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TEMPORARY CHANGES TO HOV-2+ RESTRICTIONS ON REVERSIBLE ROADWAY THIS WEEK, SIGNS TO BE TESTED AHEAD OF 64 EXPRESS LANES LAUNCH

Tolling will not begin until December

NORFOLK — The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) wants the public to know beginning Tuesday, November 14 through Friday, November 17 current High Occupancy Vehicle 2+ (HOV-2+) restrictions will be temporarily lifted **only** on the I-64 Reversible Roadway in Norfolk. During this time, motorists entering the Reversible Roadway can also expect to see **test messages** displayed on signs, ahead of the planned 64 Express Lanes launch in December.

Field testing of electronic tolling equipment for the 64 Express Lanes is currently underway to ensure the system is fully functional when tolling begins early next month; however, until the official launch, motorists will not be tolled for using the system.

As testing continues, travelers can expect to see **test messages** displayed on signs before entering the Reversible Roadway. Motorists in the Reversible Roadway may also see flashes from strobe lights as they pass the overhead gantries. Drivers in the general purpose lanes may witness some flashing as well.

VDOT is converting 8.4 miles of HOV-2+ lanes to Express Lanes between the I-64/I-264 Interchange and I-564. When the lanes launch, variable tolling of the 64 Express Lanes will be in effect from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. westbound and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. eastbound Monday through Friday. Drivers wishing to enter the system during operating hours must have a registered E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex device. Outside the tolling hours, the 64 Express Lanes will remain free and open to all motorists with no E-ZPass or HOV requirements in effect.

For more information about the 64 Express Lanes visit: www.64ExpressLanes.org.

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