

Project Update and Field Activity Report

I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project

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Upcoming Construction

Clearing and Utility Relocation Activities Scheduled for November

Along Live Oak Drive in Early November

Starting as early as Monday, November 7, crews will begin clearing trees and other vegetation along Live Oak Drive in preparation for a realignment of the road and adjacent wall that will enable construction of new Beltway ramps and lanes as part of the 495 NEXT project. This clearing work is planned to occur during daytime hours.

For safety reasons, during clearing and subsequent work, Live Oak Drive periodically will be reduced to a single lane with flaggers directing traffic.



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After clearing is completed, utility relocations for power, communications and water lines will begin.

Once these activities are complete, crews will begin constructing the new, realigned Live Oak Drive, which will be shifted west. Additionally, the existing walls adjacent to

Live Oak Drive will be removed, and new noise barriers will be built alongside the realigned roadway. In locations where no noise barriers currently exist, new noise barriers are under consideration.

Near Northbound I-495 Noise Wall Between Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike

Beginning on or about November 16, tree clearing will occur on the neighborhood side of the noise wall along northbound I-495 between Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike. This area is adjacent to residences located on portions of Churchill Road and Delf Road as well as McLean Presbyterian Church on Balls Hill Road. Tree clearing in this area is necessary to make room for the widened footprint of I-495 and to demolish and build new noise barriers.

Long Term Traffic Change Coming to Northbound I-495 Approaching Dulles Toll Road

Beginning in mid-November, drivers traveling on northbound I-495 to westbound Dulles Toll Road will take an earlier exit than the existing left exit (Exit 45). The earlier exit ramp is an existing express lanes ramp that will now be used by both the traffic coming from the northbound 495 Express Lanes and northbound I-495 general purpose lanes.

To facilitate this new travel pattern, I-495 will be reduced from four to three lanes for a stretch of approximately one-half mile between the Route 123 and westbound Dulles Toll Road interchanges.

This roadway and ramp configuration is necessary to build a replacement I-495 bridge over the Dulles Toll Road ramps, and is expected to be in place from mid-November 2022 through February 2025.



Current Field Activities

Joint Repairs on Southbound I-495 Continue

Joint repair work on southbound I-495 is now underway, to prepare for construction of the future, widened Beltway. This work is requiring multi-lane closures on southbound I-495 during nighttime hours. The joint repair work began in the vicinity of the Georgetown Pike overpass and is progressing to the south on the approximately 2.5-mile project corridor.

After repairs are completed on southbound I-495, work will begin on northbound I-495. Work that is not completed this fall is anticipated to resume in spring 2023.

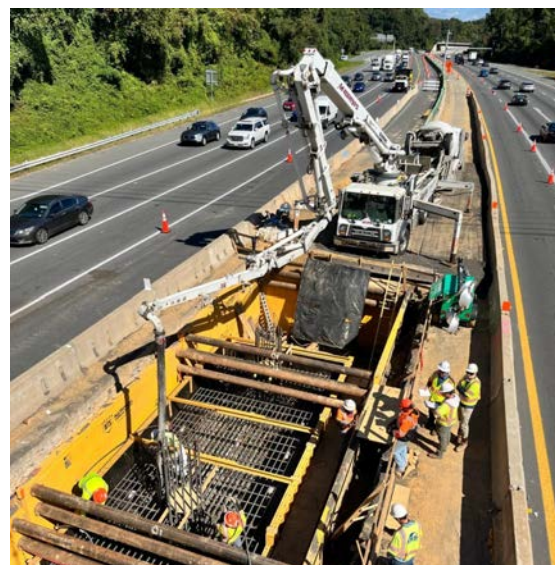
Joint repair work performed in the vicinity of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, which started on October 24, requires the following detour: Motorists coming from George Washington Memorial Parkway heading for southbound I-495 will be directed to access the Beltway by staying right and taking the ramp up to Georgetown Pike, proceeding straight through the traffic light, and taking the ramp back down where traffic will then be able to merge onto the Beltway.



Beltway Overpass and Shoulder Strengthening Work Advances

Crews continue to advance work on the center pier of the new Georgetown Pike overpass and recently started work on the center piers for the Live Oak Drive and Old Dominion Drive overpasses.

Work also continues on strengthening the weight-bearing capacity of shoulders along the Beltway and on ramps so they can serve as travel lanes while crews work to widen the Beltway.



Crews pour concrete for the center pier foundation of the new Georgetown Pike Bridge. October 2022

All construction activities are subject to change due to weather and other factors.

