

Project Update and Field Activity Report

495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project

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Activities In the Field

Early project activities underway on the 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) project involve exploratory work such as survey work, geotechnical borings, tree inventories, and identification of utility locations.

Current Work

This January, geotechnical test borings will be performed in approximately 50 locations along the 495 NEXT project corridor adjacent to the Capital Beltway. Depending upon weather and other factors, the borings are expected to be completed in spring 2022.



Test boring location stake.

Borings will occur adjacent to residential areas including in the vicinity of the following locations:

McLean Area:

Live Oak Drive (about 30 of the approximately 50 borings), Balls Hill Road and the cul-de-sacs of Arbor Lane, Lawton Street, River Oaks Drive and Butternut Court

Tysons Area:

Spring Gate Drive

Boring crews will make every effort to preserve existing trees, but in some locations, a limited number of trees may need to be cleared in order to perform the work safely (tree clearing will be determined as the work progresses). The borings will involve drilling down approximately 30 to 75 feet to take samples of soil conditions that will guide design and construction of the project. When boring rigs are in operation, moderate noise may occur.

All construction-related activities are subject to change based on weather, contractor scheduling, and other factors.



Map shows areas where geotechnical borings will take place as of January 2022.



Boring rig staged on Live Oak Drive.

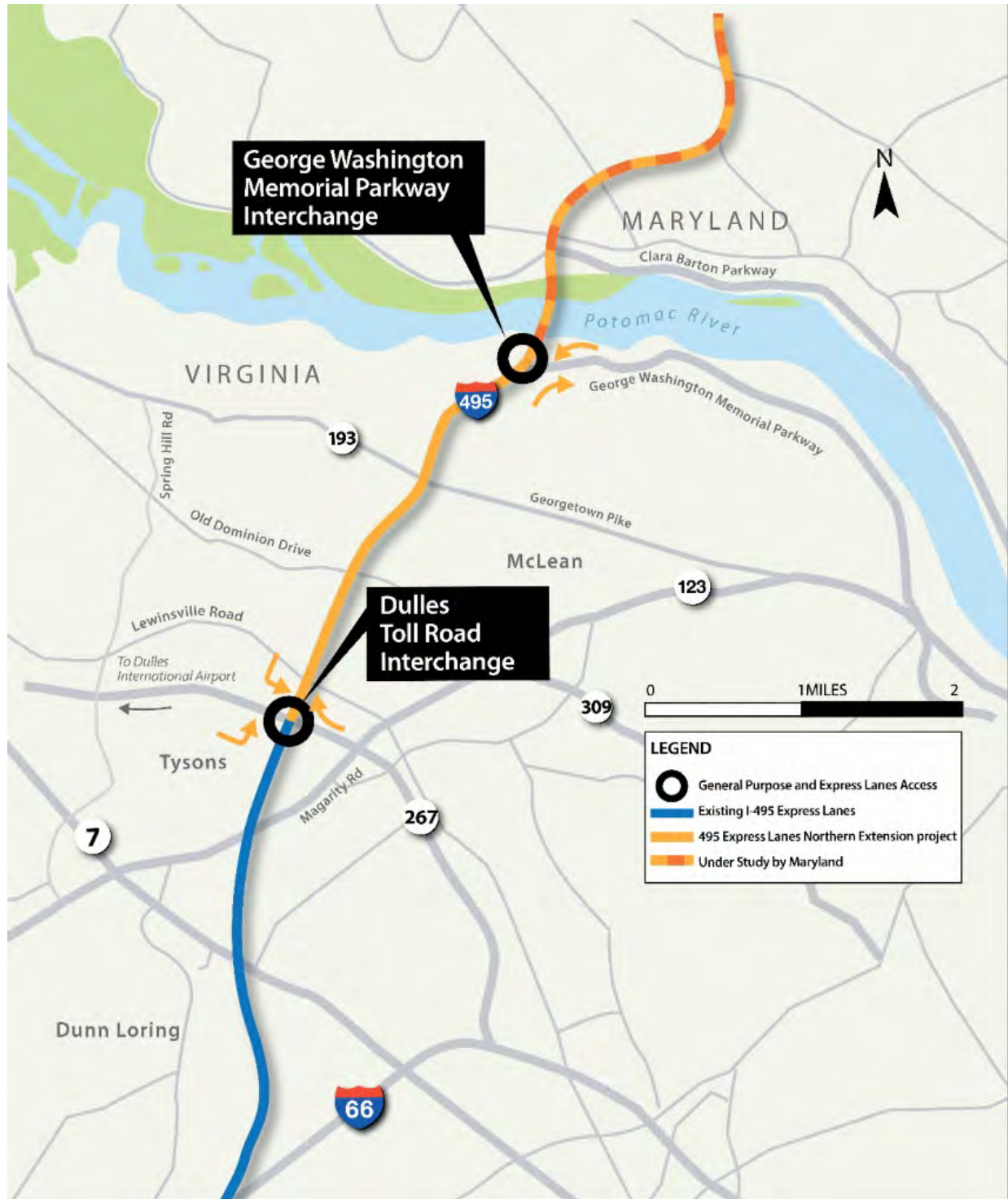
Project Background

The 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension project (495 NEXT) will extend the existing 495 Express Lanes north by two-and-a-half miles from the Dulles Toll Road interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway interchange in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge. The project will provide new and improved connections at the Dulles Toll Road and George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Other project benefits include dedicated funding to support transit improvements in the corridor including new bus service over the American Legion Bridge, four miles of new bicycle and pedestrian connections including a shared-use path parallel to I-495 from Lewinsville Road to near Live Oak Drive, replacement or rehabilitation of seven bridges with pedestrian

accommodations, replacement of nine existing noise walls and construction of a new noise wall along Live Oak Drive in the vicinity of the George Washington Memorial Parkway interchange, and environmental improvements introducing stormwater management facilities and funding restoration of the stream at Scotts Run.

495 NEXT is a public-private partnership project between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Transurban, operator of the existing 495 Express Lanes. Lane Construction is the design-build contractor for the project. Financial close is expected to occur in early 2022, with construction starting later in 2022. The new extended lanes are scheduled to open in 2025.



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