

# News Release

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## I-495 HOT Lanes Project Construction Activities and Lane Closures

**VDOT has a special reminder for motorists: avoid distractions, pay attention in construction work zones and arrive at your destination safely. Work zones require motorists to remain attentive as lanes are narrower and lined with concrete barriers.**

Weather permitting the following lane closures are scheduled for the week of Jan. 25, 2009:

### Construction Activities:

#### **Lee Highway (Route 29):**

Nighttime bridge demolition continues on the Lee Highway overpass at I-495 and will last approximately two more weeks, weather permitting.

During bridge demolition two lanes on I-495 north and south will be closed from 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. All lanes will reopen to motorists by 5:00 a.m. As demolition progresses across the bridge, lane closures will follow and roll across the Beltway until demolition work is completed.

#### **Arlington Boulevard (Route 50):**

The left lanes of Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) east and west under the I-495 Capital Beltway are closed, 24/7, for approximately 80 days, weather permitting, to allow crews to build bridge piers for the new I-495 bridges. During the pier construction the two right through-lanes will be open in each direction. Once new piers are built the left lanes on Route 50 will reopen to motorists.

#### **I-495 North**

- Clearing on I-495 north toward Little River Turnpike (Route 236) continues.
- Clearing on I-495 north from Lee Highway (Route 29) towards Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) will occur.
- Clearing on I-495 north from Leesburg Pike (Route 7) to Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) continues.

## **I-495 South**

- Clearing on I-495 south at Braddock Road (Route 620) toward Springfield continues.
- Clearing on I-495 south from Lee Highway (Route 29) towards Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) will occur.
- Clearing on I-495 south near the Gallows Road (Route 650) interchange will occur.

## **Braddock Road (Route 620)**

Sidewalk demolition will continue on the eastbound Braddock Road Bridge and cable line relocation will occur. Installation of two temporary traffic signals will occur on I-495 north to Braddock Road west and on I-495 south to Braddock Road east. The temporary signals will be at the end of the exit ramps onto Braddock Road.

## **Little River Turnpike (Route 236)**

Bridge construction continues at Little River Turnpike.

## **Gallows Road (Route 650)**

Preparation for bridge demolition will occur including sidewalk and median removal.

## **Arlington Boulevard (Route 50)**

Clearing will occur on I-495 north and south near the Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) interchange.

## **I-66**

Bridge construction continues at the I-66 and I-495 interchange.

## **Chain Bridge Road (Route 123)**

Bridge construction continues at the Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) and I-495 interchange.

## **Westpark Connector**

Excavation for new bridge piers continues.

## **Dulles Toll Road (Route 267)**

Clearing will occur in the median area on I-495 and the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267) near Exit 45.

## **Lane Closures:**

### **I-495 North Night Work**

When:	Sun. through Thu., Jan. 25-29, 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Fri., Jan. 30, 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
What:	Right two lanes AND the ramps from Fairview Park Drive and Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) west to I-495 north closed OR left two lanes closed (See link for detour map <a href="http://vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/I-495_Detour_Map_Route_50.pdf">http://vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/I-495_Detour_Map_Route_50.pdf</a> )
Where:	I-495 north at the Lee Highway (Route 29) overpass
Why:	Bridge demolition
Police:	Onsite for motorist safety

### **I-495 South Night Work**

When: Sun. through Thu., Jan. 25-29, 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Fri., Jan. 30, 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
What: Right two lanes closed and partial ramp closure from I-66 east to I-495 south *OR* left two lanes closed  
Where: I-495 south at the Lee Highway (Route 29) overpass  
Why: Bridge demolition  
Police: Onsite for motorist safety

### **I-395 North Night Work**

1. When: Sun., Jan. 25, 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.\*  
What: Right two lanes closed  
Where: I-395 north at I-495  
Why: Pavement restriping for lane shift  
Police: Onsite for motorist safety

2. When: Mon., Jan. 26, 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.\*  
What: Left two lanes closed  
Where: I-395 north at I-495  
Why: Pavement restriping for lane shift  
Police: Onsite for motorist safety

\*The contractor is holding Tue. through Thu. nights Jan. 27-29, in case of inclement weather.

### **Gallows Road (Route 650) West**

When: Mon. through Thu., Jan. 26-29, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fri., Jan. 30, 9:00 a.m. to noon  
What: Right or left lane closed  
Where: Gallows Road (Route 650) west at I-495 interchange  
Why: Sidewalk demolition

### **Braddock Road (Route 620) East**

When: Mon. through Thu., Jan. 26-29, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fri., Jan. 30, 9:00 a.m. to noon  
What: Right lane closed  
Where: Braddock Road (Route 620) east at I-495 interchange  
Why: Sidewalk demolition **(See the link below for pedestrian detour route map. Pedestrians can also use Metrobus 17A, 17G and 17M across the Braddock Road Bridge.**

[http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/Braddock\\_Road\\_Ped\\_Detour\\_Route\\_Map.pdf](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/Braddock_Road_Ped_Detour_Route_Map.pdf)

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VDOT began work on 14 miles of HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes in 2008 and will be completed in 2013. Two new HOT Lanes will be added in each direction on the I-495 Capital Beltway from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road. They will provide a free flowing network for busses, carpoolers and sluggers.