

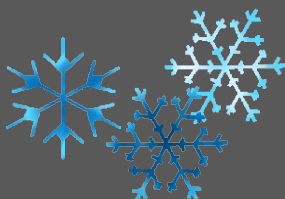


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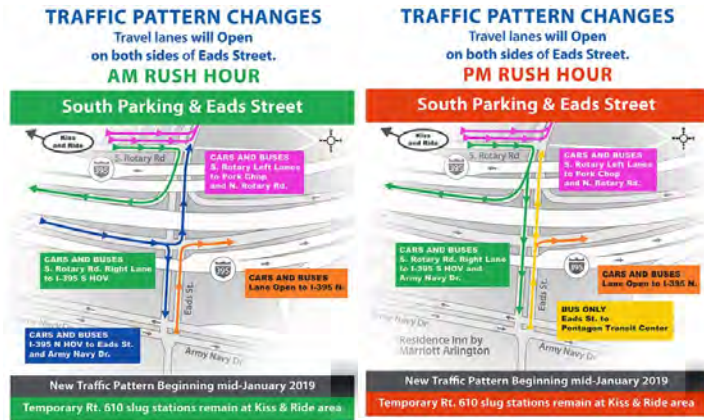
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395 Express Lanes/South Parking Construction Updates

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, the Eads Street traffic pattern returned to one lane on both sides of Eads Street, inbound and outbound, while construction work continues along the median.



The temporary relocation of Route 610 Stafford and Mine Road slug stations will remain at the Kiss and Ride area on N. Rotary Rd during the Eads Street construction.

In the meantime, construction work to install curb and gutter, drainage and electrical structures at the Pork Chop is in progress to support the bus loop construction. Please pay close attention to signage and be aware of construction activities to ensure safety. Follow traffic control directions, especially during inclement weather during the winter months and allow extra time to navigate the area.



Updates on the 395 Express Lanes project will continue to be posted on the 395 Express Lanes website. Recently, the website underwent a digital makeover. The previous URL at 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon will redirect to the new website at www.expresslanes.com/projects/395. Please visit the article on page 3 of this newsletter to learn how to navigate the new website. You can also follow us on Facebook at WHSTransportation and on Twitter @WHS_Transport: #395ExpressInfo.

FSD Director's Message



As the 395 Express Lanes/South Parking Improvements construction work continues at the Pork Chop and Eads Street through this spring and early summer, please be mindful of construction activities and traffic pattern changes in the South Parking area. It is not too early to begin to explore new travel options for your commute. Visit the new 395 Express Lanes website at www.expresslanes.com/project/395 to learn about rideshare options. WHS TMPO can also assist you in planning for your commute. Follow them on WHSTransportation and @WHS_Transport for the latest transportation information.

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ **Feb 6 and Feb 20, 2019:** *WMATA Reduced Fare Program In-Person Application at the Pentagon Metro Station from 9am to 2pm.*
- ◆ **Spring 2019:** *Go Alex Store, sponsored by the City of Alexandria plans to return to the Mark Center Main Street Area—Stay tuned for more information.*

The Commuter Store

at the Pentagon Metro Entrance

Open Monday-Friday
6:30am-6:30pm

One stop for all of your commuting needs. Items for purchase include SmarTrip cards, E-ZPass, DASH pass, VRE pass and much more.



395 Express Lanes Project Corner



Project Overview: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Express Lane Project will extend the I-395 Express Lanes (also known as High Occupancy Toll - HOT Lanes) eight miles north from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to past the Eads Street Interchange in Arlington. The scope of the project includes: (1) conversion of the current two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes into three HOT lanes; (2) relocation of tour bus drop-off from South Parking "Pork Chop" area to the Hayes Street Lot (completed in Sep 2017); (3) the construction of a bus loop in the "Pork Chop" area to improve traffic flow and safety on the Reservation (began in Feb 2018); and (4) the addition of a dedicated lane on South Rotary Road to act as the on ramp to access the new HOT Lanes during the PM rush hours. To stay informed on the construction progress, lane closure notifications and travel alternatives, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – www.expresslanes.com/projects/395.

E-ZPass Basics



Both E-ZPass and E-ZPass Flex provide a convenient way to pay tolls electronically and are required for certain High Occupancy Toll (HOT) and Express Lanes. E-ZPass Flex has an "HOV On" switchable feature to allow you to obtain toll-free travel on HOT and Express Lanes (64, 66, 95/495) when you have the qualifying number of people in your vehicle. The Flex Transponder has minimum High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) usage requirements.

E-ZPass can be used at the Dulles Greenway (Route 267), 64 Express Lanes (Hampton Roads), 66 Express Lanes Inside the Beltway, 95 Express Lanes, 495 Express Lanes (Interstate 495/Capital Beltway), and throughout Virginia and the Northeast US.

