

Pentagon Update – September 2018

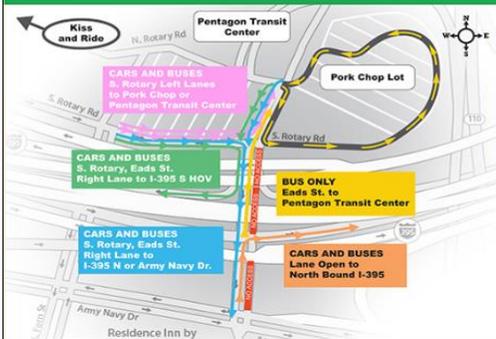
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Upcoming Traffic Pattern/Lane Changes at Eads Street

Construction work continues at the “Pork Chop” and along Eads Street between the Pentagon Reservation and Army Navy Drive as part of the 395 Express Lanes / South Parking Improvements Project. The next phase of the Eads Street construction will occur on the East side of Eads Street on or about October 15, subject to weather condition. The current travel lanes will switch to the West side of Eads Street. (southbound travel lanes), with access to the I-395 HOV Ramps preserved. The temporary relocation of Route 610 Stafford and Mine Road slug stations will remain at Kiss and Ride area on N. Rotary Rd during the Eads Street construction. The following are the details of the pattern/lane changes:

PM RUSH HOUR

South Parking & Eads Street



Lane Reduction: All traffic along Eads Street between South Rotary Road and Army Navy Drive will be shifted to the west side of Eads Street on or about October 15 through the winter months.

AM Peak Changes (6am – 9am): Right-turn from S. Rotary Rd. to I-395 S HOV Only, no Army Navy Dr. access from S. Rotary Road and Eads Street. No Pentagon Access via Eads Street Northbound. I-395 N Detour via Fern Street and Army Navy Drive.

Off Peak (9am – 3pm): No significant changes, all four (4) lanes open on South Rotary Road.

PM Peak Changes (3pm – 6pm): Some transit buses exit Pentagon Transit Center via Connector Road. Delays and congestion anticipated. No Pentagon Access via Eads Street Northbound. Identified I-395 HOV Access via VA-27 as an alternate option during significant delays

Information on the detailed traffic pattern changes will be posted on 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon. You can also follow us on WHSTransportation and @WHS_Transport: #395ExpressInfo. Please be prepared and pay close attention to signage as they will change to align with the new traffic patterns. Remember to practice safety, follow traffic control direction, and be familiar with travel alternatives. Visit the new Pentagon Commuter Store located at the Pentagon Transit Center for travel assistance.

395 Express Lanes Project Corner



Project Overview: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Express Lane Project will extend the I-395 Express Lanes (also known as High Occupancy Toll - HOT Lanes) eight miles north from Turkeycock Run near Eadsall Road to past the Eads Street Interchange in Arlington. The scope of the project includes: (1) conversion of the current two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes into three HOT lanes; (2) relocation of tour bus drop-off from South Parking "Pork Chop" area to the Hayes Street Lot (completed in Sep 2017); (3) the construction of a bus loop in the "Pork Chop" area to improve traffic flow and safety on the Reservation (began in Feb 2018); and (4) the addition of a dedicated lane on South Rotary Road to act as the on ramp to access the new HOT Lanes during the PM rush hours. To stay informed on the construction progress, lane closure notifications and travel alternatives, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.

Pentagon Commuter Store Grand Opening

As part of the 395 Express Lanes Transit Demand Management (TDM) Plan to encourage the use of different travel options and reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles on the road, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), in collaboration with the Pentagon, VDOT, WMATA and Arlington County, established the Pentagon Commuter Store into the old WMATA Sales Office at the Pentagon Transit Center, which is one of the largest transit hubs in the region utilized by over 23,000 commuters on a daily basis. The intent of the commuter store is to enhance mobility choices for not only the Pentagon personnel but regional commuters who utilize the PTC as part of their daily commute.

The Pentagon Commuter Store also serves as a centralized location to provide commuters updates on the 395 Express Lanes Project. The Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on Thursday, September 13. Mr. Sajeel Ahmed, Director, Facilities Services Directorate provided opening remarks and was joined by representatives from VDOT, WMATA, DRPT and Arlington County. WHS TMPO facilitated the event and Ms. Regina Grant, Director, Integrated Services Division provided the history and concept of the Pentagon Commuter Store to the attendees and customers.

