



TRAFFIC ALERT

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VDOT BRISTOL'S WEEKLY TRAFFIC ALERT: *May 21 - 27, 2018*

BRISTOL – In an effort to keep motorists informed, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provides weekly information about highway construction and maintenance projects in southwestern Virginia. When traveling through highway work zones, use caution and be alert to changes in traffic patterns and slow-moving or stopped traffic.

To help motorists take the guesswork out of travel plans, call VDOT's 511 or visit <http://www.511virginia.org> for real-time traffic information.

Underlined entries with asterisks (***) indicate the listing is new or the status of the project has changed since last week's traffic alert.

INTERSTATE PROJECTS

*****Interstate 77 northbound at East River Mountain Tunnel**: Due to an extensive paving project in West Virginia, motorists can expect one-lane traffic northbound at East River Mountain Tunnel. Because traffic cannot be backed up within the tunnel due to safety concerns, be alert to workers periodically stopping traffic just before the tunnel.

West Virginia will be taking truck traffic off of Interstate 77 at exit 1 and detouring them through Bluefield to exit 9 in Princeton. Interstate 77 north and Interstate 81 south truck traffic should consider taking Interstate 81 to Route 460 at Christiansburg to avoid delays. Interstate 81 north traffic coming from Tennessee should consider detouring at Abingdon exit 13 onto Route 11 north to Route 19, then onto Route 19/460 at Claypool Hill to avoid delays.

Use caution in this area and plan for significant delays, especially on weekends. For information regarding WVDOT's paving project, visit www.wv511.org or download the WV511 Drive Safe app.

F310 bridge rehabilitation over I-81 at Exit 10: One-way traffic is now using the newly constructed side of the Route F310 bridge over Interstate 81 at exit 10. Traffic signals are controlling one-way traffic on Route F310 while the other side of the bridge is demolished and replaced. Be alert to periodic nighttime lane closures on I-81 near exit 10 due to this effort. (Completion: fall 2018)

Interstate 77 Exit 32: The right shoulder of the I-77 northbound exit 32 ramp is closed for shoulder widening operations. This work is part of a project to add a merge lane on I-77 northbound, beginning at Interstate 77 exit 32 and extending to the I-77/I-81 overlap at Interstate 81 exit 80. Use caution in this area. (Completion: September 2018)

I-81 bridges over Halls Bottom Road: Due to a bridge replacement project on Interstate 81 at the bridges over Halls Bottom Road, motorists should be alert to an altered traffic pattern.

Route 808 (Halls Bottom Road) is closed underneath the interstate bridges. Only emergency-response vehicles will have access; all other vehicle traffic will be required to detour. (Completion: Fall 2018)

Interstate 81 – Exit 14: Work is underway to reconstruct Interstate 81 exit 14 to better accommodate traffic volumes and to replace the north and southbound interstate 81 bridges at exit 14. Traffic has shifted north and southbound to the newly constructed Interstate 81 bridges. Motorists should be alert to the possibility of day/night lane closures on Old Jonesboro Road, as well as the possibility of nighttime lane closures on Interstate 81 north and south. (Completion: fall 2018)

*****Interstates 81 and 77 maintenance activities:** This week, be alert to maintenance activities along the shoulder of Interstates 81 and 77 this week. Also be alert to a mobile work zone Tuesday during daylight hours along northbound I-81 due to a superload move.

PRIMARY HIGHWAYS AND HIGH TRAFFIC SECONDARY ROADS:

Buchanan County

Route 609 at intersection of Route 460 Connector Phase II: The Route 460 Connector Phase II is a 6.2-mile four-lane, limited access highway being built almost entirely on a new location. Be alert to heavy equipment and construction traffic crossing at the intersection of Route 609 near Orchard Road.

Phase II is located between the U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase I, constructed near Breaks Interstate Park, Route 460 and a connection with the proposed Route 121 (Coalfields Expressway) in Buchanan County.

