

CHOICES AHEAD

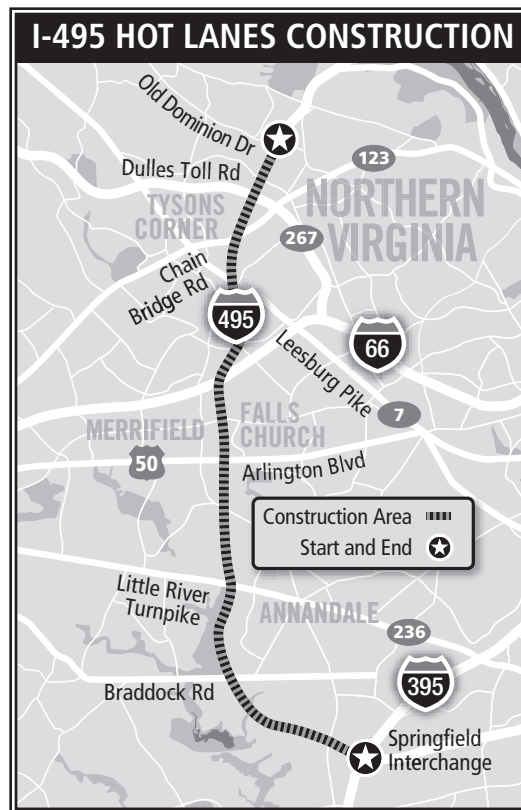
New construction – and new travel options – are coming to I-495

The Commonwealth of Virginia is beginning a major construction project on I-495 this month—it's a five-year undertaking that will bring more transportation choices to the Capital Beltway than ever before.

When construction is complete, you'll have new commuting options to choose from. For the first time, the Beltway will offer seamless HOV lane connections with I-95 and I-66, thanks to 14 miles of new High Occupancy Toll lanes—two in each direction.

Carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles can drive in these HOT lanes for free, and other motorists can use them if they pay a toll. HOT lanes will create opportunities for new bus service as well.

In addition, the project will replace more than 50 aging bridges and overpasses (adding in new bike and walk paths), reconstruct 10 interchanges, and build two new ones.



VDOT's I-495 HOT lanes project is one in a series of large-scale transportation improvements designed to ease congestion and provide you with new, better ways to get where you need to go.

Drivers: what to look for this summer

1. Concrete barriers going up along the outside shoulders of the Beltway
2. Crews clearing land on VDOT right of way to make room for two new HOT lanes in each direction, from the Springfield Interchange to Old Dominion Drive
3. Workers preparing for construction along the entire project area, including work on interchanges and lane closures during non-peak hours



VDOT is here to help

Navigating construction is never easy. But the Virginia Department of Transportation wants to help make it as easy as it can be. We'll keep you informed throughout this project, and we encourage you to try commuting alternatives like telework, buses, carpools and vanpools. To get started with any of these options, to learn more about HOT lanes, or to sign up to receive project updates, visit virginiahotlanes.com.

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