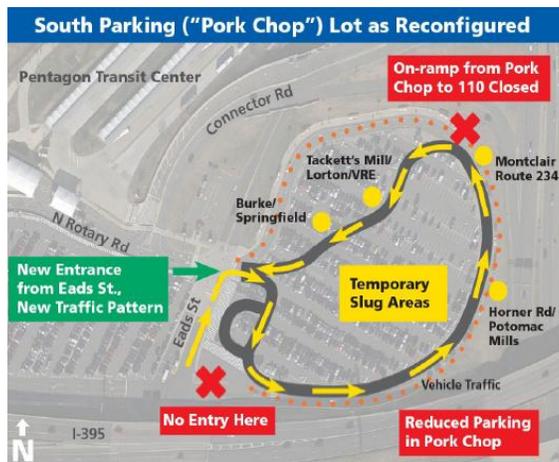


## Pentagon Update – February 2018

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### Pentagon South Parking Lot Work Underway, Watch for New Traffic Patterns

As the 395 Express Lanes Project progresses, work now underway at the Pentagon Reservation's South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area will result in a new traffic pattern that will improve the flow of traffic and overall safety. Construction at the "Pork Chop," located east of Eads Street and north of I-395, began on February 16 and construction signs are in place at the Pork Chop, such as Steel Plate Ahead. New traffic pattern to include new entrance, temporary slug stations, and reduced parking is target to begin mid-March subject to weather condition and unplanned events.



Pedestrians should be mindful of construction zones and exercise safety after work progresses. The Pentagon is among the busiest transportation hubs in the National Capital Region, which means drivers, cyclists and pedestrians must stay alert as well as walk and drive defensively.

Pedestrians are asked to observe the following safety tips during construction: Leave your earphones out so that you can hear traffic warning signals; Use only a marked pedestrian walkway to cross traffic lanes and observe all pedestrian signals; Cyclists should wear reflective and protective gear, observe traffic lights, and follow the rules of the road; Use extra caution in parking lots, as vehicles can move at any time; Pay attention to Pentagon Police officers and obey their instructions; Drivers should be vigilant, observe all traffic signs, and maintain the posted speed limit.

The South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" work includes new bus-only travel lanes ("bus loop") and the reconfiguration of the "slug" lane. Slug lines will remain in the same order during construction with temporary signage in place to direct drivers and pedestrians. Privately owned vehicles (POVs) now enter and exit the "Pork Chop" from Eads Street and can no longer use the exit to VA-110. New pedestrian sidewalks with a barrier system, new signage, and pavement markings to clearly delineate the slug lanes are being constructed as part of the project. Please use caution around the construction zone and allow for extra travel time.

The improvements to the South Parking Lot 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. Please direct parking questions to the WHS PMO at the Pentagon at 703-614-7271.

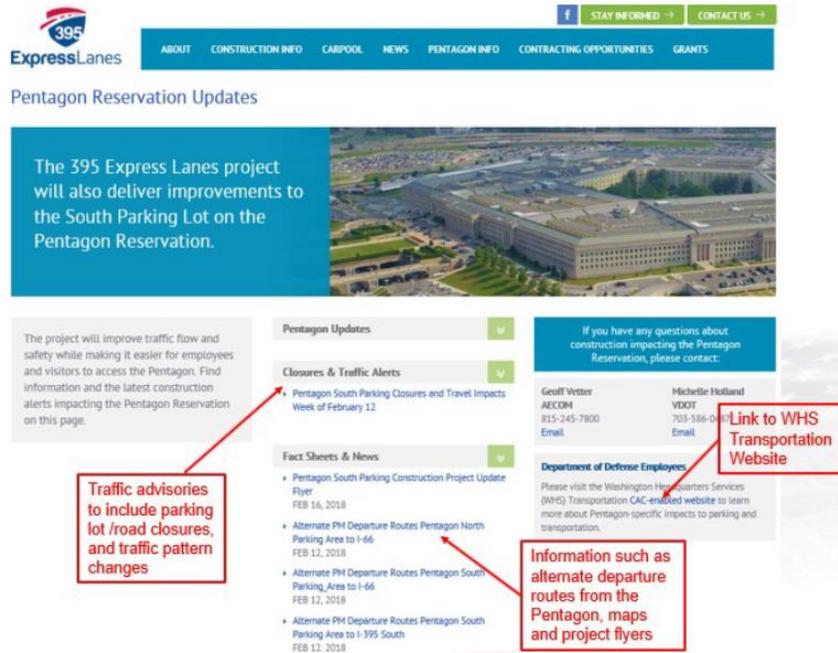
In addition to the South Parking Lot work, the 395 Express Lanes Project will convert the South Rotary Road drop-off/pick-up lane to a right-turn Express Lane entrance ramp. As part of the South Rotary Road work, crews will install gates along the South Rotary turn lane, and install traffic signals on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

## FSD Director's Message



Construction at the "Pork Chop" has now begun. New traffic patterns will cause additional traffic congestion and delays around the Pentagon Reservation. Be mindful of new signage and plan your driving times accordingly. Practice safety and allow for extra travel time. If you have not done so, visit our Transportation Website, Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date project information, travel alternatives and information fairs.

[395expresslanes.com/pentagon](http://395expresslanes.com/pentagon)



The project will improve traffic flow and safety while making it easier for employees and visitors to access the Pentagon. Find information and the latest construction alerts impacting the Pentagon Reservation on this page.

**Pentagon Updates**

**Closures & Traffic Alerts**

- Pentagon South Parking Closures and Travel Impacts Week of February 12

**Fact Sheets & News**

- Pentagon South Parking Construction Project Update Flyer FEB 16, 2018
- Alternate PH4 Departure Routes Pentagon North Parking Area to I-46 FEB 12, 2018
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**Department of Defense Employees**

Please visit the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Transportation CAC-enabled website to learn more about Pentagon-specific impacts to parking and transportation.

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**Link to WHS Transportation Website**

The 395 Express Lanes website is a great resource to learn about the construction updates on the I-395 corridor. A "Pentagon" tab is created on the website to provide dedicated information on the South Parking Lot improvements. This is a great time to be familiar with the navigation of the website and the type of information available. Questions or suggestions? Please contact the WHS Transportation Program Management Office at [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil).