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## **New Traffic Patterns on Beltway Lanes in MD and VA Near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Starting This Weekend (10/26) Motorists Advised to Stay Alert and Expect Delays; Major Activity Continues Next Week during Overnight Hours Requiring Periodic Traffic Stoppages at Bridge**

Oxon Hill, MD / Alexandria, VA – Motorists traveling across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge should prepare for new traffic patterns on I-95/I-495 (the Capital Beltway) both in Maryland and Virginia, beginning this weekend (10/26). If traveling on the Beltway near the Wilson Bridge this weekend, specifically Friday night (10/26) through Saturday (10/27) **motorists are advised to stay alert and to expect delays.**

In Maryland, all lanes on I-95 North (the Capital Beltway's Outer Loop) will be shifted to the right onto new Outer Loop lanes. The shift, which is similar to the recently completed Beltway Shift on the Inner Loop in Maryland, will extend for approximately one mile, beginning at the I-295 Interchange to the MD 210 Interchange Exits.

In Virginia, crews will be installing large storm water drainage pipes underneath the Beltway lanes and completing necessary roadway work in preparation for shifting all lanes on I-95 South (the Capital Beltway's Inner Loop), from the Route 1 Interchange to Telegraph Road Interchange Exits, next weekend (11/2).

To accommodate these important traffic shifts, which are necessary to allow workers to build new Beltway lanes that ultimately will separate local and long-distance travelers, and match the wider new Wilson Bridge spans, multiple ramp and Beltway lane closures will be necessary. Details are as follows:

### **Maryland**

#### **1) 9 p.m. Friday, 10/26 until as late as 8 a.m. Saturday, 10/27:**

I-95 North/Beltway Outer Loop will be reduced to one lane between the I-295 and MD 210 Interchanges. The following Beltway ramps will be closed and motorists will be directed to follow signed detour routes:

- I-295 South to Outer Loop
- Outer Loop to MD 210 North
- MD 210 North to Outer Loop
- MD 414 East and West to Outer Loop

#### **2) 8 a.m. Saturday, 10/27: All newly-aligned Beltway lanes and ramps will reopen.**

*In the event of inclement weather, all work and lane closures will be rescheduled to occur Saturday night, 10/27 into Sunday morning, 10/28.*

### **Virginia**

#### **1) 8 p.m. Friday, 10/26 until Saturday afternoon, 10/27:**

- One lane will close on I-95 South/Beltway Inner Loop and the two remaining lanes will be shifted approximately 50 feet to the right onto a temporary detour alignment, from the Route 1 Interchange to Telegraph Road Interchange Exits.
- The Beltway ramps from the Inner Loop to Route 1 South and Telegraph Road North and South will be closed with traffic detoured onto Route 1 North. These ramps only will be closed for a short time on Friday night to

allow traffic to be routed onto the detour alignment, and again on Saturday afternoon when traffic is returned to the existing Beltway alignment.

- 2) **Saturday afternoon, 10/27: Beltway lanes will be reopened gradually and traffic will be shifted back onto the existing Beltway alignment.**
- 3) **Saturday late afternoon/early evening, 10/27: All Beltway lanes and ramps will reopen.**

*In the event of inclement weather, all work and lane closures will be rescheduled.*

Extensive highway signage will be posted directing motorists through the closures and detour routes. To avoid the possibility of delays, however, motorists are urged to stay away from the Wilson Bridge this Friday night (10/26) and Saturday (10/27).

Southbound long-distance travelers are urged to consider using I-495 West (Outer Loop of the Capital Beltway) running to the west and north of Washington, DC toward the American Legion Bridge, which is approximately the same distance for I-95 travel. Southbound travelers also may use US Route 301. Northbound I-95 travelers should consider US 301 or I-495 North, the Inner Loop, toward the American Legion Bridge.

This weekend's work on the Inner Loop in Virginia will lay the groundwork for a major shifting of all Inner Loop lanes onto a permanent new alignment scheduled for next weekend, 11/2-11/4. **Motorists are advised that there will be night-time lane closures next week on the Inner Loop and major traffic impacts the weekend of 11/2.**

***Major Activity Continues Next Week during Overnight Hours  
With Draw Span Testing and Demolition of Old Bridge;  
Temporary Overnight Traffic Stoppages at Bridge Required***

In addition to the work occurring on the Inner Loop in Virginia next week, motorists are advised to expect periodic temporary stoppages of all traffic on the Wilson Bridge during overnight hours. These stoppages are necessary for two major activities: demolition operations at the old bridge and draw span testing on the new bridge. Specific details are as follows:

**1) Between the hours of Midnight – 5 a.m., Monday night (10/29) / Tuesday morning (10/30):**

Workers will demolish remaining portions of the old Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the Maryland approach. The detonations are scheduled during night-time hours to facilitate necessary safety measures that will be executed. **These measures include a 30-minute total closure of I-95/Capital Beltway at some point between Midnight and 5 a.m.** In addition, there will be a 90 minute no-fly period for aircraft and a 500-foot safety perimeter surrounding the work area including a 60-minute closure of the Federal navigation channel and adjacent auxiliary navigation channel.

**2) Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., Tuesday night (10/30)/Wednesday morning (10/31) and Wednesday night (10/31)/Thursday morning (11/1):**

Bridge openings will occur to accommodate necessary testing or "commissioning" of the new Wilson Bridge's draw span leaves. Up to two openings could occur per evening, stopping traffic for approximately 30 minutes. The draw span testing will alternate between the northbound side (affecting Outer Loop traffic) and southbound side (affecting Inner Loop traffic).

All work subject to change, based on weather conditions.  
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