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Traffic Advisory: 3rd Street SE to be Temporarily Closed between I-695 Ramp and I Street SE as soon as Monday, Dec. 5

3rd Street traffic will be detoured to 4th Street (southbound) or 5th Street (northbound).

WASHINGTON, D.C. – December 2, 2016 – On Monday, December 5, CSX expects to close 3rd Street SE to all vehicle traffic between the on-ramp for westbound I-695 on the north and I Street SE on the south. The closure is expected to last for up to 8 weeks as part of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project. The road will be closed after the morning rush hour, weather permitting.

Traffic wishing to travel southbound on 3rd Street SE from above I-695 will be detoured east on G Street SE and then south on 4th Street SE (which is one-way southbound). Traffic wishing to travel north on 3rd Street from below Virginia Avenue will be detoured east on K Street SE and then north on 5th Street.

Access to westbound I-695 via the 3rd Street ramp will be maintained.

Pedestrian access will be maintained across the intersection throughout the closing.

This closure will allow removal of an existing, temporary bridge deck across the area that was excavated for the first new Virginia Avenue tunnel, completion of a portion of the tunnel's roof, and installation of a new temporary bridge deck across the area to be excavated for the second new tunnel.

Once the work at 3rd Street is complete, the existing temporary bridge decks also will be removed and replaced at the 5th, 7th and 8th Street intersections with Virginia Avenue SE, sequentially. Only one intersection will be closed at a time, to ensure traffic continues to flow through the neighborhood.

CSX's Virginia Avenue Tunnel project is replacing the existing tunnel, parts of which were built in 1872, with a safe, modern structure designed to meet the current and future freight rail transportation needs of the National Capital Area. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2018. More information about the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project is available online at www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com, where visitors can sign up to receive future updates directly. The project team can be contacted via the website, at (800) 494-1049, or by email at yat@csx.com.

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