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### **Furnace Road to be narrowed, I-95 Fourth Lane Project progressing toward first milestone**

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Both lanes on Furnace Road will be temporarily narrowed starting the week of Oct. 27 for several months while construction crews expand northbound bridge footers under the road.

This lane width reduction is being done as part of the I-95 Fourth Lane Project, which will widen I-95 from the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) in Newington to Occoquan Road (Route 123) in Woodbridge. The new bridge footers will support the future fourth lane of the interstate.

The lanes of Furnace Road should be returned to their normal width by late spring of 2009, said Project Manager Harinderbir Warraich. The first major milestone is expected to be completed in about a year, Warraich said.

“Construction of I-95 northbound is progressing well for the fourth lane opening from Route 1 to the Fairfax County Parkway for the anticipated opening of the end of 2009,” Warraich said.

The entire project is expected to be completed by 2011.

The narrowing of the lanes will occur in a section about 500 feet long where Furnace Road passes under I-95 in Lorton. A construction speed limit of 25 mph will be posted in this area. Motorists are advised to slow down and abide by this speed limit to safely pass through the work zone as the travel lanes will be narrowed to 9.5 feet.

“Keeping traffic moving smoothly through the region is a top priority to VDOT during these coming years of major highway improvements,” said Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E., director of Megaprojects for Northern Virginia.

For more information about the I-95 Fourth Lane project, visit [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com).

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