



# Traffic Alert

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## **STEEL BEAM LIFT FOR NEW GALLOWS ROAD BRIDGE**

*I-495 North Closed – Traffic directed onto Ramps*

*Mon.-Tues. Nights, Oct 19-20*

ALEXANDRIA— VDOT will close the Capital Beltway, I-495 north, about one-quarter mile before and after Exit 51, Gallows Road, overnight on Mon. and Tues., nights, Oct. 19-20 as crews lift steel beams into place for a new bridge at Gallows Road (Route 650) as part of Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes project. Lane closures on I-495 north will start at 9:30 p.m. and all lanes will shut from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wed., night, Oct. 21 will be used as a back-up night in case inclement weather forces postponement.

Motorists will be directed to use the following [detour](#) . Motorists traveling on I-495 north will be detoured up the Gallows Road exit ramp through the traffic signal at the top of the ramp, and back to the northbound beltway. Three left lanes will also be closed on I-495 south during the same night work hours. State police will be on hand to direct traffic.

Steel work on the new bridge will take about two-weeks. No additional full closures in the Gallows Road area will be required as all other work will be completed using nightly multiple lane closures.

Throughout the rest of the fall and winter new steel beams will be erected at the Beltway's interchanges/overpasses with Oak Street, Lee Highway (Route 29), Braddock Road (Route 620), I-66 and the Springfield Interchange. These new bridges are part of the total replacement of more than \$260 million of aging infrastructure in support of the \$1.4 billion Beltway HOT lanes project, which is on schedule to be completed in 2013.

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