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NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON I-64 WEST AT JEFFERSON AVENUE EXIT RAMP TO INCREASE SAFETY, REDUCE BACKUPS

New signage and pavement markings will add additional travel lane leading up to exit ramp

NEWPORT NEWS – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will introduce a safer, more efficient traffic pattern on I-64 west approaching the Jefferson Avenue (Route 143) exit ramp beginning Thursday, August 10. Motorists traveling from I-64 west to Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) will now have an additional exit lane to utilize by following the new pavement markings and signage being installed this week. Flex posts will also be installed where the exit lanes diverge to help control traffic. These modifications will provide motorists with ease of access to southbound Jefferson Avenue, as well as increase safety and help reduce backups on I-64 at this location.



The new exit signage will be installed on I-64 west before Jefferson Avenue showing a second directional exit arrow.

Work is scheduled to begin tonight to remove the existing pavement markings and begin installing the new pavement markings.

Wednesday evening, crews will complete the markings installation, as well as replace the overhead sign with the new sign pictured at right. By rush hour Thursday morning, the new traffic pattern will be fully implemented. All work is dependent on weather conditions.

To maintain safety for both motorists and crews, there will be overnight single-lane closures August 8-10, from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. on I-64 west approaching the Jefferson Avenue exit; however, access to the ramp will remain throughout.

Motorists are encouraged to visit www.511virginia.org, call 511, download Virginia's free [511 mobile app](#), 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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