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TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED FOR TURNPIKE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT *Construction scheduled to start next week*

PORTSMOUTH – Motorists should expect a traffic shift along Turnpike Road in both the northbound and southbound directions between Romanesque Street and Constitution Avenue beginning Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m., which will continue until the spring of 2016. Detours will be in place. Constitution Avenue will re-open between Meander Road and King Street. A temporary traffic signal light will be in place at High Street and Constitution Avenue.

Signed detours will be in place during construction, which will allow the travelling public to reach their designated locations on Turnpike Road. Construction is now entering Phase II of the project and portions of Turnpike Road will be closed and traffic detoured onto Romanesque Street. The closures include:

Closed: County Street between Constitution Avenue and Harbor Drive

Closed: Turnpike Road between Romanesque Street and Constitution Avenue

All Traffic will be detoured onto High Street

The Turnpike Road Reconstruction Project has been underway since the spring of 2015 and is scheduled for completion in May 2018. The project spans 1 mile and will increase road capacity from one-lane to two-lanes, with a 12-foot center median turn lane.

Access to business entrances will remain open, via Confederate Avenue and Constitution Avenue and motorists can access properties along Turnpike Road. To learn more, please visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/turnpikeroad>. Please slow down while driving in and around work zones.

Motorists are encouraged to visit www.va511.org, call 511, listen to Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM or call the Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016 for current traffic and travel information.

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