Dickenson County

Route 649: Work is underway to widen curves along a section of Route 649 in Dickenson County, near the Wise County line. Use caution in this area and be alert to flaggers controlling one-way traffic during daylight hours. (Completion: August 2018)

Sewer line installation - Route 83 and connecting secondary routes: Sewer line installation work is underway along Route 83 and connecting secondary routes in Dickenson County, between Clintwood and the Wise County line. Use caution in this area and pay close attention to workers in the work zone. (Completion: Summer 2019)

Lee County

Water line installation: Motorists should be alert to shoulder closures and possible lane closures due to water line installation work along Alternate Route 58 in Pennington Gap, between the east and west intersections with Route 421. (Completion: Fall 2018)

Route 421 – power line relocation: Be alert to workers in the area and the possibility of delays on Route 421 between Alternate Route 58 at Pennington Gap and the Leeman Field area due to a power line relocation project by Old Dominion Power. (Completion: Fall 2018)

Russell County

*****Route 633 bridge:** The Route 633 bridge at the intersection of Route 67 in Russell County has been restricted to one, 10-foot-wide lane and will remain restricted through early June due to replacement of the bridge. Use caution in this area. (Completion: early June 2018)

Scott County

Route 23 bridge replacement at Weber City: Due to replacement of the Route 23 bridges over North Fork Holston River in the Weber City area of Scott County, motorists can expect one-lane traffic and a 12-foot-width restriction in each direction. The speed limit in the work zone is 35 mph. (Completion: Summer 2019)

Utility Projects – various locations: Anticipate lane closures during daylight hours at the following locations in Scott County due to utility projects:

- Power line installation along Route 72 between Route 660 (Golf Course Road) and Route 627 (Reed Hollow Road). (Completion: Spring 2019)
Water line installation work along Route 71 (Nickelsville Highway) and connecting secondary routes between Route 792 (Slabtown Road) and Route 790 (Pin Oak Circle). (Completion: Spring 2018)
- Power line installation along U.S. Route 23 between Route 58 at Duffield and Route 871 (Natural Tunnel Parkway). (Completion: Spring 2018)
- Tree removal and power line construction along Route 870 (Natural Tunnel Parkway) between US Route 23 at Duffield and Route 653 (Mabe Stanleytown Road). (Completion: fall 2018)

Smyth County

Route 16 at Interstate 81 in Marion: Be alert to the possibility of day and nighttime lane closures on Interstate 81 north and southbound and Route 16 in Marion at Interstate 81 due to repairs to the interstate bridges. (Completion: May 2018)

Tazewell County

Route 744 bridge over Bluestone River: Reconstruction of the Route 744 (Triangle Road) bridge over the Bluestone River in the Springville area of Tazewell County is underway. The bridge will be closed to traffic beginning in late May and motorists will use Shawver Street to detour. Use caution in this area. (Completion: August 2018)

Route 61 bridge: Motorists should be alert to a new traffic pattern at the Route 61 bridge reconstruction project, located along East Riverside Drive over the Clinch River in the town of Tazewell. Motorists should use caution in this area. (Completion: August 2018)

Route 102 bridge replacement: A project to reconstruct the Route 102 bridge over Laurel Fork in the Pocahontas area of Tazewell County is underway. Motorists should use caution in this area and be alert to signals controlling one-way traffic across the bridge. (Completion: November 2018)

Washington County

*****Route 689 (Brumley Gap Road) – bridge replacement:** Route 689 (Brumley Gap Road) in Washington County will be closed from 9 a.m. May 14 until 5 p.m. May 28 due to a bridge replacement project. The bridge is located 3.90 from Route 80 (Hayters Gap Road) and three miles from Route 687 (Trout Road). Be alert to detour signs and message boards alerting motorists of the project. (Completion: May 28)

Route 91 bridge: Due to replacement of a portion of the Route 91 bridge in the Damascus area of Washington County, traffic is restricted to one 10-foot-wide lane and being controlled by traffic signals. **Creeper Trail users should stop and use crosswalk buttons to safely cross Route 91.** Use caution in this area. (Completion: April 2019)

Wise County

Route 739 bridge project: Due to bridge work by the US Army Corps of Engineers at John Flannagan Dam, traffic has been restricted to one, 10-foot-wide lane across the Route 739 bridge in Dickenson County. (Completion: late July 2018)

*****Route 646 – slide repairs:** Slide repairs to a section of Route 646 (Wise Mountain Road) in the Coeburn area of Wise County are underway and a portion of the route is closed. Motorists should detour using Route 706 (Tacoma Mountain Road). (Completion: May 2018)

Business Route 23 bridge: Traffic signals are controlling one-way traffic across the Business Route 23 bridge located near the city limits of Norton while bridge work is underway. The bridge is limited to 12-foot-wide vehicles during construction. Route 610, located underneath the bridge, has been closed for safety. (Completion: May 2019)

Sewer line projects: Be alert to lane closures during daylight hours due to sewer line installations in the Stonega community in Wise County near Appalachia, involving lane closures along Routes 78 and 600. (Completion: spring 2018)

Completion

Route 19/460 – sewer line installation: Tazewell County’s sewer line installation project in the Tazewell and Springville areas has been completed.

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