Traffic on First Street will be disrupted a bit next week as the first phase of the 2014 Asphalt Overlay project begins in southeast Norfolk.

According to Mark Dolechek, Assistant Engineer for the City of Norfolk, two lanes of traffic will be closed from Bluff Avenue to Madison Avenue on First Street beginning Monday, April 21, 2014. Two lanes will remain open with northbound and southbound traffic maintained in both directions.

Dolechek said that lane openings and closures may be changed as progress is made on the project. Some cross street intersections might also be closed at times for eastbound and westbound traffic.

Dolechek recommends that drivers use extra caution when driving through the construction site and allow extra time for travel or use an alternate route if possible.