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Great Bridge Bridge to close for repairs

Norfolk, Va. – After close consultation with the City of Chesapeake Public Works Department, and in ongoing efforts to keep the old bridge at Great Bridge operational until the new bridge and approach roads are completed in July 2005, the Corps will close the old bridge to remove, repair and replace its failing swing motor assembly below the center of the north span.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13, beginning at 12:01 a.m., the bridge will close to vehicular traffic until 6 a.m. to allow the Corps contractor, US Facilities, to disconnect the existing swing motor assembly. On Thursday, Aug. 14, again beginning at 12:01 a.m. the bridge will close to vehicular traffic until to 6 a.m. so the contractor can replace the new swing motor assembly and run tests.

The Corps and the City of Chesapeake have chosen this time frame to reduce traffic impact. The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway was already scheduled for closure to vessel traffic from 8 a.m., Aug. 12, to 8 a.m., Aug. 15, as part of ongoing construction of the new bridge at Great Bridge.

Traffic will be detoured onto the Great Bridge Bypass, Route 168 to Mount Pleasant Road. Signs and barricades will mark the detour.

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