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Demolition wrapping up at Route 29; Braddock bridge to come down early 2009

Dulles Metro pre- construction work begins on Route 123



A hoe ram demolishes the northbound lanes of the Route 29 bridge over I-495. Over the next five years, all bridges from Braddock Road to the Dulles Toll Road will be replaced as part of the I-495 HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes project.

Photo by Lillian Kafka, Virginia Megaprojects

Demolition of the northbound side of the Route 29 bridge over the Capital Beltway is estimated to be completed by the end of December, according to the contractor, Flour-Lane.

Flour-Lane crews are demolishing the bridge to make way for a new, longer span over I-495 as part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project.

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Beginning the week of Dec. 15, those who live, work, and shop in Tysons Corner will begin to see the start of work along Route 123 in preparation for construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

The work will take place on land bounded by International Drive and

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Dulles Metro making moves toward a transit-oriented Tysons



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Tysons Boulevard, and by Route 123 and Galleria Place. The site will be cleared of existing brush and vegetation to make way for construction trailers, utility relocation work, and the start of the easternmost section of a 2,100-foot tunnel that will run below the intersection of Routes 7 and 123. This is the highest natural point in Fairfax County. Existing trees will be retained along the perimeter of the property. Some of the trees may have to be removed during future construction of the tunnel.

This work will be another step as the Dulles Metrorail Project moves forward. The Federal Transit Administration and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, the manager of the Metrorail Project, have approved this work to be performed by Dulles Transit Partners and their subcontractors.

If you have questions about this work, call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789.

Before



In December pre-construction work for the Dulles Metro began in Tysons Corner at Route 123. The work is being done near the site of a planned Metro stop. The future Tysons Central 123 Station is shown below at the intersection of Route 123 and Tysons Boulevard.

Photo by Jessica Labukas, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

After

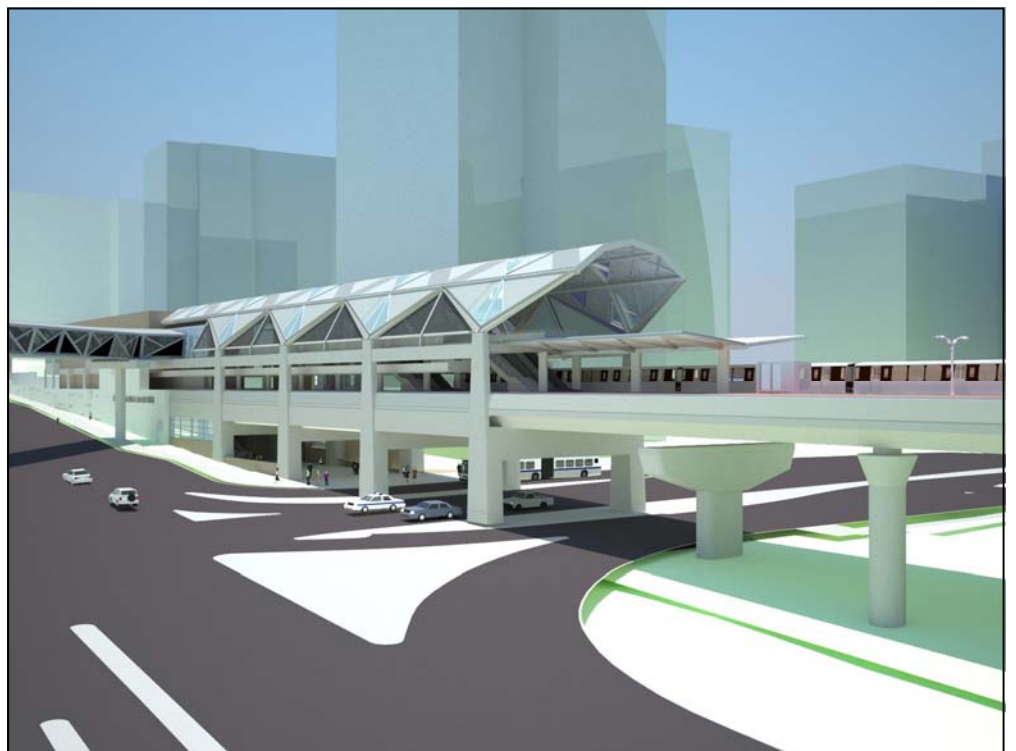


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Woodrow Wilson Bridge 'Thru' put increases



Motorists driving north on I-95 will see new signs as they approach the Thru-Local split on the Outer Loop of the Capital Beltway. Image courtesy Wilson Bridge Project

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge now offers motorists two additional lanes in each direction. These "Thru Lanes" will allow travelers to utilize the center-most lanes of the bridge, which mark a

significant increase in capacity over the old Wilson Bridge.

