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“Pork Chop”/Eads Street Construction Continues in the Winter

Construction work continues to progress at the “Pork Chop” and along Eads Street between the Pentagon Reservation and Army Navy Drive as part of the 395 Express Lanes / South Parking Improvements Project. Construction activities include road widening, curb, roadway and drainage installation. Current traffic pattern on Eads Street continues to stay on the West side of Eads Street (southbound travel lanes), with access to the I-395 HOV Ramps preserved. 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.



Periodic closures and detours may occur during nighttime and/or weekends to allow construction crew to conduct activities such as milling and paving of roadways. Please pay close attention to traffic control direction and signage as they will change to align with new traffic patterns. With the winter months approaching, please be prepared and allow extra time to navigate the area during inclement weather.



Information on the detailed traffic pattern changes will continue to be posted on 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon. You can also follow us on Facebook at WHSTransportation and on Twitter @WHS_Transport: #395ExpressInfo. Remember to practice safety, follow traffic control direction, and be familiar with travel alternatives.

The 395 Express Lanes project will also deliver improvements to the South Parking Lot on the Pentagon Reservation.

Pentagon Updates

- Closures & Traffic Alerts
- Fact Sheets & News

CONTACT US

STAY INFORMED

If you have any questions about construction impacting the Pentagon Reservation, please contact:

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FSD Director's Message



While the Pork Chop and Eads Street construction continues on the Pentagon Reservation, please be aware of other transportation projects in the region that may impact your commute, such as the WMATA Metrorail Capital Project and the Arlington Memorial Bridge rehabilitation. This will be a good time to try other travel options for your commute. Contact WHS TMPO or visit the Pentagon Commuter Store if you need assistance. Continue to follow WHS TMPO on WHSTransportation and @WHS_Transport to get the latest transportation information.

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ **Dec 18/Jan 19: Go Alex Store, sponsored by the City of Alexandria returns to the Mark Center Main Street Area**—Stay tuned for more information.



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 – 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.

Try Transportation Alternatives

With various transportation and construction projects going on in the region, it is now a good time to try transportation alternatives such as taking transit or using ridesharing, which includes carpool, vanpool and slugging. The 395 Express Lanes Project offers additional incentives for commuters using travel alternatives instead of driving alone. Information on these incentives is available at 395ExpressLanes.com/commuter.



Commuter Solutions

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.



INTERSTATE 395 CONSTRUCTION AHEAD
Rethink your Commute

The I-395 Express Lanes project is funding new transit and commuter options to ease congestion along the I-395 / I-95 corridor.

Check out these new options for a smoother commute.

New travel incentives are now available during the 395 Express Lanes project. These incentives to make it easier for you to ride the bus, carpool, vanpool, and telework to ease your commute in the I-395 corridor. See below to learn more about these new incentives and commuting options.



Additional bus services have been added during peak hours on a popular OmniRide route as well as two Metrobus commuter routes to help alleviate traffic in the corridor.



Carpool with one or more people and you may receive up to \$230 through the Commuter Connections' Pool Rewards' program.



To make the process easier, financial assistance and new rider matching is available to help start new vanpools traveling on I-395.



Employers within one mile of the I-395 corridor are eligible for up to \$10,000 in additional subsidies to encourage them to create a new teleworking program.



Pentagon Transit Center Bus Bay Reassignment on December 30, 2018

The Pentagon Transit Center (PTC) serves as one of the largest transit hubs in the National Capital Region (NCR). The PTC provides access to DoD shuttles, as well as local and regional bus transit operators such as WMATA/Metro, ART, DASH, Loudoun County Transit, Fairfax Connector, PRTC/Omni-ride and the Martz service. On December 30, 2018, some of the bus bays will be reassigned to improve the management and operation of the PTC and to allow future services to access the PTC. DoD Shuttle Routes 2 and 12 will relocate from Bus Bay L7 to L9 and L8 respectively. The following bus bays for public transit and commuter buses will have changes as part of the bus bay reassignment effort. Additional communications and updates will be provided before Dec 30, 2018.

Bus Bay	Current Assignment	New Assignment on Dec 30, 2018
L3	DASH AT3, AT4	18G, 18H, 18J, 18P
L4	17B, 29C, 29G, 29W, FFX 306	17B, 17M, 29C, 29G, 29W, FFX 306
L5	17M, Loudoun County Transit, Martz	17G, 17H, 17K, 17L
L6	17G, 17H, 17K, 17L	FFX 599, 698 - Loudoun County Transit, MARTZ
L7	FFX 393 394 395 599 - DoD Shuttles 2, 12	FFX 393 394 395
U1	18G 18H 18J 18P	DASH AT3 AT4



Upper and Lower Level Bus Bays at the PTC

DoD Shuttle Inclement Weather Policy



DoD Shuttle services from the Pentagon and Mark Center will operate based on the OPM operating status during inclement weather. For example, if the OPM operating status is 2 hours delayed arrival, the DoD shuttle schedule will also be under a 2 hour delay. Shuttle schedules and frequency may be further adjusted based on road conditions. Updates will be made as more information becomes available from the shuttle providers.

WHS TMPO will post DoD Shuttle service updates and alerts as information becomes available to the CAC-enabled Transportation website (<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>), the WHS TMPO Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WHSTransportation), and our Twitter page (www.twitter.com/WHSTransport). For updates on local and regional bus services, please visit the respective transit provider website. Please exercise safety and plan accordingly during inclement weather.

