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I-295 Corridor Projects - Weekly Closures September 6 through September 13, 2021

(Washington, D.C.) – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will temporarily close roadways, lanes, ramps, and shoulders on the following corridors to perform construction activities along I-295 / DC 295 and nearby local roads. These closures are contingent on suitable weather, field conditions, and/or adjacent construction activities. Daily closures will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Nightly closures will take place between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day (unless otherwise stated below).

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, no lane closures will be in place on Monday, September 6, extending through 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7.

Due to the scheduled Washington Spirit game at Audi Field, nighttime lane closures will not occur on Sunday, September 12 until after 8:00 p.m. If any of these games are cancelled, daily and nightly closures will occur during the typical times. Additionally, any nighttime full roadway closures that are prohibited on these game days, will take place in the event of a game cancellation.

Single left or right lane closures will occur anytime daily and nightly on northbound and southbound I-295 between Exit 1 (Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab) and I-695. On northbound I-295 there will be no closures during the weekday AM peak period, and on southbound I-295 there will be no closures during the PM weekday peak period. Double left or right lane closures will occur nightly, starting at 9:00 p.m., until the following morning.

Single left or right lane closures will occur daily and nightly in both directions on South Capitol Street SE/SW between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and N Street SE and on Suitland Parkway SE between the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE overpass and South Capitol Street SE. These single lane closures along these roadways will take place during off-peak hours. Double left or right lane closures will only occur nightly, starting at 9:00 p.m., until the following morning. No other closures on South Capitol Street SE/SW or Suitland Parkway SE will take place on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

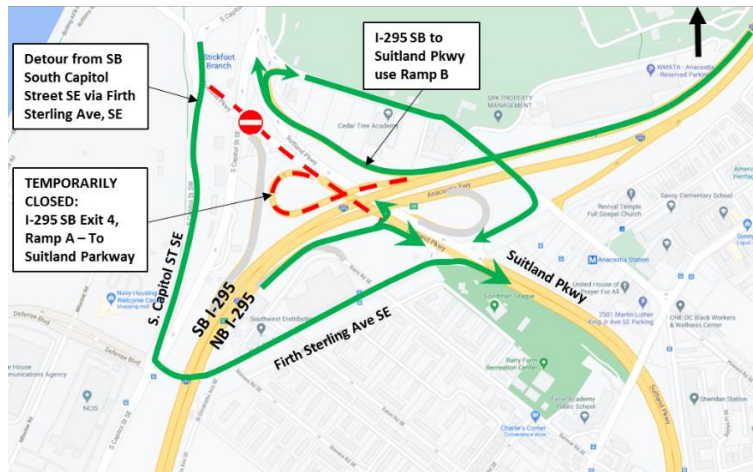
Daily and nightly single lane closures will also occur anytime during off-peak hours on Firth Sterling Avenue SE, and Howard Road SE. Daily and nightly single lane closures will also occur anytime on Potomac Avenue SE/SW, Half Street SW, Barry Road SE, St. Elizabeths Avenue SE, and Malcolm X Avenue SE.

The following full ramp closures will also occur during off-peak hours:

- Exit 4 from I-295 Northbound (South Capitol Street / Suitland Parkway)
- Exit 4 from I-295 Southbound (South Capitol Street / Suitland Parkway)
- I-295 Northbound On-ramp from northbound Firth Sterling Avenue SE
- Ramp from South Capitol Street / MLK Jr. Avenue to I-295 Northbound (continuously)

Eastbound Suitland Parkway SE between South Capitol Street SE and I-295 will be temporarily closed starting at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night, September 10, 2021. This closure will extend until the following morning at 8:00 a.m. A marked detour will be in place during this closure, as shown in the graphic below.

Eastbound Suitland Parkway Closure and Detour



Northbound South Capitol Street SE between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and Suitland Parkway SE will be temporarily closed starting Friday night, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. This closure will extend until the following morning at 8:00 a.m. A marked detour will be in place during this closure, as shown in the graphic below.

Northbound South Capitol St. SE Closure and Detour



Potomac Avenue SE will be closed in both directions at the intersection with South Capitol Street SE, and eastbound Potomac Avenue SW will be closed between Half Street SW and South Capitol Street SE/SW starting Friday night, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. These closures will be in place until 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, September 12. Marked detours will be in place during these closures.

Potomac Avenue (SE and SW) Closure and Detour



These closures are required for construction activities associated with the following DDOT projects:

South Capitol Street Corridor Project - Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge

The South Capitol Street Corridor Project calls for replacing the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and transforming related sections of the urban freeway into a beautiful scenic boulevard that increases pedestrian and vehicular safety, improves multimodal transportation options, increases community accessibility, and supports economic development on both sides of the Anacostia River.

I-295 / Malcolm X Avenue SE Interchange Improvement Project

The multiple phases of this project include the reconstruction of the I-295 interchange with Malcolm X Avenue SE, including modified ramps and a new access roadway to the St. Elizabeths West Campus. The planned improvements will be made between Firth Sterling Avenue SE, on the north, and the South Capitol Street/Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE intersection to the south. The project will provide transportation improvements to serve the proposed Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation on the St. Elizabeths West Campus.

Traffic controls will be in place to guide all users of the roadway through the work zones safely. Motorists

should expect delays due to the lane closures and are advised to stay alert and be observant of signage and road work crews while traveling in this area.

For more information about efforts to improve the 295 corridors and to stay up to date on traffic related impacts and construction progress, please visit www.improving295dc.com.

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For more information about DDOT's ongoing efforts to improve the 295 corridor, visit <http://www.improving295dc.com>.

The mission of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is to enhance the quality of life for District residents and visitors by ensuring that people, goods, and information move efficiently and safely with minimal adverse impact on residents and the environment.

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