



Traffic Advisory

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Major Delays Possible Due to Nightly Multiple Lane and Ramp Closures On the Capital Beltway (I-95/495) in Virginia from Monday, April 14 to Sunday, April 26

Motorists Urged to Travel Alternate Routes

As part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, motorists should expect possible delays each night from Monday, April 14 through Sunday, April 26, as contractors institute a series of Capital Beltway lane and ramp closures near Telegraph Road in order to erect steel beams for a new ramp bridge above the highway. Staging for the work may begin as early as 9 p.m.

The ramp bridge is part of a new split ramp being constructed to carry traffic from the Outer Loop (I-95/495 northbound), above the Beltway into Eisenhower Valley or onto Telegraph Road northbound. This ramp is scheduled to be completed and open to traffic in Spring 2010.

During the required lane and ramp closures, motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes to avoid delays. In the event of inclement weather or the need for additional work time, nightly closures may be extended through the first week of May.

Details of the construction and suggested detours are as follows:

Monday, April 13 to Friday, April 17, 2009, 10:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m.

Outer Loop (I-95/495 Northbound) Reduced to One Lane

- Traffic from east of Eisenhower Avenue Connector to east of Telegraph Road will be narrowed to one lane.
- Immediately after work zone, all the Thru and Local lanes will be open.
- Ramps from directions of Telegraph Road to the Outer Loop will be closed. (**Detour:** Traffic needing to access the Outer Loop (I-95/495 northbound) from Telegraph Road will be detoured to Huntington Avenue eastbound, to U.S. Route 1 northbound.)
- Ramp from the Outer Loop to Telegraph Road southbound will be closed. (**Detour:** Traffic will be detoured from the Eisenhower Avenue Connector, along Eisenhower Avenue to Mill Road and Telegraph Road.)

Monday, April 19 to Saturday, April 25, 2009, 10:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m.

Inner Loop (I-95/495 Southbound) Reduced to Two Lanes

- From west of U.S. Route 1 to West of Telegraph Road, Thru and Local Lanes will be tapered down to one lane each (two lanes total will be open).
- Ramps to Pershing Avenue and Telegraph Road, north- and southbound, will be closed. (**Detour:** Traffic needing to access Telegraph Road and the Eisenhower Valley will be detoured south on U.S. Route 1 and west on Huntington Avenue to Telegraph Road.)

Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, 2009, 10:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m.

Outer Loop (I-95/495 Northbound) Reduced to One Lane

- Traffic from east of the Eisenhower Avenue Connector to east of Telegraph Road will be narrowed to one lane.
- Exit ramps from the Outer Loop to Telegraph Road will remain open.
- Traffic will be limited to the Local lanes with no access to the Thru lanes.
- Ramps from both directions of Telegraph Road to the Outer Loop will be closed. (**Detour:** Traffic needing to access the Outer Loop (I-95/495 northbound) from Telegraph Road will be detoured east on Huntington Avenue and north on U.S. Route 1 to the Outer Loop.)

Inner Loop (I-95/495 Southbound) Reduced to Two Lanes:

- From west of U.S. Route 1 to West of Telegraph Road, Thru and Local Lanes will be tapered down to one lane each (two lanes total will be open).
- Ramps to Pershing Avenue and Telegraph Road north and southbound will remain open.
- Ramp to the Inner Loop from Telegraph Road will be closed. (**Detour:** Traffic needing to access the Inner Loop (I-95/495 southbound) from Telegraph Road northbound will be detoured to Pershing Avenue, to Stovall Street, to Eisenhower Avenue to the Eisenhower Connector.)

The Variable Speed Limit (VSL) system will be utilized along the corridor to help lower speed limits approaching the construction area, reducing the likelihood of motorists having to make high-speed stops. Motorists should remember that speeding in an active speed zone is subject to additional fines by state and local police. The VSL system offers current delay-time estimates on highway signs, which are strategically placed along the I-95 corridor to enable motorists to choose a different route before they encounter congestion. In advance of travel, motorists can also get real-time travel speeds by visiting the Wilson Bridge website.

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