

The Visualize 2045 plan includes a potential I-95 Southbound Auxiliary Lane to be built in 2028. It certainly should be funded for construction by 2028. Considering this is the most congested traffic area in the United States, it should be moved up earlier.

There is almost no time day or night that this area is not congested. This is a safety hazard as the area loses a lane and effectively loses two lanes as traffic from Lorton/Rte-1/Ft. Belvoir merge from what becomes the Rte-123 merge lane which ends at Rte-123. The effective loss of two lanes slows commuters and through traffic to a halt creating a dangerous mix of widely differing approach speeds.

The constant traffic jam also increases pollution of both the air and the water below the bridge (Occoquan River, a Chesapeake Bay tributary). Additionally it impacts the dynamic activity centers in the commercial realm, the Washington DC commuter bedroom community, and museums such as the Quantico Marine Corps Museum and the soon to be open Museum of American Military History.

Again I suggest since this area is rated the most congested traffic area in the United States, the I-95 Southbound Auxiliary Lane should be moved up earlier to as soon as possible.

Brian Blankinship
Woodbridge, VA