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ROADWATCH: May 26 – June 2, 2023

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. New information is noted by "**NEW**" and updates are noted when a current project has had an update added to the listing. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: To help travelers spend more time at their destination than in traffic, the Virginia Department of Transportation will be suspending most highway work zones and lifting most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia from **noon on Friday, May 26 until noon on Tuesday, May 30.**

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- **511:** For the most current traffic and road work information, call 511, download the 511 App or visit www.511virginia.org.
- **TWITTER:** You can also follow 5.11 Twitter feeds for the southwest area of Virginia at @511southwestva or follow @VaDOTSalem on Twitter.
- **FACEBOOK:** Join our Facebook community group page at www.facebook.com/groups/VDOTSalem for traffic and general information on projects in the Salem District area.
- On the 511 website, drivers can also sign up to receive personalized traffic alerts, view traffic cameras or download the free Android or iPhone mobile app.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: VDOT performs the following activities as part of routine maintenance on roadways throughout the district. To submit a work order request for road repairs or assistance, contact our customer service center at **800-FOR-ROAD** (800-367-7623) or submit online at www.virginiadot.org.

- **PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.
- **SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. *The road surface may be rough for a several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.*

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- **PAVEMENT MARKINGS** – Pavement marking operations will be performed district wide, in various counties on secondary routes. These will be mobile operations with lane closures, as they proceed through each county. Motorists should use caution and follow mobile signs for direction.
- **DITCHING, GRADING, SLOPE AND SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Lane closures may be in place during daylight hours for shoulder repairs. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.
- **PIPE REPLACEMENTS** – Crews will be working on various secondary roads to replace pipes under the roadway with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.
- **DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on various secondary roads where drainage issues are present with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.
- **MOWING, TREE TRIMMING AND BRUSH REMOVAL (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will mow on secondary routes during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for lane and/or shoulder closures.
- **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on various secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.
- **GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** - Lane closures may be in place for guardrail repairs at various locations. Work will be performed during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PAVING INFORMATION: VDOT now offers coverage of tracking paving progress statewide, which allows community members and stakeholders to view specific locations slated for paving and individual details of each project. Paving season typically extends from April to November and the map is updated weekly to detail exactly where paving projects are planned, ongoing and show how they're to give residents and travelers a tool to use to best plan for travel and stay safe near these work zones. Drivers can get specific information about the status of paving projects at the [Virginia Roads Paving Map](#) or www.virginiaroads.org.

INTERSTATE 81

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- **TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.
- **WORK ZONE SPEED:** With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.
- **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.
- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. *Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.* Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in **early 2026**.

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE

REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by **summer 2023**.

- **SLOW ROLLS:** A slow roll operation may be in place daily, **Monday through Friday**, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.
- **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.
- **ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 95, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays

INTERSTATE 581

*** I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

*** I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY**– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and

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paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

*** I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * I-77 MILLING AND PAVING – Milling and paving operations are underway on I-77 southbound between mile marker 11 to 9.8 near Exit 14 and Exit 8. Work will be performed during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Expected completion by **Memorial Day weekend**.

ROANOKE CITY

(UPDATED 5-5-23) * 13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. **Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph.** The project is expected to be completed in **summer 2023**.

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating lane closures maintained by flagging operations may be in place on Norfolk Avenue for concrete placement.

ROANOKE COUNTY

(UPDATED 5-19-22) * STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT – On **Tuesday, March 14**, a road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) began. Drivers should be aware of a new three-way stop to be implemented in the work zone at the intersection. *The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic sometime this summer.* Once the roundabout is open, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion expected in **late spring 2024**.

- **THREE WAY STOP:** Stop signs will be in place on each road approaching the intersection. This means drivers on Buck Mountain Road who do not stop currently will be required to stop while the intersection is under construction.
- **FLAGGING OPERATIONS:** Throughout the life of the project, flaggers may control traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily so motorists should expect delays.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFTS:** In addition, drivers should also be alert to traffic shifts and changing traffic patterns while the roundabout is under construction.

(UPDATED 5-19-22) * BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE – The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and a culvert failure at mile marker 127.9. A 15-mile stretch of the Parkway, mile marker 121.4 to 136, will be closed to all uses including cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. Detour is in place and expected to be in place until **December 2023**.

