



# RESTORE *our* ROADS

PROJECT 3 of 9

## Cecil Ashburn Drive Improvement

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### Commuter 101

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

This 3.4-mile road project will widen Cecil Ashburn Drive, from two to four lanes, to accommodate increased traffic capacity and incorporate safety improvements. The project will also improve Sutton Road between Taylor Road and Old Big Cove Road to accommodate five lanes. To complete this project safely and quickly, all lanes of Cecil Ashburn Drive, between Old Big Cove Road and Donegal Drive will be closed for construction until two lanes of traffic can be safely restored.

The City of Huntsville's goal is to finish these improvements as quickly as possible in hopes to restore travel on a safer, quicker and higher capacity route that connects East Huntsville's Big Cove/Hampton Cove to Downtown Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal, Cummings Research Park and beyond.

#### **TIMELINE**

The 18-month project will begin January 7, 2019. Contractors will reopen two lanes within 10 months of the start date. The project is expected to be fully complete by May 2020.

#### **Alternate routes**

The following major corridors connect Big Cove/Hampton Cove to destinations to the west and can be used as alternative routes during this time:

- US 431/Governor's Drive via Governor's Drive
- US Highway 72 via Eastern Bypass/Rock Cut Road
- South Memorial Parkway/US 231 via Hobbs Island Road

## **SAFETY**

### **Speeding**

Traffic laws will be strictly enforced by Huntsville Police. Expect delays and allocate additional time during peak morning and evening travel hours. Please drive safely and courteously.

### **Move your wreck**

If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident that has no injuries, remember to move all involved vehicles to the shoulder of the road so traffic may flow smoothly.

## **RIDE SHARING**

Help reduce traffic congestion, reduce wear and tear on your car, and save on gas money by signing up for van pooling options. Details are available at [HuntsvilleAL.gov/rideshare](http://HuntsvilleAL.gov/rideshare).

Federal employees may be eligible for reimbursement for ride share programs. Check with your employer for eligibility.

## **STAY UPDATED**

Important traffic or roadwork updates involving alternative routes will be available in real time via website, text and social media.

### **HuntsvilleAL.gov/Cecil**

The primary information hub for accurate information involving the Cecil Ashburn Drive Improvement Project. View project updates, budget, history, design considerations, frequently asked questions and more.

### **HuntsvilleAL.gov/RoadworkUpdates**

Daily alerts on local city/state roadwork that impact traffic and project updates on major road construction.

### **Text Alerts**

#### **Nixle app**

A downloadable smart phone app for updates on major traffic accidents, roadwork, and more.

#### **Redstone Explorer**

Redstone Arsenal's notification app for installation closures, traffic accidents, and other important Arsenal events.

#### **Waze**

A GPS navigation app that provides turn-by-turn navigation information and user-submitted travel times and route details.

#### **Google Maps**

Web mapping service developed by Google offering satellite imagery, street maps and real-time traffic conditions.

## **#HsvRoads**

Twitter users may follow the hashtag #HsvRoads for updates on roadwork impacting traffic flow in the City of Huntsville.

## **FLEX TIME**

Avoid peak commute hours by asking employers about flexible work hour opportunities.

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### **Questions?**

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