



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Let's Meet Matt. A Local for Life

Matt Liffick, Resident Engineer, VDOT/HRBT Expansion Project



Matt Liffick, VDOT Resident Engineer for landside bridges and roadways, officially joined the HRBT Expansion project in March 2022. However, he is no stranger to Hampton Roads and has been in construction since obtaining his engineering degree from Virginia Military Institute. Originally, he worked for a general contractor completing vertical construction projects, spending three years working on apartment complexes and multi-use facilities. What he liked most about those years was the experience with numerous different trades. However, he knew he had a strong interest in bridges, so he shifted his career path to focus on heavy civil construction.

Born and raised in Hampton Roads, he's left the region only for temporary relocations specific to bridge construction opportunities that enhanced his knowledge and skill set. Moving back to the area in Winter 2022 offered him the opportunity to once again be with his family and take on the role of an HRBT Resident Engineer. Day-to-day Liffick works in the field overseeing the expansion, rehabilitation and construction of its many roadway or bridge structures along the project's route. He monitors construction progress to ensure these structures meet VDOT's rigorous standards.

Matt resides on the Peninsula with his wife and two sons. Away from the construction zone, Matt enjoys watching his sons play baseball. He's also known to take on the occasional yard or random home improvement project.

What do you like most about being on the project?

The interesting part about this project is the variety of professionals with varying backgrounds. There is a great opportunity to be exposed to many professionals who have very different experiences within construction. More specifically, on the HRBT Expansion Project, I am lucky enough to meet, work and learn from all these individuals in one centralized location.

I also enjoy problem solving and working on a design-build project of this magnitude means there is a constant need to shift gears in order to address issues as they arise.

What other projects have you worked on in the Hampton Roads Region?

I worked on the construction of the Gilmerton Bridge, I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements and was with the Elizabeth River Tunnels for a small period of time.

What is your favorite construction memory?

I enjoyed my time working on the Gilmerton Bridge. I won't forget the day we saw the Gilmerton Bridge's center span floating down the Elizabeth River via barge and finally, perfectly setting into position. It was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience.