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ROUTE 13 GILMERTON BRIDGE WILL CLOSE OVERNIGHTS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

Motorists should use alternate routes during overnight closures

CHESAPEAKE - The Gilmerton Bridge will close to vehicular traffic on Wednesday, September 14, and Thursday, September 15, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night, for construction activities associated with the bridge replacement project. Maritime traffic will not be affected by the overnight bridge closures.

Crews will close the Gilmerton Bridge next Wednesday and Thursday nights in preparation for extended overnight closures scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 18. Starting September 18, the bridge will close to vehicular traffic overnights, Sunday through Thursday, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for the remainder of this construction phase. Motorists can use the I-64 High Rise Bridge or the I-264 Downtown Tunnel as alternate routes.

During this phase of bridge replacement, tower construction activities will begin, including the delivery and assembly of four million pounds of structural steel components. Related activities include heavy lifts with large cranes, alignment of the connections and extensive reinforcement at heights of approximately 200 feet. Access to the vertical lift towers will be suspended above the existing bridge.

Due to the complexities associated with this phase of construction - that the steel tower formation will occur over the existing roadway - traffic cannot be safely maintained. The bridge will close each night at 8 p.m. and reopen the next morning at 5 a.m., to minimize impacts of construction during daytime hours.

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