



Pentagon Update – August 2017

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Governor Breaks Ground on 395 Express Lanes Extension



Governor Terry McAuliffe joined the Virginia Department of Transportation and its private partner and operator of the I-95 Express Lanes, 95 Express Lanes LLC, to break ground on August 9 for the 395 Express Lanes project. The 395 Express Lanes project will extend the existing 395 Express Lanes northward from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road in Alexandria to the Washington, D.C. line. Along that stretch, workers will construct a third reversible lane to the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and convert all three to Express Lanes. Upon completion, vehicles equipped with an E-ZPass Flex transponder and carrying three or more passengers can use the Express Lanes for free, while vehicles with one or two passengers will have the option to use the Express Lanes for a fee, which will vary depending on congestion.

The 395 Express Lanes project provides specific benefits for the thousands of commuters who work at or near the Pentagon, as well as the many carpoolers or commuter bus users transferring at the Pentagon to continue to their destination. By reconfiguring the Pentagon's South Parking area and adding a new bus loop as well as reconfiguring the slug stations to improve traffic flow and safety for buses and carpoolers, the project's benefits extend well beyond the express lanes.

The project includes a long-term investment in transit for the corridor, through a yearly payment of \$15 million (to be escalated annually) that will be paid by the private Concessionaire to the Commonwealth. This annual transit payment will support transit and multimodal initiatives benefitting the I-95/I-395 corridor.

Other key project features include adding a fourth regular lane on I-395 Southbound between Duke Street and Edsall Road interchanges. Additionally, the project includes rehabilitating several I-395 bridges, and building new sound walls to protect neighboring communities.

The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$500 million, with a combination of private and public funds. The express lanes are scheduled to open in fall 2019, and other elements of the project are expected to be completed by summer 2020.

We urge drivers to stay informed on the construction progress and any lane closures by visiting the 395 Express Lanes Project website – www.395ExpressLanes.com.



ISD Director's Message



The 395 Express Lanes Groundbreaking Ceremony signaled the official start of the project after months of planning and collaboration with VDOT. Held at the Pentagon City Mall's top-level of the parking garage, with a view overlooking the Pentagon, Department of Defense attendees included Mr. Michael Rhodes, Director of Administration, Ms. Barbara Westgate, WHS Director, and Mr. Sajeel Ahmed, FSD Director. Together with leadership, I look forward to the start of construction projects around the Pentagon that will improve mobility and access around the Pentagon Reservation.

Work Begins on Hayes Street Parking Lot Reconfiguration September 8

Construction is scheduled to begin at 6:00pm, Friday, September 8, for changes being made to the Hayes Street Parking Lot related to the 395 Express Lanes Project. Prior to the start of construction, drivers should see temporary variable message signs near the lot to notify users about the construction. Workers will prepare the eastern portion of the Hayes Street Lot for the relocation of the Visitor Tour Bus Parking area that is currently located in the Pentagon South Parking Lot. The work will eliminate about 155 parking spaces in the Hayes Street Lot to make room for six (6) tour bus drop-off spaces.

*****Hayes Street Lot will be closed for construction from 6:00pm Friday, September 8 until 5:00am on Monday, September 11.*****

The western portion of the Hayes Street lot will remain open during construction, with periodic exceptions on weekends. Project workers will maintain pedestrian access at all times during construction.

The Hayes Street lot reconfiguration should be complete in October 2017. Stay tuned to future newsletter articles for further up-dates. Additional project information can be found at www.395ExpressLanes.com.

Reminder: Eads Street Parking Lot Changes

As a reminder, effective Friday, July 21, 2017, the Eads Street Parking Lot will be utilized for overnight authorized bus parking from 5:00pm – 7:00am. Accordingly, the following policies will go into effect for Eads Street Parking Lot:

- No permit parking is allowed at Eads Street Parking Lot. All parking permit holders must park in the lot designated for their permit.
- Lane 1 at Eads Street Parking Lot is designated for Employee Temporary Parking only from 7:00am – 5:00pm.
- Lane 2 at Eads Street Parking Lot is designated for Non-Employee Visitor Temporary Parking only from 7:00am – 5:00pm.
- Lane 3 is designated for Non-Employee Visitor Temporary Parking at all times.
- Authorized bus parking only from 5:00pm – 7:00am in the designated bus spaces (painted green).
- Privately-owned vehicle (Employee and Non-Employee Visitor Temporary) parking is allowed in bus spaces (painted green) from 7:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday only.

Beginning Friday, July 21, 2017, all vehicles parked in the Eads Parking Street Lot bus lanes (marked in green) between the hours of 5:00pm – 7:00am, Monday – Friday, will be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Please adhere to the updated lane markings and signage posted at the lot. All temporary parking requests (Employee and Non-Employee Visitor Temporary) require prior approval by the WHS Parking Management Office (PMO).