

TRAFFIC ALERT

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EMERGENCY REPAIR EFFORTS NECESSARY ON ROADS DAMAGED BY WEEKEND'S HEAVY RAIN

Some areas received nearly 12 inches of heavy rain, contributing to road closures due to flooded roads, bridge and road washouts

SUFFOLK– Crews with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Hampton Roads District continue work to address significant damage to roads and bridges resulting from the heavy rainfall and flash flooding on Saturday, Aug. 15. Currently, numerous state-maintained roads remain closed to motorists due to unsafe conditions and water damage, with Surry County experiencing the largest number of road closures in the district.

Motorists are reminded <u>not</u> to move or drive around road closure barriers, cones, or signs. Closures are in place for motorist safety, and crews will reopen the road as soon as it's safe to do so. Motorists should plan alternate routes.

VDOT crews worked throughout the weekend to clear fallen trees and close roads where high water and bridge washouts were present. Resources have been shifted to deploy additional staff, equipment, signs and materials to the areas of highest damage to ensure that signs and barricades are in place on washed-out or damaged roads.

Several primary and secondary roads remain closed, including Route 10 in Surry County.

VDOT is continuing to assess the damage and developing repair plans and cost estimates for multiple primary and secondary routes in Surry and Isle of Wight Counties before they can be safely reopened. Motorists may encounter additional closed shoulders or guardrail damage on roads that remain open and should proceed with caution. A list of these current closed roads are listed below.

Surry County:

- Route 634 (Highgate Road) at Lower Chippokes Creek
- Route 626 (Beaverdam Road) at Grays Creek
- Route 10 near Isle of Wight County Line
- Route 634 (Brownsview Road) at College Run near Beechland Road
- Route 650 (Mount Ray Drive) at Pooles Creek near Slades Park
- Route 608 (Oak Hill Road) between Huntington Road and Laurel Springs Road
- Route 627 (Moonlight Road) near Route 10

Isle of Wight County:

• Route 637 (Orbit Road) between Route 600 (Woodland Drive) and Route 644

(Bowling Green Road)

• Route 673 (Morgarts Beach Road) between Route 674 (Blunts Corner) and Fort Boykin

As standing water recedes and crews continue to assess damages, additional potential road closures can be found on the <u>"Road Conditions Table"</u> on <u>www.511Virginia.org</u>.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Do not attempt to pass through a flooded road, nor move or drive around a barricade or sign.
- Report any downed trees or flooded roadways to VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) or by visiting <u>my.vdot.virginia.gov</u>.
- Statewide and local traffic conditions are available by calling 511 (dial or say nine to go straight to Hampton Roads info), visiting www.511virginia.org or downloading the free mobile app at the 511 website. 511 Virginia provides real-time road conditions including closed or blocked roads.



Figure 1: Emergency repairs will be needed prior to reopening Route 634 (Highgate Road) in Surry County.



Figure 2: Washout damage to Route 650 (Mounts Ray Road) in Surry County.

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