



Project Update and Field Activity Report

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

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Project Update Meetings on June 6 and 7

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), along with project partner, Transurban, and contractor, Lane Construction, is holding [two Project Update Meetings](#) on June 6 and 7, 2022 to provide an overview of the construction and design updates related to the 495 NEXT project. Both the in-person and the virtual meeting will feature a presentation and question-and-answer session with project representatives from VDOT and its partners.

Meeting Details

In-Person Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2022

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (presentation at 7 p.m.)

Langley High School Auditorium

6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean VA 22101

Enter the building using Door 14

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

[Click here to join the meeting](#) or visit [495NEXT.org](https://www.495NEXT.org) for details on how to join

Call 703-691-6715 with questions about joining the meeting

The project update meetings will focus on:

- Upcoming construction activities, including a preliminary timeline
- Expected construction impacts
- Project design changes and enhancements
- New interactive map showing latest construction, designs and plans

- Coordination with the adjacent George Washington Memorial Parkway rehabilitation project and the New American Legion Bridge I-270 Traffic Relief Plan

Current and Upcoming Construction and Traffic Changes

Scheduled Closures for Upcoming Week of June 3-10

- Double-left lane closures overnight on Friday, June 3 on southbound I-495 between the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Old Dominion Drive for placing barriers in preparation for realigning the Beltway to the outside and creating a safe working space in the center for bridge pier construction. In the event of inclement weather, this double-lane closure will occur overnight on Saturday, June 4.
- Night-time double-lane closures overnight on Monday, June 6, and overnight on Tuesday, June 7, from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. on northbound I-495 from the Dulles Access Road to the George Washington Memorial Parkway for traffic sign removal and electronics work.
- Daytime single lane closures from Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the east- and westbound Georgetown Pike Bridge over I-495 for preparations for future construction activities.

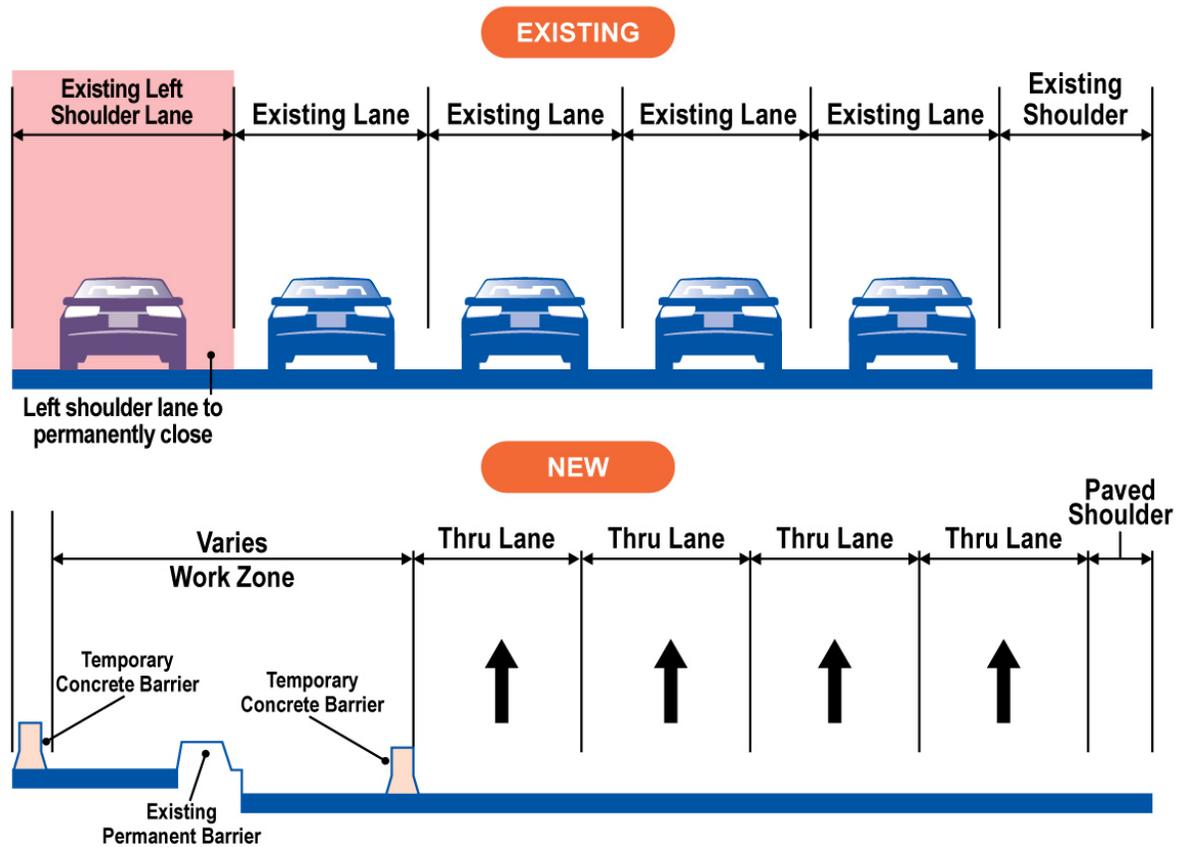
Closure of Green Arrow/Red X Left-Shoulder Lane on I-495 North

The Green Arrow/Red X left-shoulder lane on northbound I-495 between where the current 495 Express Lanes end near the Dulles Access Road and the George Washington Memorial Parkway [closed permanently overnight on June 1](#). The closure of the shoulder lane, which previously was open during morning and afternoon peak travel periods, was necessary to make space in the center of the Beltway for construction of new bridges that will span the wider, future Beltway at Old Dominion Drive, Georgetown Pike and Live Oak Drive.