Winter Driving



Are you ready to drive in the winter weather with chilly temperature, snow and ice? The WHS Fleet Management Program Office offers the following safe driving tips during winter months:



Before You Go

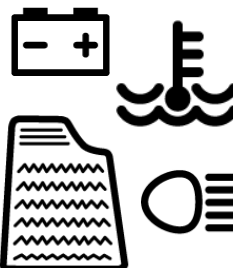
- ⇒ Get your car serviced
- ⇒ Check for recalls—see the NHTSA's Recalls Look-up Tool at nhtsa.gov/recalls
- ⇒ Learn how your vehicle handles under winter weather driving conditions.
- ⇒ Plan your travel and check the weather, road conditions, and traffic.
- ⇒ Stock your car with an emergency kit



Review Your Vehicle Safety Checklist

- ⇒ Check and ensure proper condition of your vehicle before you go

- ◆ Battery
- ◆ Lights
- ◆ Cooling System
- ◆ Windshield
- ◆ Floor Mats
- ◆ Tires



On the Road

- ⇒ Stay alert
- ⇒ Avoid risky driving behaviors. Do not text, follow speed limit and stay sober
- ⇒ Drive slowly and know how to properly use your anti-lock brake system
- ⇒ Navigate around snow plows with caution



Transportation Updates from the Region

The last WMATA Capital Improvement Project for this year has begun on November 26th, impacting the Yellow Line for 10 commuting days as Metro makes structural repairs and infrastructure upgrades on the Yellow Line Bridge. This project will continue through Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Metrail service for Monday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

Highlights for the impacts are as follows:

- ◆ No Yellow Line train service; use Blue Line instead for travel between Virginia and DC.

During Weekdays

- ◆ Blue Line trains will operate every 16 minutes between Franconia-Springfield and Largo Town Center and between Huntington and Largo Town Center.
- ◆ Blue Line trains will operate every 20 minutes after 8p.m. between Franconia-Springfield and Largo Town Center and between Huntington and Largo Town Center.

During Weekends

- ◆ Blue Line trains will operate every 16-20 minutes between Franconia-Springfield and Largo Town Center and between Huntington and Largo Town Center.
- ◆ Rush Hour Promise will not be in effect for trips on the Yellow and Blue lines during this time, but will remain in effect for customers on other lines.



◆ During the Dec. 1-2 weekend, there will be no service between Mt. Vernon Sq and Navy Yard. Ballpark, Archives, Waterfront and the platforms at Gallery Place and L'Enfant Plaza will be closed. Free shuttle bus service will be provided.

From King St-Old Town, trains will alternate destinations between Franconia-Springfield and Huntington.

Metro will offer the following free weekday shuttle bus service:

- ◆ Between Pentagon (Pentagon Transit Center Bus Bay L8) and Franconia-Springfield from opening until 8:00p.m.
- ◆ Between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza (Pentagon Transit Center Bus Bay L7) from opening until 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Between L'Enfant Plaza and Franconia-Springfield and between L'Enfant Plaza and Crystal City, rush hour only.

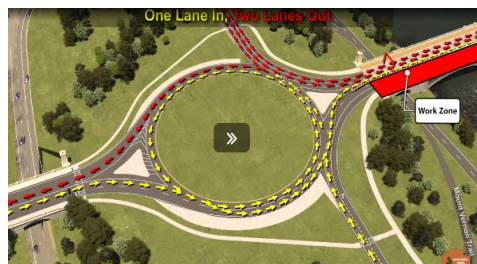
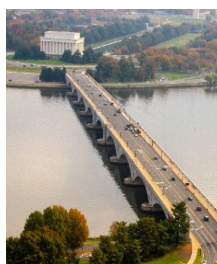
Weekend of December 1st –2nd:

- ◆ Shuttle buses will replace Green Line trains between Mt. Vernon Square and Navy Yard-Ball Park. Archives, Waterfront and the platforms at Gallery Place and L'Enfant Plaza will be closed.

For complete details, please visit <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/Potomac-Bridge-Improvement-Project.cfm>.

Arlington Memorial Bridge Updates

National Park Service (NPS) has begun the Arlington Memorial Bridge rehabilitation work project on October 15, 2018. During construction, the capacity of the bridge reduces from six to three lanes and one sidewalk until the end of the project in 2021. Under the new three lane traffic pattern, all traffic has shifted to the north side of the bridge and is using three lanes and one sidewalk. In the morning, two lanes are open into DC and one lane to Virginia. In the afternoon, two lanes are open to Virginia and one lane into DC. Travelers who use the Arlington Memorial Bridge and surrounding roadways will experience delays and congestion. Drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians should also watch for workers and construction equipment when they use the bridge. Details of this project is located at go.nps.gov/memorialbridge.



Bike Safety



Bicycling is a healthy transportation alternative; however, it is important to practice safety. By law, bicycles on the roadway are vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. The following are bike safety practices recommended by the National Safety Council:

- ◆ Get acquainted with traffic laws; cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- ◆ Know your bike's capabilities
- ◆ Ride single-file in the direction of traffic, and watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- ◆ Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections
- ◆ Never hitch onto cars
- ◆ Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder
- ◆ Wear bright clothing and ride during the day
- ◆ If night riding can't be avoided, wear reflective clothing
- ◆ Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes
- ◆ A horn or bell and a rear-view mirror, as well as a bright headlight, also is recommended

November and December 2018 DASH



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.

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

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

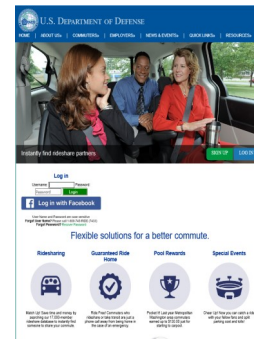
For information about DoD Shuttles that service the Pentagon Transit Center (PTC) and Mark Center Station (MCS), visit our CAC-enabled website at: <https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

****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
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- 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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