For more information on choosing "Thru" or "Local" lanes, contact wilsonbridge.com or 1-877-INFO WWB.

I-395/95 HOV schedule

The I-395/95 reversible HOV lanes will be use for **southbound** traffic at the following times:

- Dec. 24 from noon to 9 p.m.
- Dec. 26 from 1 p.m. to Dec. 27 at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 31 from noon to 9 p.m.
- Jan. 2 from 1 p.m. to Jan. 3 at 2 p.m.

The HOV lanes will be used for **northbound** traffic at the following times:

- Dec. 24 from 11 p.m. to Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 27 from 4 p.m. to Dec. 29
- Dec. 31 from 11 p.m. to Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.
- Jan. 3 from 4 p.m. to Jan. 5



CVS/pharmacy will begin selling **SmarTrip cards** on Dec. 23, at 190 stores in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The cards will be sold at select stores for \$10 — \$5 for the cost of the card and \$5 of preloaded fare value onto the card for immediate use.

Easing the crunch: VDOT lifts lane closures on Christmas, New Year's

VDOT is helping to ease traffic during the holidays by lifting temporary lane closures on interstate maintenance and construction projects in Northern Virginia.

For Christmas lanes will be open from noon Wednesday, Dec. 24 until 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29. The lanes will be open again for New Year's from noon Wednesday, Dec. 31 until 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

Long term construction zones will remain in place.

Interstate road construction zones in other districts of the state will experience lane closure lifts for various periods during the holidays.

Final steel erection to close Telegraph Road

As part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, **Telegraph Road will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians between Huntington Avenue and N. Kings Highway nightly from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. from Dec. 22-23** for ramp bridge construction.

Contractors will be erecting and connecting steel beams for the second of two bridges over Telegraph Road as part of ramps that will eventually carry traffic from the Outer Loop of the I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway to N. Kings Highway and Huntington Avenue to help improve traffic flow throughout the corridor.

Over the next two months, related daytime work may require Telegraph Road be reduced to two lanes in each direction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Related nighttime work may require it be reduced to one lane in each direction from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

January dates set for raising steel at I-95 project

Lorton Road reduced to one lane during night work to widen I-95

Crews widening Interstate 95 from Newington to Woodbridge will raise steel girders over Lorton Road — and require a major lane shift during nighttime hours.

VDOT's Project Manager Harinderbir S. Warraich said crews will

be reducing lanes of Lorton Road for about four nights in January to make sure workers and motorists stay safe.

State and county police will be on site to enhance the safety as well as to keep the traffic moving through the work zone. Motorists on Lorton Road

could expect delays of about 10 to 15 minutes during this night work.

The steel beams will be raised over Lorton Road to build wider bridges that will accommodate the new lanes of I-95.

During the nighttime hours of Jan. 12-15, traffic on Lorton Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction. The lanes will be shifted to either the eastbound or the westbound lanes of Lorton Road, depending on which girders are being raised. The contractor has reserved the night of Jan. 21 in case of weather or construction-related delays.

Project officials encourage motorists to use alternative routes during this work, which is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. At least one pedestrian path will remain open during the night work. For lane closure information, visit www.VAmegaprojects.com



Workers raising steel beams over Lorton Road will reduce lanes and shift traffic starting Jan. 12, 2009.

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Demolition will close north or southbound lanes of I-495 most weeknights through the next few weeks. Crews are scheduled to remove the bridge's steel beams overnight in the end of December. Taking down these steel beams will keep some lanes of I-495 closed during nighttime hours.

In early 2009, HOT Lanes construction will extend to the Braddock Road interchange.

That's when crews will begin taking down then rebuilding the Braddock Road bridges over I-495.

The westbound bridge will be the first to be rebuilt, therefore it's the first to be demolished. To prepare for the demolition the on- and off-ramp lanes on both sides of Braddock will be eliminated and all traffic will be shifted onto the eastbound bridge. Two lanes will remain in each direction. Temporary traffic signals will assist traffic entering Braddock Road from the Beltway ramps. This configuration will remain for between 12 and 18 months. Then, the traffic will move to the westbound bridge to allow crews to demolish and rebuild the eastbound

bridge.

During the demolition of the Braddock Road bridges there will be nighttime Beltway lane closures to protect traffic under the bridge.

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