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## **STEEL BEAMS TO BE LIFTED FOR NEW I-66 BRIDGE I-495 SOUTH LANES CLOSED DURING NIGHT WORK DETOUR IN EFFECT**

*Starting Thursday Night, Sept.10*

**ALEXANDRIA**— The Virginia Department of Transportation announced that beginning Thursday night, Sept. 10, for two-weeks, through Friday morning Sept. 25, steel will be lifted into place for a new bridge at I-66 west over I-495 south necessitating full beltway closures on I-495 south from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting. The new bridge is part of the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project.

For motorist safety I-495 south lanes will be closed to through traffic and detoured onto I-66 west, to Exit 62, Nutley Street and turn around to I-66 east to I-495 south. The detour may add an additional 15-20 minutes onto a trip during the peak overnight hours between 10 p.m. and midnight. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m.

Detour maps and details can be found here:

I-495 south

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I-66 west exit ramp to I-495 south

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The new I-66 bridge connections will provide a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) connection to the Beltway HOT Lanes along with new lane configurations making the I-66/I-495 connections easier to navigate. The new bridge is part of the total replacement of more than \$260 million of aging infrastructure.

Throughout the rest of the summer and fall new steel beams will be erected at the Beltway's interchanges/overpasses with Oak Street, Gallows Road (Route 650), Lee Highway (Route 29), and Braddock Road (Route 620). The \$1.4 billion Beltway HOT lanes are on schedule to be completed in 2013.

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