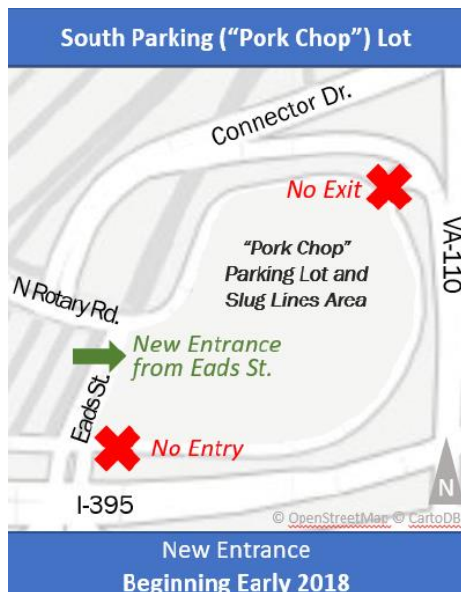


## Pentagon Update – December 2017

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### Traffic Patterns to Shift as Pentagon South Parking Lot Work Expected to Begin in Early 2018

Work at the Pentagon Reservation's South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area that is part of the 395 Express Lanes Project is expected to begin as early as February 2018.



Construction at the "Pork Chop," which is located east of Eads Street and north of I-395, includes the addition of bus-only travel lanes ("bus loop") and the reconfiguration of the "slug" lane. The enhancements will improve the traffic flow and overall safety. The enhancements will result in a new traffic pattern.

During and after construction, privately owned vehicles (POVs) will enter and exit the "Pork Chop" from Eads Street. The current exit to VA-110 from the "Pork Chop" will permanently close to POVs. Slug lines will remain in the same order during construction, and temporary signage will be installed to direct drivers and pedestrians. New pedestrian sidewalks with a barrier system, new signage, and pavement markings to clearly delineate the slug lanes will be added as part of the project. **Please use caution around the construction zone and allow for extra travel time.**

The structural improvements will require the elimination of some parking spaces. The WHS Parking Management Office (PMO) has been reallocating and reassigning permits to account for fewer parking spaces. For any parking questions, please call the WHS PMO at the Pentagon at 703-614-7271.

In addition to the South Parking Lot work, the 395 Express Lanes Project will convert the South Rotary Road drop-off/pick-up lane to a right-turn Express Lane entrance ramp. As part of the South Rotary Road work, crews will install gates along the South Rotary turn lane, and install traffic signals on Eads Street at North and South Rotary Roads.

To stay informed on the construction progress, lane closure notifications and travel alternatives, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – [395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon](http://395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon).

### ISD Director's Message



As the holiday season approaches, please be mindful of new traffic patterns and rule changes in our region. In addition to road work activities along the I-395 Corridor, tolls for single occupancy vehicles and expanded rush-hour periods began in early December on I-66 inside the Capital Beltway. Ensure you have an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex if the new toll lanes are part of your holiday travel plans, along with an emergency road kit for inclement weather. I wish you a safe and happy holiday!



## Try Transportation Alternative

As construction begins in the South Parking Lot “Pork Chop” in early 2018, Pentagon commuters should be prepared for impacts to their commutes. Those who drive alone to the Pentagon may find their journeys to and from work affected by detours or additional traffic, even if you do not park at the “Pork Chop”.

To beat rush hour traffic next year, now is a great time to try one of many transportation alternatives available to you at the Pentagon, such as bus and Metro Rail service, carpooling and vanpooling, and slugging (informal ridesharing). The Mass Transportation Benefit Program can even help qualifying Pentagon commuters obtain a subsidy for transit, carpooling or vanpooling.

If you plan to continue to drive to work, you might also consider exploring an alternate route to your permitted parking area. Due to I-395 Express Lanes construction and other projects on or near the Pentagon Reservation, traffic may force you to use these alternatives in the future.