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- **ROUTE 115 (Plantation Road):** Milling and paving scheduled for Route 115 (Plantation Road) on **May 23, 2023** during the hours of 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., nighttime hours. Police will assist with traffic control at the on and off ramps from I-81 southbound to Route 11 (Williamson Road).

BEDFORD COUNTY

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * ROUTE 608 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Work began on **September 8, 2022** for a bridge replacement on Route 608 and is currently underway. The bridge is located 0.20 mi south from Route 793 (Watson Road) to 2.30 miles north from Route 122 (Moneta Road). The road is closed and a detour is in place. The road is scheduled to reopen in **late fall 2023**.

(UPDATED 4-28-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * ROUTE 221 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – A project to improve safety and operations at three signalized intersections is underway. Two intersections are on Route 221 in Bedford County in the Salem District and one is at Route 460 Business (Timberlake Road) and Route 622 (Waterlick Road) in Campbell County in the Lynchburg District. In Bedford County, this project will improve two adjacent signalized intersections in the Forest area on Route 221 at Route 1425 (Graves Mill Road) and at Route 1426 (Gristmill Drive). Most work will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. – 7 a.m. the next morning. Drivers may see shoulder and lane closures during daytime hours on the weekends. The project is expected to be completed in **spring 2023**.

(UPDATED 3-24-23) * ROUTE 221 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – On **March 6**, safety improvements began for a sidewalk placement with right turn lane closure at Route 221 north from Graves Mill Road to Forest Dale Drive with traffic restrictions from 7 a.m.

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to 5 p.m. Expected completion is **November 2023**.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS – Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development. Lane closures will be set up on various days in **June 2023**.

(UPDATED 5-5-23) * ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street is closed for the duration of the project and drivers should expect periodic lane closures with flagging operations to be in place during daytime hours. Jacking project is underway through April 7 with work being performed during overnight hours, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Drivers should expect delays due to slow rolls being in place for up to 10 minutes at a time with lane closures periodically. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers. Expected completion in **summer 2023**.

(UPDATED 4-28-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

CARROLL COUNTY

(NEW 5-19-23) * ROUTE 767 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC - Beginning **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**, a portion of Route 767 (Buckhorn Road) will be closed to through traffic from Route 100 (Sylvatus Highway) to Route 753 (Double Cabin Road) to perform a pipe replacement. During this time, a detour will be utilized and directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on **Friday, June 2, 2023**.

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- **Route 97** – Paving operations with flagging will be performed between Route 940 and Blue Ridge Parkway.
- **Additional slurry seal paving projects are scheduled to occur throughout the county on secondary routes.** Expect minor delays and flagging or pilot car operations.

CRAIG COUNTY

(NEW 5-19-23) * ROUTE 617 CLOSED FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS - Effective Monday, **June 5, 2023**, a section of Route 617 (Bethel Church Road) will be closed for bridge replacement. The closure is located approximately 0.70 mile east of Route 611 (Peaceful Valley Road) and 9.10 from Alleghany County line. Flagging possible. Work is scheduled to be completed on **Thursday, June 8, 2023**.

(UPDATED 4-14-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

FLOYD COUNTY

(NEW 5-19-23) * ROUTE 729 CLOSED FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS - Effective **Monday, June 5, 2023**, a section of Route 729 (Laurel Branch Road) will be closed for bridge repairs. The closure is located from Route 728 (Reedsville Road) to the intersection of Route 754 (King Ranch Road). Detour will be in place. Work is scheduled to be completed by 3:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 16, 2023**.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

(NEW 5-19-23) * ROUTE 739 CLOSED FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS - Effective **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**, a section of Route 739 (Gap Gate Road) over Green Creek will be closed for bridge repairs. The closure is located approximately 0.20 mile east of Route 602 (Callaway Road), and 0.50 mile west of Route 740 (Algoma Road). Work is scheduled to be completed by 3:30 p.m. on **Thursday, June 8, 2023**.

