



City of East Ridge

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Press Release

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City of East Ridge Issues Traffic Advisory for Upcoming I-24 and Germantown Road Closures

EAST RIDGE, TN - The City of East Ridge is advising residents and motorists of upcoming full closures on Interstate 24 (I-24) and Germantown Road due to essential construction work scheduled by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The closures will affect traffic flow in and around East Ridge and Chattanooga over the course of two weekends.

Closure Schedule:

- **Weekend 1:** Friday, June 20 beginning at 9:00 PM through Monday, June 23 at 6:00 AM
- **Weekend 2:** Friday, June 27 beginning at 9:00 PM through Monday, June 30 at 6:00 AM

TDOT will conduct construction activities on I-24 at the Germantown Road Bridge that require the complete closure of I-24 at Germantown Road in both directions, as well as full closure of Germantown Road in the immediate work zone. These efforts are part of a broader infrastructure improvement project and are necessary to ensure long-term roadway safety and reliability.

Detour Routes for East Ridge:

To minimize the impact on local neighborhoods and preserve road integrity, TDOT has established the following detour routes, in coordination with the City of East Ridge:

- **Southbound Truck Detour:**
Moore Road → Ringgold Road → Germantown Road
Trucks will not be permitted to use the tunnels or South Terrace during the closures.
- **Southbound Vehicle Detour:**
Belvoir Avenue → Fountain Avenue → Germantown Road

TDOT will deploy message boards and detour signage in advance of the closures. Additionally, maintenance crews will be stationed at key points, including the tunnels on the East Ridge side, to prevent unauthorized truck traffic from entering restricted areas.

Public Safety Coordination:

The East Ridge Police Department and Fire & Rescue have been fully briefed and are coordinating logistics to ensure emergency response coverage and public safety during both closure periods. Residents may experience increased traffic volumes on alternate routes, and are encouraged to plan ahead, allow additional time for travel, and use alternate routes when feasible.

Additional Resources:

TDOT has provided detailed detour maps for both truck and vehicle traffic. These maps will be shared publicly through the City of East Ridge's social media platforms and website prior to the start of the first closure.

For more information or specific questions regarding the detours or traffic impacts, please contact East Ridge City Hall at (423) 867-7711 or visit www.eastridgetn.gov.

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Attached: Detour Plans

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