

Eastbound Virginia Avenue S.E. to Close

Mid-Sept. 2016 – Mid-2018

Dear Neighbors:

As part of the ongoing Virginia Avenue Tunnel reconstruction project, CSX expects to close the last eastbound lane of Virginia Avenue S.E. between 5th/6th Street and 8th Street (on the south side of I-695) by mid-September 2016. The avenue will be closed through the duration of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project, which is expected to be complete in mid-2018. The closure is necessary to perform the work associated with the second phase of the project, through which CSX is building two new tunnels to replace the original, 112-year-old structure. (More information about the project is available at www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com.)

Due to the closing, traffic will become two-way on the current westbound sections of Virginia Avenue and I Street S.E. between 6th and 8th Streets, on the north side of I-695. This change also will result in the temporary loss of several parking spaces in the 600 block of Virginia Avenue and the 700 block of I Street, to enable the configuration of two-way traffic on those blocks.

While eastbound Virginia Ave. is closed, all traffic exiting I-695 at 6th St. will be directed to turn left on 6th St. To continue eastbound, drivers will be directed to turn right on Virginia Ave. north of I-695. Drivers wishing to reach destinations south of I-695 will be directed to turn right on 7th or 8th Street, S.E. All cross streets – 3rd, 4th, 5th/6th, 7th and 8th – will remain open (except for brief periods) throughout the project.

Detour signs will be in place throughout the closing to direct drivers around the impacted blocks. Traffic signals will be reprogrammed by DDOT at affected intersections to ensure the smooth flow of traffic through the area.

The map on the next page illustrates the areas to be closed and the roadway configurations after the closing. Signs, barrels, barriers and other traffic control measures will be deployed to guide drivers through the area.

CSX urges all drivers to use caution through these intersections and others affected by the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project. CSX appreciates the community's patience while we complete this important work.

Sincerely,
The Virginia Avenue Tunnel Team

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VIRGINIA AVENUE TUNNEL

Detour While Eastbound Virginia Ave. Is Closed

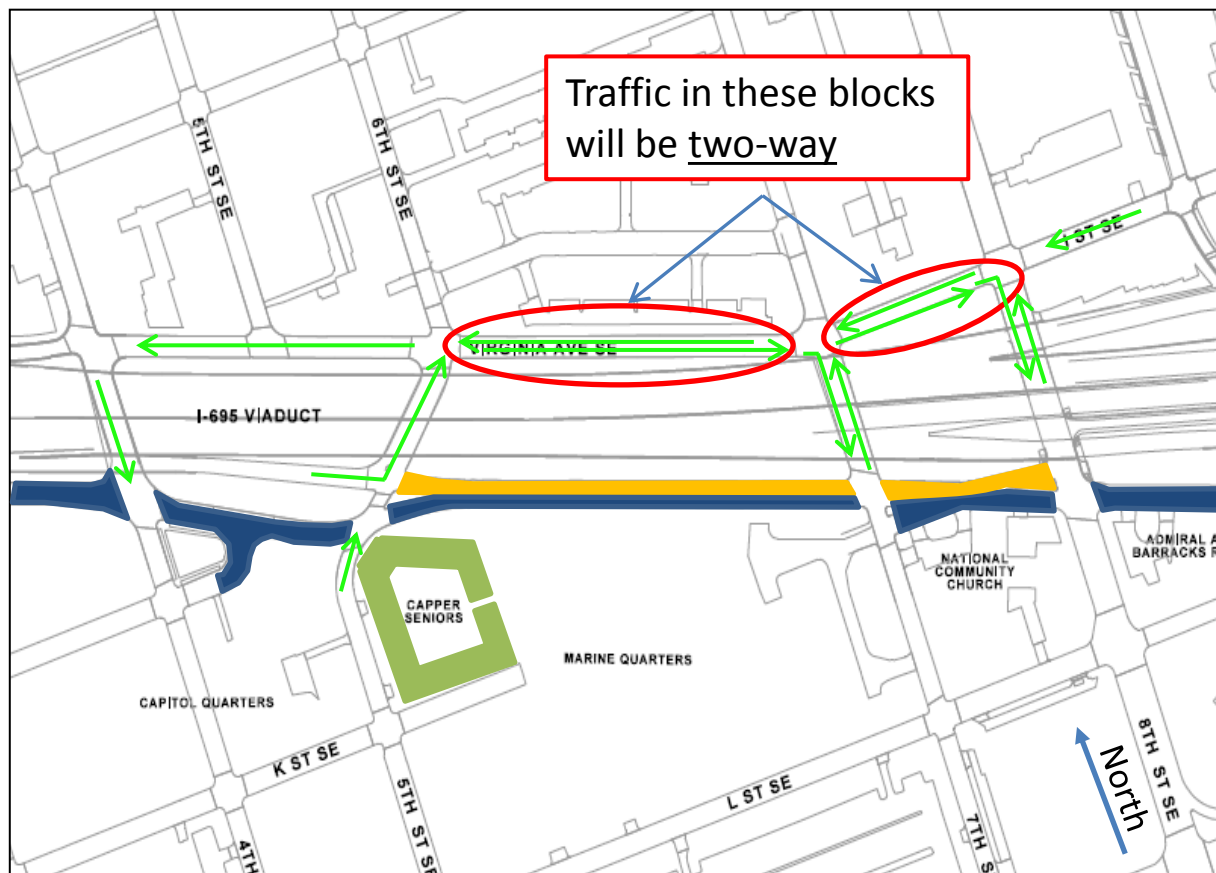
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Eastbound Virginia Ave. S.E. (south of I-695) will be closed from mid-Sept. 2016 until mid-2018.

Virginia Ave. and I St. S.E. (north of I-695) will be reconfigured for two-way traffic between 6th Street and 8th Street S.E.


All traffic exiting I-695 at 6th St. will turn left on 6th St. Eastbound traffic will be directed to turn right on Virginia Ave. north of I-695.

All cross streets – 3rd, 4th, 5th/6th, 7th and 8th – will remain open (except for brief periods) through the balance of the project.



Key:

Previously closed: 

Additional sections to be closed: 

Traffic flows: 