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## **BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION BEGINS OVER BELTWAY HOT LANES** *Visible strides to rebuild aging infrastructure*

ALEXANDRIA—With the first year of the I-495/Beltway high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes under its belt, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fluor-Transurban are gearing up to erect bridge beams along the 14-mile corridor. The first steel lift for the new eastbound Little River Turnpike bridge (Route 236) over the Beltway begins Monday night, July 27.

The upcoming steel operation on the Beltway at Little River Turnpike is the first of many new Beltway bridges, said Ronaldo T. Nicholson, Regional Program Director for Virginia Department of Transportation's Northern Virginia Mega Projects. "Just one year into construction, the HOT Lanes project is visibly making strides to rebuild aging infrastructure and ultimately bring congestion relief and new travel choices to Northern Virginia," he said.

Little River Turnpike is the first of 12 interchanges that are being rebuilt and lengthened to span the future wider Beltway over the next two years. In addition to Little River Turnpike, new steel will be hung at I-66 and Routes 123 and 50 before the end of summer.

Steel placement at Little River Turnpike will be done during overnight hours and take about three weeks. Motorists can expect multiple lane closures and detours between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Detailed lane closure and detour information can be found here: [www.vamegaprojects.com/index.cfm/news/featured-headlines/bridge-reconstruction-begins-over-capital-beltway/](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/index.cfm/news/featured-headlines/bridge-reconstruction-begins-over-capital-beltway/) The \$1.4 billion Beltway HOT lanes are on schedule to be completed in 2013.



**1** These bridge piers will support the steel beams.

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