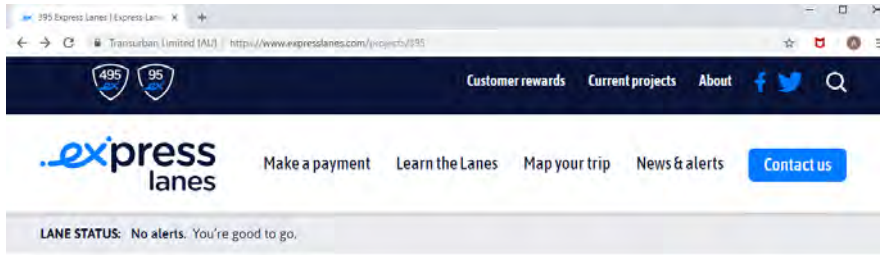
To learn more about the E-ZPass and E-ZPass Flex, please visit the website at EZPassVA.com. You can also call at 877-762-7824 or 800-828-1120 (for TTY users), Mondays through Fridays between 7am to 7pm (excluding state and federal holidays).

While you can order an EZ-Pass or E-ZPass Flex transponder online, you can also locate authorized retailers on the EZPassVA.com. And one convenient location to obtain an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex transponder is at the Pentagon Commuter Store! It is located by the Pentagon Metro Entrance with convenient operating hours between 6:30am to 6:30pm Mondays through Fridays.



395 Express Lanes Website Digital Makeover

The 395 Express Lanes Website underwent a digital makeover and rebranding effort with a new logo in mid-January to refresh its content and how they display information. The previous URL at www.395expresslanes.com/pentagon will redirect to the new address at www.expresslanes.com/projects/395. To locate updates on the construction at the Pentagon, the menu option is now located on the left side in the middle portion of the page.



395 Express Lanes

The express version

- The 395 Express Lanes will offer drivers more ways to travel in Northern Virginia right up to the Washington, D.C. line
- Learn about commuter solutions that can help you get around the area as we work during construction
- Find out how the 395 Express Lanes will make getting to and from the Pentagon and Crystal City easier

What's in the news

Filter by Category: Pentagon

January 18, 2019

Traffic pattern changes for South Parking & Eads St. during AM & PM rush hour this Winter and Spring 2019

Construction continuing on Eads St. this Winter and Spring. Expect delays and consider alternative options.

[Read more](#)

[See more](#)

At-a-glance

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The 395 Express Lanes and Eads Street Interchange will offer employees and visitors a simpler way to drive to and from the Pentagon. Not to mention, the South Parking Lot on the Pentagon Reservation is getting a makeover. The South Parking Lot updates will deliver smoother travel for pedestrians, drivers or bus riders on the Pentagon Reservation.

We've been up to a lot around the Pentagon Reservation over the last couple of years. Stay in the know about the latest progress and updates we're making around the Pentagon Reservation on the [News & Alerts](#) page. We've also been up to a lot around the Pentagon Reservation over the last several years. You can find older updates by [visiting our past announcements](#).



News and Alerts

Past Announcements

Department of Defense employees can head over to the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Transportation CAC-enabled website for the scoop on how this project may affect parking and transportation on the Pentagon Reservation.

Have questions about how the 395 Express Lanes project may switch up the flow around the Pentagon? Reach out to:

- Andy Kropf, AECOM, 610-331-7432, andrew.kropf@aecom.com
- Michelle Holland, VDOT, 703-586-0487, michelle.holland@vdot.virginia.gov

If you are looking for past events and other previously posted alerts and advisories regarding the construction work at the Pentagon, you can access the archives by clicking on the ["visiting our past announcements"](#) link.

More information will be posted on this new website as construction progresses along. Please bookmark the new address at www.expresslanes.com/projects/395 and get familiar with the website. If you have any questions, please contact the WHS TMPO at whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.

Transform 66 and Try Vanpools



Work is under way on I-66 -- both Outside and Inside the Beltway in Northern Virginia -- to implement multimodal improvements with new travel choices. This project is scheduled for completion in December 2022. Travel alternatives, including incentives, are available to help commuters and others stay mobile and safe during construction. A representative from the VDOT Transform 66 Project participated in the WHS Transportation Information Table held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the Pentagon to provide construction updates and alternative travel options to Pentagon customers. Commuters are encouraged to explore the options to form or join a vanpool. The Transform 66 Project currently offers incentives for people creating new vanpools to include \$200-per-seat subsidy (prorated over four months), \$350 gas card incentive for operators of 10+ passenger vans on I-66 and free SmarTrip Cards with a preloaded subsidy for I-66 vanpool riders. Visit Vanpool Alliance at <https://vanpoolalliance.org> to find and join a vanpool.

