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NEW I-564 CONNECTOR OPENS THURSDAY FOR PORT TRAFFIC

Media invited to attend I-564 Intermodal Project milestone

NORFOLK, Va. – A new ramp directly connecting I-564 to Norfolk International Terminals' (NIT) North Gate will open to port traffic on Thursday, Dec. 21, marking a major milestone for the I-564 Intermodal Connector Project.

The new connector ramp will initially serve port traffic exclusively. The connector will begin serving Naval Station Norfolk Gate 6 and local traffic to Hampton Boulevard following the completion of additional work in 2018. Until that additional work is complete, temporary signage on I-564 will indicate the ramp is for "Port Traffic Only."

The new connector features nearly 3 miles of new, four-lane limited access highway that will help streamline Hampton Roads' transportation network, providing direct freight access to NIT, the Virginia Port Authority's largest terminal in Hampton Roads. Upon completion of the project, the connector will also provide direct commuter access from the interstate to Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval base and the area's largest employer.

The I-564 Intermodal Connector Project is a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration's Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the U.S. Navy. For more information on the project, visit www.i564intermodal.com.

The following map shows in green which portion of the I-564 Intermodal Connector Project will be open beginning Dec. 21, 2017:

