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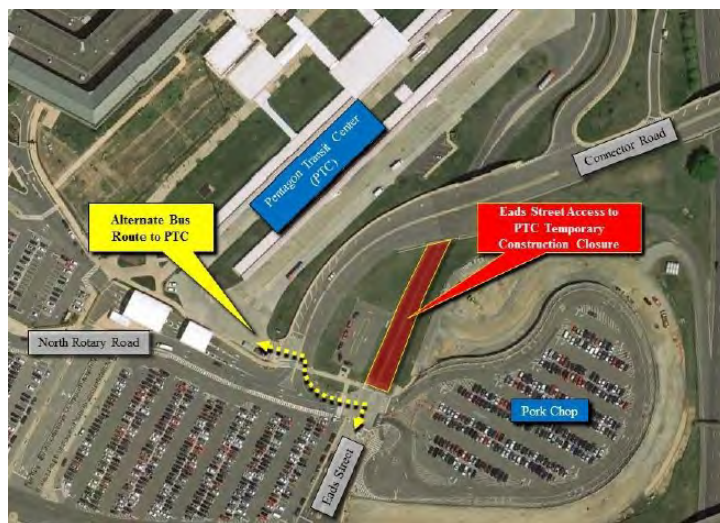
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395 Express Lanes/South Parking Construction Updates

With the warmer and improving Spring weather, construction work is progressing steadily at the “Pork Chop” to support the bus loop construction and along the Eads Street interchange. Please continue to pay close attention to signage to ensure safety around construction activities.

On Friday, March 29, 2019 VDOT construction activities will close Eads Street, north of North Rotary Road every weekend until April 22, 2019. Each week the Eads Street access to the PTC will close at 8 p.m. Friday night and remain closed until 4 a.m. the following Monday morning.



There will be minimal impact to regular vehicular traffic. Weekend bus services will utilize an alternate entrance to the PTC. Services will not be disrupted. 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.

Construction in the Pork Chop area is anticipated to finish by end of May, subject to weather conditions and unplanned events. More information about the final traffic pattern will be provided in the next two months. Follow us on Facebook at WHSTransportation and on Twitter @WHS_Transport: #395ExpressInfo for details.

ISD Director's Message



As the 395 Express Lanes/South Parking Improvements Project is approaching completion, this is a great time to try alternative commuting options other than driving alone, especially with the upcoming Metro Platform Improvement Project that impacts the Blue and Yellow Metrorail lines south of National Airport. WHS TMPO held a successful Rideshare Fair this month with over 500 employees and personnel attended the event to learn about commuting alternatives. Please continue to follow WHS TMPO on WHSTransportation and @WHS_Transport for the latest transportation information and upcoming events.

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ **Apr 3 and Apr 17, 2019:** *WMATA Reduced Fare Program In-Person Application at the Pentagon Metro Station from 9am to 2pm.*
- ◆ **Apr 4, 2019:** *National Walking Day*
- ◆ **Apr 23, 2019:** *Mark Center Information Table 10:30am to 1:00pm, Mark Center Main Street.*
- ◆ **May 13—17, 2019:** *National Transportation Week*
- ◆ **May 17, 2019:** *Bike To Work Day*

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.

Get to Know the 395 Express Lanes

The 395 Express Lanes will open in Fall 2019. They will be three lanes wide and be dynamically tolled 24/7. All drivers will need an E-ZPass and drivers who are HOV 3+ will still ride for free with an E-ZPass Flex in HOV mode.

As part of this project, the slip ramp from the southbound HOV lanes to the regular lanes will be closed when the 395 Express Lanes open in Fall 2019.



The closure of this slip ramp is to allow for more direct access via the reconfigured Eads Street interchange and improve safety in the I-395 corridor. The prior slip ramp located just before Boundary Channel Drive will remain open to allow drivers in the southbound HOV lanes to exit back to the regular lanes.

Stay tuned for more information on navigating the new traffic pattern as we get closer to the opening of the 395 Express Lanes in Fall 2019.



Avoid the Line. Be On Time. 2019 DoD Rideshare Fair.



WHS TMPO held a successful Rideshare Fair at the Pentagon on Thursday, March 22. Over 500 personnel attended the fair. Nine regional transportation organizations participated in this well attended event to provide valuable transportation information and commuter assistance to Pentagon personnel. Commuter Connections, home to the regional database of thousands of area commuters with ridesharing needs came to the Pentagon to assist employees with their carpool questions and encouraged them to enroll in the Guaranteed Ride Home program. Vanpool Alliance and PRTC brought information on forming and joining vanpools in the Northern Virginia area as well as ridematching for people who commute to and from Prince Williams County.

Representatives from Arlington Transportation Partners and GO Alex provided detailed information on commuting to and from Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Personnel who visited their tables learned about county and city specific programs that further enhance their commute.

VDOT, Transurban, Transform 66 and METRO provided project updates on current and upcoming construction projects that will impact commuters in the region. VDOT and Transurban representatives provided information on the 395 Express Lanes Project and the use of EZ-Pass. The Transform 66 team provides construction updates on I-66 and ridesharing incentives currently offered by VDOT during the duration of the construction project. METRO representatives discussed travel alternatives on the Blue and Yellow lines south of the National Airport station for the upcoming Platform Improvement Project scheduled to begin the weekend before Memorial Day and through the summer.



Along with WHS TMPO, the WHS Parking team and the Mass Transportation Benefits Program (MTBP) answered numerous questions on parking regulation on the Pentagon Reservation, how to enroll in the MTBP and how to make changes when employees need to alter their commute patterns. The WHS InfoNET team, a digital signage solutions provider, was also present at the Rideshare Fair to showcase digital solutions options at the Pentagon. WHS TMPO partners with the WHS InfoNET team for our various communications outreach activities. Be sure to look for the Transportation information displayed on the many InfoNET monitors throughout the Pentagon.

Don't worry if you missed this event on March 22. WHS TMPO will have an Information Table at the Mark Center on Tuesday, April 23 to answer your questions. Our annual Pentagon Transportation Fair will take place in the third week of May to coincide with the National Transportation Week. If you have any questions, please email the WHS TMPO at whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.

DoD Shuttle Modification - Route 14 (Pentagon – Rosslyn)

Effective April 1, 2019 the DoD Shuttle Bus Route 14 (Pentagon - Rosslyn) will be modified. The modified schedule will have the following changes:

- ◆ 8:00 am to 9:00 am: Maintain 15-minute frequency
- ◆ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: Change to 30-minute frequency

Additionally, DoD Shuttle Route 14 (Pentagon - Rosslyn) will eventually be discontinued. The last day of operation for this shuttle will be Friday, June 28, 2019. Alternative transportation options at Rosslyn include the Blue line with convenient access at the Rosslyn station, which is only two stops from the Pentagon with a typical trip duration of 10 to 15 minutes.

DoD Bus Schedule		Pentagon Transit Center	
Route 14		Army Dispatcher 703-693-8665	
Pentagon - 1501 WILSON BLVD		L8	
Pentagon Transit Center (PTC)	1101 Wilson Blvd.	1501 Wilson Blvd.	
8:00 AM	8:10 AM	8:15 AM	
8:15 AM	8:25 AM	8:30 AM	
8:30 AM	8:40 AM	8:45 AM	
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Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled departure.

Effective Date 04/01/19

Metro Platform Improvement Project: Summer 2019



Platform Improvement Project

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**. There will be no Blue or Yellow Line rail service south of National Airport with the following stations closed: **Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Avenue, Huntington, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield**. The **National Airport station will remain open**. After September 2, 2019, there will be construction activities at the Van Dorn Street, Huntington and Franconia-Springfield stations; however, these stations will remain open.

- Free Shuttle Service**
 - Franconia-Pentagon Express
 - Blue Line Shuttle
 - Huntington-Pentagon Express
 - Yellow Line Shuttle
- Convenient Bus Options**
 - metrobus
 - metroway
- closed May 25–Sept 2**
 - No Blue or Yellow Line rail service south of National Airport



Metro has launched a dedicated website at <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/> to provide specific information to include supplemental services, links to jurisdictional and partner site and a trip planner to identify travel alternatives during this summer project. Supplemental services include free express shuttles to the Pentagon from Franconia-Springfield and Huntington stations. A third free express shuttle is being developed to connect commuters from Landmark Mall to the Pentagon. This is a good option for personnel who normally commute from the Van Dorn station. The City of Alexandria is working on additional Park and Ride parking at Landmark Mall. There will be free local bus shuttles connecting the closed stations south of the National Airport. For example, if you normally commute from the King Street station, you can take the free local bus shuttle and transfer at Crystal City Metrorail station to continue your trip to the Pentagon. Specific information on these options will be available next month to help you prepare. We encourage you to join our transportation distribution list to receive up-to-date information. If you have any questions or would like to join our distribution list, please contact the WHS TMPO at whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.

Mass Transit Benefits: Plan Ahead



As mentioned above, the Metro Platform Improvement Project will have many mitigation strategies including free bus and shuttle options. Use these as needed and continue to use your SmarTrip card where fare payment is required. It is as simple as that. When the platform work is completed this summer, resume your previous commute. Regional transit providers such as Metro bus (local and express), DASH, Fairfax Connector, PRTC/OmniRide, ART, REX (Richmond Highway Express) and Loudoun Commuter Bus, offer routes that may provide workarounds during this time. All accept payment using the SmarTrip card upon boarding. You are not required to inform MTBP of your changes during disruptions. Do what works for you.

However, if you are considering using other transit options such as VRE (Virginia Rail Express) (<https://www.commuterdirect.com/>), Vanpools (<https://www.smartrip.com/sbftp/vplpat.login>) and Martz Group/National Coach - Virginia routes (<https://martzgroupva.com/>), then you will need to be aware that fare payment to VRE, Vanpools and Martz requires a SmarTrip account but they do not accept card payment upon boarding.

For each of these options, MTBP participant will need to create a 3rd-party monthly bill pay/allocation account in order to re-direct funds from the SmarTrip Card account to the provider. So, if you wish to have your current funding re-directed/allocated, for example, to begin June 1st, the allocation must be in place by the 21st of May. If switching to a VRE commute, the allocation deadline is the 15th using CommuterDirect.com (ticket delivery), or by the 21st using metro for a VRE Mobile allocation (phone pay). Keep in mind that monthly fare/tickets for each may exceed your current enrollment amount. If that is the case, you can submit a change application to request an increase in MTBP funding. Change applications should be submitted to the MTBP in April for the best chance the increase is approved and available to allocate by the May deadline for June. As always, submit claims at the current funding regardless of an in-process application.

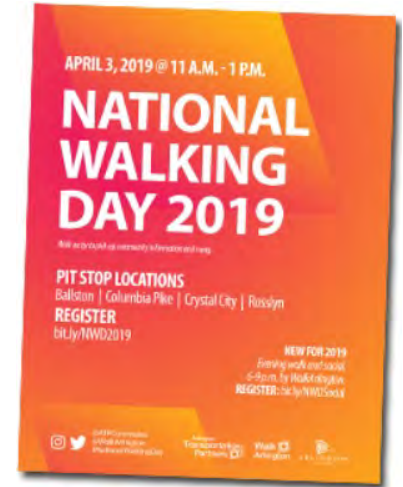
So plan ahead. If May 25th marks the start of a commute disruption, learn about options for both SmarTrip and non-SmarTrip providers. Reach out to your DoD Mass Transit Benefit team for assistance by visiting their website at <http://www.whs.mil/MTBP/> or contact one of their team members at (571) 256-0962.

National Walking Day - April 3, 2019

The first Wednesday in April is National Walking Day. In addition to the health benefits of taking a walk, walking is also a great transportation alternative to reduce single occupancy vehicles on the roads and improve air quality. Arlington County is celebrating National Walk Day this year by hosting 4 pit stops between 11:00 am to 1:00pm in Ballston, Columbia Pike, Crystal City and Rosslyn. The following are the locations for the Crystal City and Rosslyn pit stops that are within close proximity to the Pentagon and employees who work in the Crystal City and Rosslyn leased buildings.

- ◆ Crystal City Water Park, 1601 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
- ◆ Central Place Plaza, 1800 N Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209

For more information, please visit <http://www.walkarlington.com/national-walking-day/>. If you cannot make it to the pit stops but would like to explore walking in Arlington, you can find walking maps at <http://www.walkarlington.com/walkabouts-maps/>.



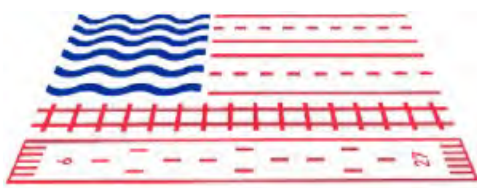
2019 Bike To Work Day Registration is Open



On Friday, May 17, 2019, Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) invite you to celebrate bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work with their annual Bike to Work Day (BTWD) event. Attend 1 of over 115 pit stops in D.C., MD, and VA to receive refreshments and a t-shirt if you are one of the first 20,000 to register.

The WHS Transportation Management Program Office (TMPO) is once again hosting a Mark Center Pit Stop for 2019 BTWD. The Mark Center pit stop will be open from 7:00am to 9:00am on May 17 and will be located next to the bicycle racks on the east side of the North Parking Garage. For more details, and to register for Bike to Work Day, please go to the following link: <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org>.

2019 National Transportation Week - May 20-24



National Transportation Week

Since 1957, the National Defense Transportation Day has been designated to be the third Friday in May to recognize personnel in all modes of defense transportation contributing to the nation's well being and defense. National Transportation Week (NTW) evolved from this day to promote transportation knowledge across the nation and was officially instituted by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Transportation agencies celebrate the NTW to increase public awareness of transportation-related topics and careers through community events and public outreach activities.

This year, the NTW will be celebrated during the week of May 20 to May 24. TMPO will celebrate and promote the mission of the NTW at our upcoming annual DoD Transportation Fair and the Mark Center Bike to Work Day event the third week of May, 2019! In addition to providing commuting information and regional transportation project updates to our personnel, we will inform personnel on innovations of the transportation industry to address many of our population's interests. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to May!

Mar and Apr 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.

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

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:

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