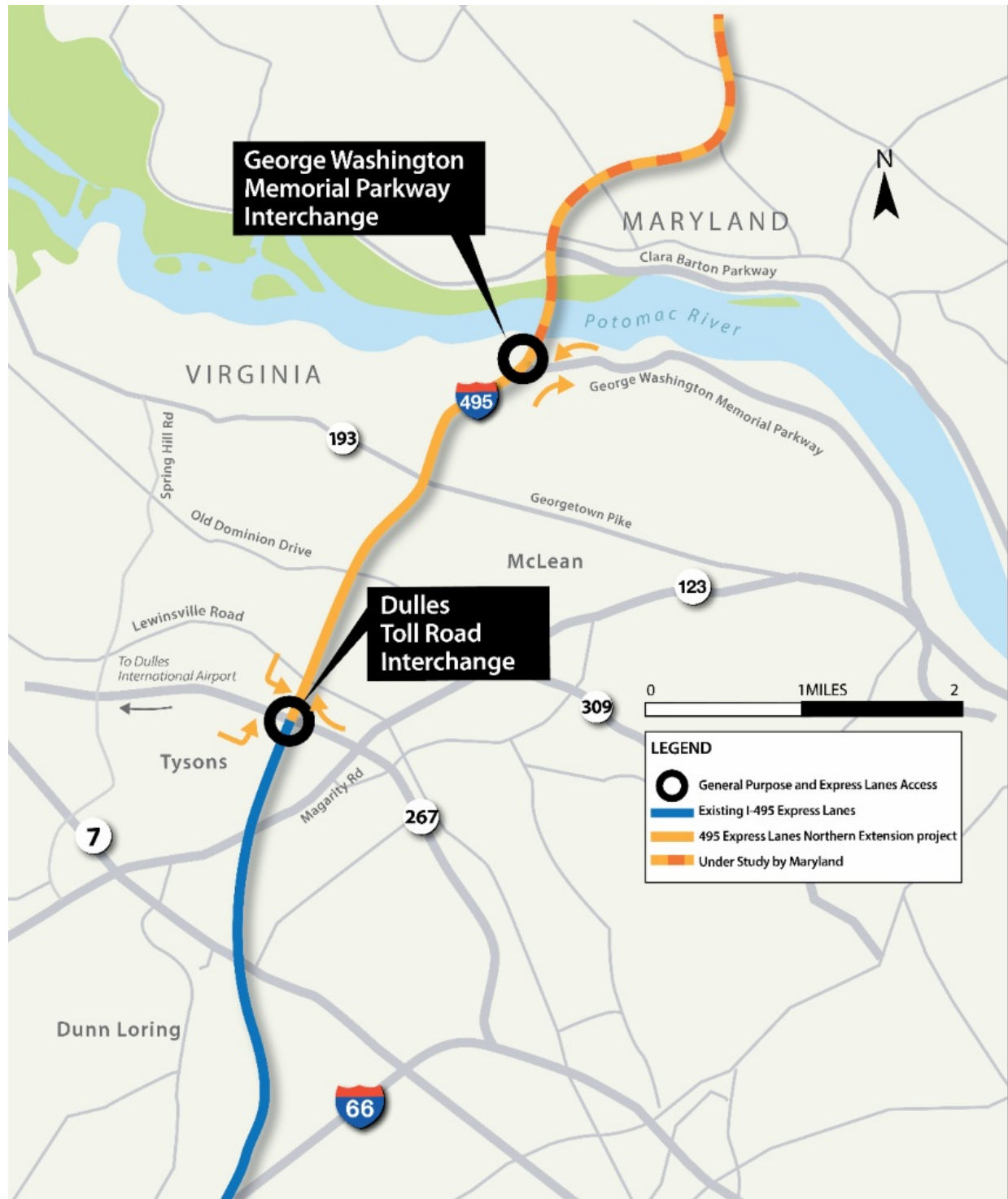
Project Background

The I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) project is extending the existing 495 Express Lanes north by two-and-a-half miles from the Dulles Corridor 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 Corridor and George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Other project benefits include 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, environmental improvements introducing stormwater management facilities and funding of restoration at Scotts Run stream, and

dedicated funding to support transit improvements in the corridor including new bus service over the American Legion Bridge.

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. The new extended lanes are scheduled to open in 2025.



Learn More About the Project

Check out www.495NEXT.org for additional information.

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