(NEW 5-26-23) * ROUTE 721 CLOSED FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT - Effective **Monday, June 5, 2023**, a section of Route 721 (Patti Road) will be closed for a pipe replacement. The closure is located approximately 0.80 mile east of Route 707 (Asphone Tavern Road) and 0.40 mile west of Route 803 (Edgewood Road). Work is scheduled to be completed by **3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023**.

(UPDATED 4-12-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various secondary routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays with flagging or pilot car operations.

GILES COUNTY

(UPDATED 4-28-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various secondary routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays with flagging or pilot car operations.

HENRY COUNTY

(NEW 5-19-23) * BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CHANGES TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN HENRY COUNTY- Motorists traveling to Bassett High School in Henry

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County for graduation activities on Friday, May 26, 2023, should watch for heavy traffic on Route 57 (Riverside Drive), Route 903 (TB Stanley Highway), Route 683 (The Great Road) and Route 220. Expect heavy traffic to continue from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Traffic will enter the school using two lanes separated by traffic cones. Please do not switch lanes. The traffic cones will be in place for your safety and prompt parking of vehicles. Officers and attendants will be on hand to assist you with parking, so please follow all directives of the attendants and officers. All motorists should use caution and those attending the graduation please plan to arrive early.

(UPDATED 4-28-22) * ROUTE 220 BUSINESS NORTHBOUND BRIDGE

REPLACEMENT OVER REED CREEK – The Route 220 Business northbound bridge replacement over Reed Creek is underway. It is located on Route 220 Business over Reed Creek approximately 0.4 miles east of the Route 220 and Route 220 Business intersection. The bridge work will require the northbound bridge being restricted to one lane of travel across the bridge throughout the duration of the project. The bridge will have a width restriction in place of 13’ 6” and lane closures will be in place. Message boards will be in place to alert drivers. Expected completion date is **late summer 2024**.

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- **Slurry seal paving projects are scheduled to occur throughout the county on secondary routes.** Expect minor delays and flagging or pilot car operations.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

(NEW 5-26-23) * WILDERNESS BIKE RIDE - The Wilderness Road Bike Ride will be held on **May 27, 2023** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. over 100 miles of secondary roads in the Counties of Pulaski, Montgomery, Wythe, and the City of Radford. Motorists should expect to come across riders throughout the day. The event will start and end at Bissett Park in Radford.

(NEW 5-26-23) * ROUTE 629 CLOSED FOR BRIDGE WORK - Effective Monday, **June 5, 2023**, a section of Route 629 (Bradshaw Road) over Bradshaw Creek will be closed for bridge work. The closure is located approximately 1.05 miles from Route 603 and 0.95 mile from Route 622. A detour will be in place. Work is scheduled to be completed by 3:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 16, 2023**.

(NEW 5-26-23) * ROUTE 460 RIGHT LANE CLOSED FOR PIPE REPAIR - The right lane of Route 460 Business at Jennelle Road will be closed until Wednesday, May 31 due to emergency pipe repair. Drivers should expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 5-19-23) * ROUTE 8 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS – On **March 13**, work began to construct pedestrian improvements on Route 8 in Riner. The work zone will begin at the intersection with Route 669 (Union Valley Road) and will end at the current site of the Atlantic Union Bank. Drivers should expect shoulder and lane closures to be in place with flagging operations between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through the start of the project until May 24, end of the school year. Once the school year is complete, lane closures will expand in hours to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Expected completion is **summer 2023**.

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * ROUTE 813 BRIDGE REPAIRS – On **March 20**, work began to repair the bridge on Route 813 (Stones Keep Lane) that crosses over the Roanoke River. The bridge is located approximately .13 mile east from the intersection of Route 813 and Route 460E/11N. Drivers will experience daytime alternating single lane closures across the bridge with flagging operations in place. Expected completion is **November 2023**. **Work is suspended and will continue in July.*

(UPDATED 4-28-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various secondary routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays with flagging or pilot car operations.

PATRICK COUNTY

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * ROUTE 649 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC - Beginning **Monday, May 8, 2023**, a portion of Route 649 (Gammons Road) will be closed to through traffic from 0.3 mile from Route 663 (Elastic Plant Road) to 1.5 miles from Route 665 (Mills School Road) for a bridge replacement over Little Dan River. During this time, a detour will be utilized and directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on **Friday, May 26, 2023**.

