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**LANE CLOSURES AND BRIEF STOPPAGES SCHEDULED ON ROUTE 143
AS BRIDGE WORK CONTINUES ON SKIFFES CREEK CONNECTOR
PROJECT**

Daytime single-lane closures and intermittent stoppages along Route 143 planned for next week

JAMES CITY COUNTY – Starting as early as Tuesday, Feb. 15, motorists traveling in either direction along Route 143 (Merrimac Trail) between Route 238 (Yorktown Road) and Route 199 (Humelsine Parkway) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will encounter single-lane closures and brief, intermittent stoppages, each lasting up to 15 minutes.

These closures and stoppages are estimated to be in place through the end of the week to allow for construction crews to lift and place steel beams over the roadway as part of bridge construction activities associated with the Skiffes Creek Connector Project. Following each temporary stoppage, Route 143 will reopen, and queued traffic will be cleared before subsequent stoppages are performed.

Motorists should consider alternate routes, such as Interstate 64, to avoid potential construction delays. While in the work zone, motorists are reminded to stay alert and obey all traffic signage and police signals. All work is weather-dependent, and the schedule is subject to change.

This is part of work to construct a two-lane bridge over Route 143 and the CSX railroad that will become part of the Skiffes Creek Connector. Estimated to be complete as early as fall 2022, the Skiffes Creek Connector will improve local connectivity by providing a new, two-lane roadway between Route 60 and Route 143, in the area between Route 199 and Route 238, improving safety, emergency evacuation and the movement of goods along the two primary roadways.

For more information on the Skiffes Creek Connector Project, visit the VDOT website https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/skiffes_creek.asp

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

- [Download](#) the 511 smartphone app, or 511-integrated Waze app.
- Visit the 511 Virginia [website](#) or dial 511 for traffic information on your phone.

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