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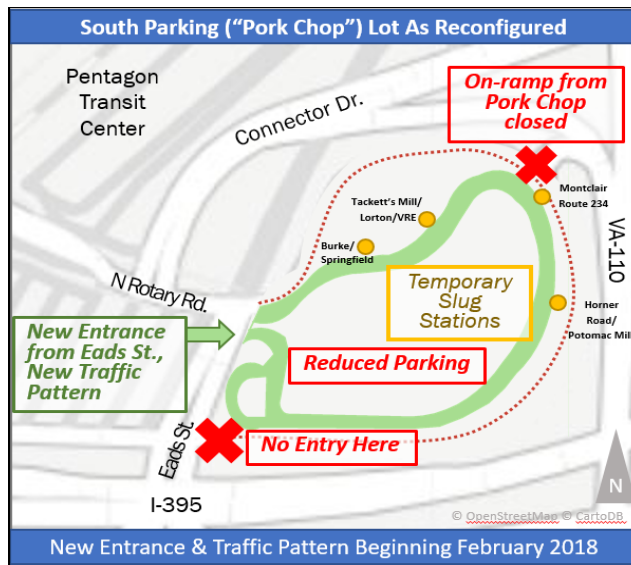
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Pentagon South Parking Lot Work Set to Begin in February, Traffic Patterns to Shift

Plans to begin work on the Pentagon Reservation's South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area, an element of the 395 Express Lanes Project, remains on track to begin in February. The changes, which include a new traffic pattern, will improve the traffic flow and overall safety.

Construction at the "Pork Chop," which is located east of Eads Street and north of I-395, includes the addition of bus-only travel lanes ("bus loop") and the reconfiguration of the "slug" lane. Slug lines will remain in the same order during construction, and temporary signage will be installed to direct drivers and pedestrians.



During and after construction, privately owned vehicles (POVs) will enter and exit the "Pork Chop" from Eads Street; the existing exit to VA-110 from the "Pork Chop" will permanently close to POVs. New pedestrian sidewalks with a barrier system, new signage, and pavement markings to clearly delineate the slug lanes will be added as part of the project. Please use caution around the construction zone and allow for extra travel time.

As a result of the structural improvements, some parking spaces will be eliminated. The WHS Parking Management Office (PMO) has been reallocating and reassigning permits to account for fewer parking spaces. For any parking questions, please call the WHS PMO at the Pentagon at 703-614-7271.

In addition to the South Parking Lot work, the 395 Express Lanes Project will convert the South Rotary Road drop-off/pick-up lane to a right-turn Express Lane entrance ramp. As part of the South Rotary Road work, crews will install gates along the South Rotary turn lane, and install traffic signals on Eads Street at North and South Rotary Roads.

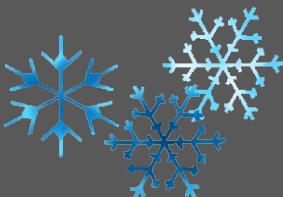
To stay informed on the construction progress, lane closure notifications and travel alternatives, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.

FSD Director's Message



As the new year begins, we anticipate new construction activities and traffic patterns on the Pentagon Reservation starting as early as February 2018 due to the 395 Express Lanes project. Stay alert and use caution around construction zones and allow for extra travel time. This is a good time to plan for commute alternatives. We will be hosting additional outreach events this year on travel options such as vanpools and carpools. Our transportation team will also provide updates as they become available on our website, Facebook (WHSTransportation) and Twitter (@WHS_Transport) to keep you informed. Please visit us and stay connected!

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ **Tuesday, January 23, 2018:**
Monthly Information Table at the Mark Center; 10:30am to 1:00pm; Main Street in front of the East Elevator Lobby
- ◆ **Vanpool Info Sessions (NEW!):**
 - Pentagon Session—February
 - Mark Center Session—February
 - Suffolk Building—March

Specific dates/time will be announced soon. Stay tuned by visiting us on our website or call at 571-372-7124.

Mobile Commuter Store at the Pentagon Schedule

The Mobile Commuter Store schedule at the Pentagon Transit Center (PTC) for the remainder of December 2017:

- Wednesdays, December 20, 27
- Thursday, December 21, 28
- Friday, December 22, 29

The Mobile Commuter Store now comes to Upper Level Bus Bay U7 at the PTC every **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:30am—1:00pm.**



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 Edsall 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

September 2017); (3) the construction of a bus loop in the "Pork Chop" area to improve traffic flow and safety on the Reservation; 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.

Try Transportation Alternatives

As construction begins in the South Parking "Pork Chop" Lot, Pentagon commuters should be prepared for impacts to their commutes. Those who drive alone may find their journeys to and from work affected by detours or additional traffic, even if you do not park at the "Pork Chop".

To beat rush hour traffic, now is a great time to try other transportation alternatives such as bus and Metro Rail service and ridesharing (carpooling/vanpooling/slugging). If you want to try vanpooling, the article on the next page shows you how vanpool works. Improvements to bus services to connect the Pentagon with Park and Ride lots are also in the works as part of the 395 Express Lanes project. Recently WMATA has added trips to some Pentagon commuter routes, including the 18J Orange Hunt and 18P Burk Center lines with service to Rolling Valley Park and Ride. PRTC will also begin four new Dale City-Pentagon/Rosslyn/Ballston OmniRide trips beginning Monday, January 22. For more information, please visit <http://www.wmata.com> and <http://prtctransit.org/>.

