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## **SHORTENED MERGE LANE I-495 SOUTH BETWEEN ROUTE 236 AND BRADDOCK ROAD** *Closure in effect for six to nine months*

ALEXANDRIA—Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, the Virginia Department of Transportation will shorten the merge lane onto I-495 south for Little River Turnpike (Route 236) traffic entering the Beltway outer loop towards Braddock Road (Route 620.) A section of the merge lane between Little River Turnpike and Braddock Road will be closed for six to nine months, weather permitting.

The shortened merge lane is necessary to allow crews room to construct a retaining wall and reconstruct the shoulder as part of the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project.

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**Motorist Note:** Throughout this winter, new bridge steel beams will be erected over the Beltway at Lee Highway (Route 29) and Braddock Road (Route 620). These new bridges are part of the total replacement of more than \$260 million of aging infrastructure in support of the \$1.4 billion Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project, which is on schedule to be completed in 2013.