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## **TRAFFIC SHIFT AND LANE CLOSURES TO BEGIN FOR DENBIGH BOULEVARD BRIDGE PROJECT**

*Denbigh Boulevard to be reduced to two lanes of traffic, with partial closure at Richneck Road*

**NEWPORT NEWS**—Starting next week, traffic shifts and lane closures will take place on Denbigh Boulevard, between Pocahontas Drive and Millwood Drive in the city of Newport News. These closures are necessary for the replacement of the bridge carrying Denbigh Boulevard (Route 173) over Interstate 64, between Jefferson Avenue and Warwick Boulevard, which is estimated to be complete summer 2021.

The demolition and construction of the bridge will be done in two stages to allow the bridge to remain open to traffic throughout the project. In the first stage, the bridge will be reduced from four to two lanes of traffic, and bridge traffic will shift overnight on Wednesday, April 3, to the two open lanes, weather permitting. A long-term closure at the outlet from Richneck Road to Denbigh Boulevard will prohibit right turns onto Denbigh Boulevard. Westbound traffic from Denbigh Boulevard will still be able to turn right onto Richneck Road during this first stage of construction.

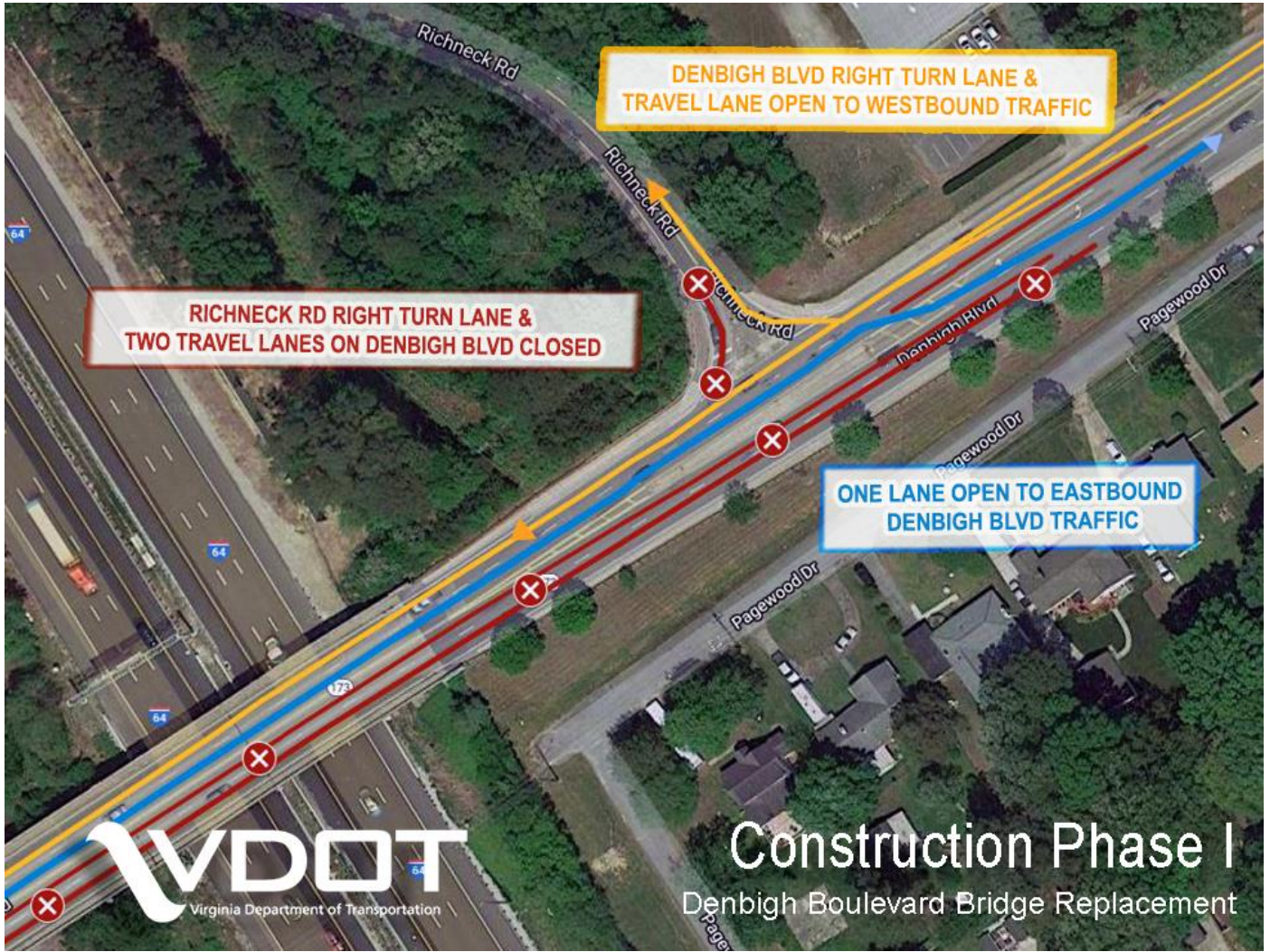
During the second stage of construction, anticipated to begin summer 2020, traffic will shift to the two lanes of the newly constructed portion of the bridge, and a full closure will be in place on Richneck Road, prohibiting traffic from turning to and from Denbigh Boulevard and Richneck Road for the remainder of the project.

Motorists should follow the signed detours directing traffic to use Jefferson Avenue.

For more information on the Denbigh Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project, visit the VDOT website at [www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/denbighblvdbridge.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/denbighblvdbridge.asp).

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