If you plan to continue to drive to work, you might also consider exploring an alternate route to your permitted parking area. Due to 395 Express Lanes construction and other projects on or near the Pentagon Reservation, traffic may force you to use these alternatives in the future.



How Does Vanpool Work?

WHAT IS A VANPOOL? Vanpooling is a way for a group of people who live near one other to save time and money by commuting to work together. It's like carpooling with a larger vehicle, and with driving done by a vanpool provider for a reasonable monthly cost. In addition to the opportunity to read, surf the web and relax on your commute, you could save hundreds over driving a personal vehicle and save time by making use of HOV lanes and dedicated vanpool parking. If you vanpool and ever need to return home in a rush, you can also receive a free trip home via the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. It's free for those who carpool, vanpool, bike, walk or take transit to work at least twice a week.

HOW DO I FIND AN EXISTING VANPOOL SERVICE? The George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) offers a comprehensive list of vanpool providers in the National Capital Region (NCR) located at the GWRC website (<https://www.gwrideconnect.org>). The 395 Express Lanes website (<https://www.395expresslanes.com/commuter>) also provides information on various commuter solutions to include vanpool services.

HOW DO I GET A PARKING PERMIT FOR A VANPOOL? Once a vanpool operator meets IRS guidelines (1.32.15), the service is able to park in a designated area at the Pentagon, Mark Center or Suffolk Building. First: the operator must complete DD Form 1199, the Acknowledgment Statement, and have a valid Common Access Card (CAC) or building access badge; he/she must also have proof of residency; i.e. Driver License or utility bill. Second: he/she must have signed and dated on the DD Form 1199. Third: he/she must complete all applicable fields on the DD Form 1199 under "FOR OFFICE USE ONLY." Fourth: he/she must input the all vanpool members' information into the Pentagon Force Protection Agency parking database. Fifth: after review and if there are no critical issues, the permit will be approved and a parking hangtag will be issued. Note the parking permit will be based on the earliest expiration date of the members' badges.

CAN I USE MASS TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS PROGRAM (MTBP) FUNDS? Federal personnel can use MTBP funding, Congressionally-authorized at \$260 for 2018, for vanpool services. They can also split their MTBP funding between vanpool services and Metrorail/bus work guidelines, depending on what makes the most sense for him/her. Please contact the MTBP team at (571) 256-0962 or WHSNCRTransitBenefit@mail.mil if you have any questions.

QUESTIONS? Contact the WHS TMPO at (571) 372-7124 or whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil

Upcoming DoD Shuttle Modification - Routes 1, 4 and 6; MC-Suffolk Building



DoD shuttles Route 1 (Pentagon - Naval Support Facility - Arlington Hall), Route 4 (Pentagon - Suffolk Building) and Route 6 (Pentagon—Arlington Hall) will be modified to improve shuttle performance and cost efficiency in February. Stay tuned for upcoming advisory and updated signage/schedules at the Pentagon Transit Center.

Effective February 1, 2018, the Mark Center-Suffolk Building shuttle pilot will end. The last day you will be able to use this shuttle service is Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Transportation alternatives between the Mark Center and Suffolk Building include taking the 7M from the Mark Center to the Pentagon and connect to Suffolk Building on DoD Shuttle Route 1. Other public transit alternatives include Metrobus 28A and Metrobus 25B from Southern Towers. Please visit www.wmata.com for detailed schedule information.

Please visit the CAC-enabled WHS Transportation websites for complete details.

- ◆ Pentagon - <https://my.whs.mil/services/Pentagon-DoD-Shuttle-Schedules>
- ◆ Mark Center - <https://my.whs.mil/services/mark-center-shuttle-service>



DoD Shuttle Inclement Weather Policy



As a reminder, DoD Shuttle services from the Pentagon and Mark Center will operate based on the OPM operating status during inclement weather. Shuttle schedules and frequency may be adjusted based on road conditions and safety. WHS TMPO will post DoD Shuttle service updates as information becomes available to our TMPO website, Facebook page and Twitter pager. For updates on local and regional bus services, please visit the respective transit provider website. Please exercise safety and plan accordingly during inclement weather.

January and February

2018 DASH Passes

The WHS Transportation Office provides paper DASH passes for Mark Center employees. The DASH pass allows free travel on all DASH routes at any time, including evenings and weekends.

December DASH passes are available now, and January DASH passes will be available for pick up beginning the last week in December.

CAC or PFAC cards are required at the time of pick up. Passes are good for one month and are available in the Transportation Office at Mark Center in Suite 03F21.



Transportation Alerts

For the latest transportation alerts including shuttle delays, route modifications and changes visit:
<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

Shuttle Schedules

For information about DoD Shuttles that service the Pentagon Transit Center (PTC) and Mark Center Station (MCS), visit our CAC-enabled website at:
<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

*****Please arrive at the shuttle stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure.*****

Ridematching

For more information about ridematching at the Mark Center, download our Ridematching Pamphlet:
<https://my.whs.mil/sites/default/files/RidematchingFlierv4.pdf>

Questions/Comments/Concerns

- Pentagon and Mark Center transportation questions/concerns, please contact: (571) 372-7124 or whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil
- Mass Transportation Benefits Program questions/concerns, please contact: (571) 256-0962 or whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.transitpass@mail.mil
- Parking Management Office questions/concerns, please contact: (703) 614-7271 (Pentagon), (571) 372-7100 (Mark Center/Suffolk Building), or whs.pentagon.fsd.mbx.parking-program@mail.mil

Transportation CAC-Enabled Website:

<https://my.whs.mil/services/transportation-management-program>

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