Summer 2019 - Metro Platform Rehabilitation Project Update

As part of a three-year capital project, Metro will reconstruct the outdoor platforms at 20 Metrorail stations to address structural deficiencies after decades of exposure to the elements. Rebuilding platforms is heavy construction activity that requires tracks be taken out of service to allow for demolishing existing structures, access to the construction area, and concrete pouring. The first phase of this capital project will begin on May 25, 2019, the weekend before Memorial Day through September 2, 2019. The Blue Line and Yellow Line south of National Airport will be shutdown with the following stations closed: **Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Avenue, Huntington, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield**. The closure of these stations may impact approximately 17,000 customers during a typical weekday rush hour. Additionally from September 3 through 29, 2019, the Blue Line will single track between the Van Dorn Street and Franconia Springfield stations, running every 24 minutes.



Metro, along with regional transportation partners, are working diligently to develop mitigations to reduce impacts to customers. A Northern Virginia Stakeholder Group led by Metro and supported by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was stood up with more than 140 members to include local government, state government, Congressional offices, federal government, transit providers, police and emergency management, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority. The following major outage guidelines were developed to assist with the mitigation process:

- ◆ No station should experience two major outages in a three-year period
- ◆ Focus construction on summer and major holiday weekends to reduce impact on loyal commuters
- ◆ Concentrate work to minimize impact to riders, rather than conducting a series of smaller outages
- ◆ Deliver best possible service outside work zone
- ◆ Provide public notification several months in advance

Supplemental service alternatives are being developed by Metro to include free express bus shuttles to Pentagon from Franconia-Springfield and Huntington stations, free local bus shuttles connecting closed stations and additional capacity on existing routes. Other local transit providers, such as Fairfax Connector, Alexandria DASH, Arlington ART, and OmniRide are looking into provide enhanced services on existing routes. Metro is also working with regional partners to expand alternative travel options and demand management. More information will be disseminated to the public in mid to late February. If you have any questions, please contact the WHS TMPO at whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.

Half-Price Metro for Veterans with 60% Disability Rating or Greater

WMATA is offering Reduced Fare SmarTrip ID cards to Veterans with a VA disability rating of 60% or greater. Obtaining a Reduced Fare SmarTrip ID can reduce costs by as much as 50% on Metrorail, Metrobus, MARC, MTA, and other participating providers. Qualifying Veterans must complete Part A of the application, but do NOT need to have their healthcare provider complete Part B or C. Additionally, they must appear in person with a valid photo ID and the original letter of disability notification issued by the VA, a downloaded letter from the DVA website, or their Uniformed Services ID Card for 100% disabled Veterans (DD Form 2765). Rather than requiring a trip to Metro HQ, WMATA is offering opportunities to apply for their Disability Reduced Fare Program at the **Pentagon Metro Station** on the following Wednesdays between 9am to 2pm:



- ◆ Feb 6, 2019
- ◆ Feb 20, 2019
- ◆ Mar 6, 2019
- ◆ Mar 20, 2019
- ◆ Apr 3, 2019
- ◆ Apr 17, 2019
- ◆ May 1, 2019
- ◆ May 15, 2019
- ◆ May 29, 2019

You do not need to be a federal employee to qualify, so please share with friends, and others who may be eligible for this discount. Reduced fares will be applied to all trips, even those outside of your commute to/from work.

For MTBP participants, once you receive a Reduced Fare SmarTrip ID card, please go to <https://mtbp.whs.mil/application> and submit a CHANGE application reflecting your eligibility for a reduced fare program, reduced fares within the expense worksheet, and the new card serial number. Contact MTBP at (571) 256-0962 if you have any questions.

Jan and Feb 2019 DASH

Passes Available



The WHS Transportation Office provides paper DASH passes for Mark Center employees. The DASH pass allows free travel on all DASH routes at any time, including evenings and weekends.

January DASH passes are available now, and February DASH passes will be available for pick up beginning the last week in January.

CACs or PFACs are required at the time of pick up. Passes are good for one month and are available in the Transportation Office at Mark Center in Suite 03F21.

Transportation Alerts

For the latest transportation alerts including shuttle delays, route modifications and changes visit:

<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

Shuttle Schedules

For information about DoD Shuttles that service the Pentagon Transit Center (PTC) and Mark Center Station (MCS), visit our CAC-enabled website at:

<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

****Please arrive at the shuttle stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure.****

Ridematching

WHS TMPO partners with Commuter Connections for ridematching at the Pentagon and Mark Center. For more information, please download our Ridematching Brochure:

https://my.whs.mil/sites/default/files/WHS%20TMPO%20Ridematching%20Brochure%20v1.0_0.pdf



Questions/Comments/Concerns

- Pentagon and Mark Center transportation questions/concerns, please contact: (571) 372-7124 or whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil
- Mass Transportation Benefits Program questions/concerns, please contact: (571) 256-0962 or whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.transitpass@mail.mil
- Parking Management Office questions/concerns, please contact: (703) 614-7271 (Pentagon), (571) 372-7100 (Mark Center/Suffolk Building), or whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.parking-program@mail.mil

Transportation CAC-Enabled Website:

<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

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