



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **U.S. 58 EAST LANE CLOSURES REQUIRED TO REPLACE PIPE**

*Work scheduled to begin Thursday, December 15*

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY**— Beginning Thursday, December 15, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will begin work to replace the 66-inch pipe under U.S. 58 east damaged during Hurricane Matthew. As a result, U.S. 58 will be reduced to one lane in each direction near the work zone for at least eight weeks. All work is dependent upon weather conditions.

The work will require the closure of both travel lanes on U.S. 58 east between the Pretlow Street Bridge and the Suffolk city line at the Blackwater Bridge. To maintain one lane in each direction, eastbound traffic will be shifted over the median to U.S. 58 west, reducing the four-lane divided highway to a two-lane undivided highway.

All motorists are asked to use extreme caution during the traffic shift. A barrier wall will be installed, allowing crews to work safely on the eastbound lanes. The speed limit will be reduced to 45 miles per hour in the work zone during the repair.

Motorists are advised to plan their commute by using VDOT's free traffic information tools:

- [Download](#) the 511 smartphone app
- Visit the [511Virginia](#) website or dial 511 for traffic information on your phone
- Listen to Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680AM
- Call the Traffic Line at 757-361-3016

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