In addition to the northbound left-shoulder lane closing, other construction activities taking place in June include:

- Closing the southbound center shoulder;
- Restriping and realigning the general-purpose lanes to create space in the center of I-495; and
- Placing temporary barriers to secure the center work zone for the safety of drivers and workers.

New Traffic Pattern – I-495 Northbound (Old Dominion Drive to Live Oak Drive)



Periodic lane closures are required to complete this work but will be scheduled during **non-peak travel hours**. Travelers approaching the construction area should anticipate delays and plan accordingly.

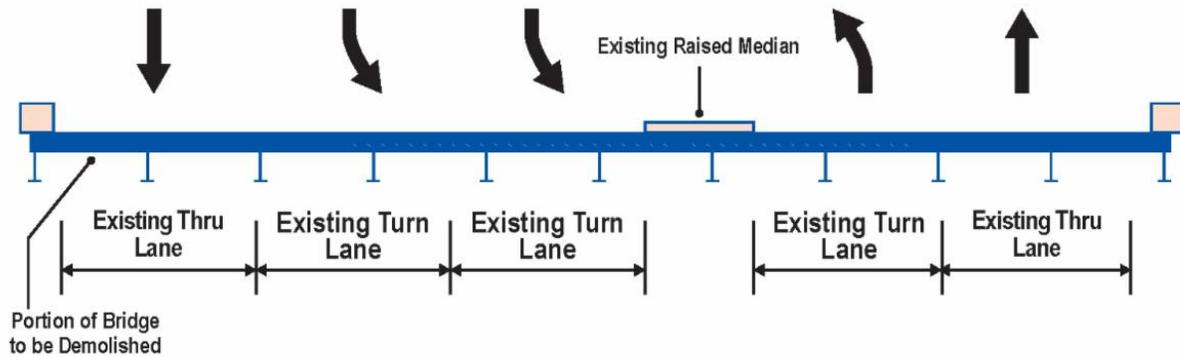
Georgetown Pike Bridge

In mid-June, VDOT will begin replacing the existing Georgetown Pike Beltway bridge.

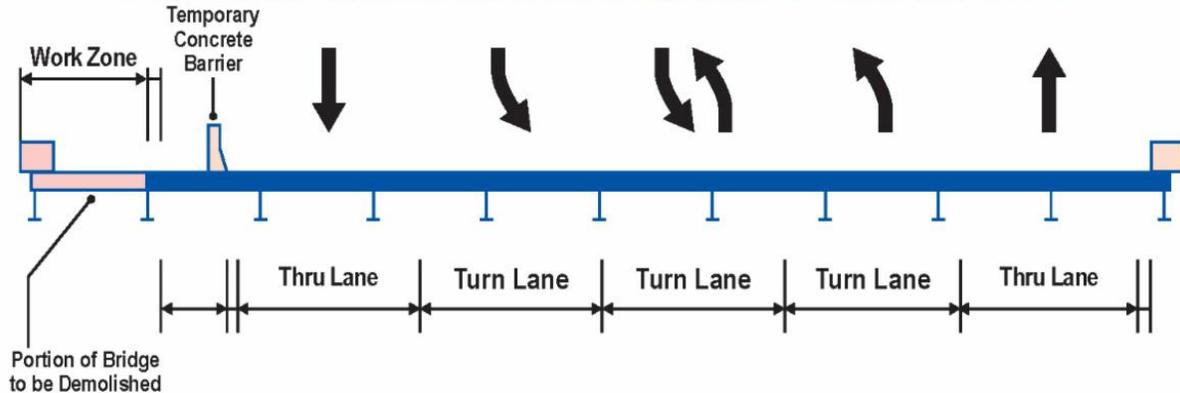
In sequence, the center median of the bridge will be demolished, and a temporary traffic barrier will be installed along the westbound shoulder. Next, east- and westbound traffic will be shifted south on the existing bridge and temporary traffic signals will be installed to enable the removal of the existing signals. When the northern portion of the bridge is rebuilt to span the wider Beltway, traffic will be shifted to the north and the current southern portion of the bridge will be demolished and rebuilt.

495 NEXT Georgetown Pike Bridge Construction Work

EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATION



TEMPORARY LANE CONFIGURATION DURING CONSTRUCTION



The Georgetown Pike bridge work will require periodic lane closures during non-peak travel periods (midday and overnight hours). Travelers approaching the Georgetown Pike bridge should anticipate delays and plan their trips accordingly.

When completed, the reconfigured Georgetown Pike Interchange will provide several improvements, including:

- A channelized, free-flow right turn from westbound Georgetown Pike to northbound I-495;
- An on-ramp to northbound I-495 that will provide increased merge distance; and
- A wider Georgetown Pike bridge that will include a six-foot-wide sidewalk and a trail connection to Scotts Run Nature Preserve.

New Construction Inquiry Line

Have a question about 495 NEXT construction? VDOT has established a new construction project inquiry line at **703-592-6430** where you can get answers to your individual questions.

Project Background

The 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension project (495 NEXT) 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

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 restoration of the stream at Scotts Run, 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.

[Sign up](#) here to receive project email updates.



Questions?

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