shift operations will start as early as Feb. 25, with approximately two weeks of overnight alternating lane closures, Sunday through Saturday, starting as early as 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning. The traffic shift, which includes installing a temporary traffic barrier and shifting traffic 5 feet to the right, is estimated to be in place through fall 2026.

In addition to the nine miles of I-64 roadway widening and pavement rehabilitation, the project also includes the repair, rehabilitation and widening of two bridges on I-64 east and west over Six Mount Zion Road, as well as paving the Lightfoot Park and Ride lot in York County. Additional work includes the installation of overhead signage and advanced traffic management technology systems, sound barrier walls, retaining walls, and storm drainage box culverts and pipes.

The I-64 Gap Widening projects have been divided into three segments labeled Segments A, B, and C, with each being constructed as an operationally independent project to enhance connectivity between Richmond and Hampton Roads. The collective objective involves improving congestion and safety in this corridor by widening approximately 29 miles of travel lanes, adding a 12-foot wide third lane and 10-foot-wide paved shoulders in both directions. The I-64 corridor within these project areas currently only provides two lanes in each

direction and links to sections at both ends that have three travel lanes – hence, this corridor has been deemed “the gap.”

The I-64 Gap Segment C Widening Project is estimated to be completed as early as late 2027.

For more information on the project, visit:

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hampton-roads-district/i-64-gap-segment-c-widening/>

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