(NEW 5-26-23) * ROUTE 631 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC - Beginning **Monday, June 5, 2023**, a portion of Route 631 (Hunters Chapel Road) will be closed to through traffic from 0.8 mile from Route 773 (Ararat Highway) to 1.0 mile from Route 675 (Friends Mission Road) for a bridge replacement over Ararat River. During this time, a detour will be utilized and directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on **Friday, June 30, 2023**.

(UPDATED 4-7-23) * ROUTE 57 UTILITY WORK – Comcast will be performing work along Route 57 from Route 8 to Route 701. The work is expected to continue for 90 days, approximately **Mid-May 2023**. Motorists may experience periodic lane and shoulder closures.

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- **Route 8 paving operations from Route 8 to Route 58 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..** Expect minor delays and flagging or pilot car operations.

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * ROUTE 58 LOVER’S LEAP PROJECT – Construction is underway on Lover’s Leap area of Route 58. Current work includes clearing and grading activities on the west and east portions of the project. While traffic impacts are limited in the east section, flagging operations may be in place in the west section. **A 45 mph speed reduction is in place**

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on Route 58 for the entire length of the project. Message boards are in place to alert traffic and drivers should expect delays. Estimated completion date is **May 2026.**

- **TRUCK ESCAPE RAMP CLOSURE:** The escape ramp located 2.9 miles east of the Lovers Leap Overlook/Fred Clifton Park and 1.1 miles east of Dehart Botanical Gardens has been permanently closed. Please be aware of brake check points along Route 58 and check your brakes frequently. A brake check point is located 0.6 miles east of Route 610 (Cloudbreak Road) near Poor Farmer's Farm. **All trucks MUST check their brakes prior to traveling down the mountain.**
- **TREE TRIMMING:** A flagging operation with a mobile lane closure may be in place on Route 58 on Sundays, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., for tree trimming as part of the current Route 58 Lover's Leap Project.
- **BLASTING NOTICE:** Blasting operations are underway on the project. Intermittent blasting will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays and continue at various locations on the project through summer 2025. The first blasting will impact traffic in the vicinity of Dehart Botanical Gardens, approximately 1.7 miles east of the Lovers Leap Mountain overlook and Fred Clifton Park. For blasting that is close to Route 58, traffic in both directions may be blocked for approximately 15-20 minutes at a time. Drivers and residents along the Route 58 corridor should expect loud noise and allow extra travel time. Electronic message boards will be used to inform drivers of scheduled blasting that will impact traffic.
- **DETOUR SIGNS:** While detour signs in a fluorescent pink color are in place, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for incident detours only.

PULASKI COUNTY

(NEW 5-26-23) * WILDERNESS BIKE RIDE - The Wilderness Road Bike Ride will be held on **May 27, 2023** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. over 100 miles of secondary roads in the Counties of Pulaski, Montgomery, Wythe, and the City of Radford. Motorists should expect to come across riders throughout the day. The event will start and end at Bissett Park in Radford.

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * ROUTE 709 (BURLEIGH HORTON ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS - A project to widen, resurface and make other general improvements is underway on Route 709 (Burleigh Horton Road) from where the road begins at the intersection with Route 100 (Wysor Road) through the end at the intersection with Route 654 (Old Baltimore Road). Alternating single lane closures will be in place maintained by flagging operations. Tree removal and pipe installation may require intermittent flagging. Expected completion is **mid-summer 2023.**
**Work on this project will resume on June 2 and above traffic impacts will be back in place.*

(UPDATED 5-26-23) * OLD ROUTE 100 DRAINAGE REPAIR CLOSES LANE – On **Thursday, May 18,** Old Route 100 (F-047) had to be closed due to an emergency drainage repairs. The closure has since been removed and a temporary signal is in place to control a one lane closure so the road could be reopened to traffic. Extensive repairs are needed but no estimated time for repair is available. The temporary signal will control traffic until further notice. Delays are possible.

(UPDATED 5-12-23) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- Milling and paving operations may be in place on **Route 11** northbound and southbound between Draper Valley Road and Hermosa Drive. Drivers should expect a single right and left lane closures with flagging operations on Route 100 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.