



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 5, 2021

Media Contacts:

Lauren Stephens – (202) 465-6112, lauren.stephens@dc.gov

Mariam Nabizad – (202) 359-2678, mariam.nabizad@dc.gov

I-295 Corridor Projects - Weekly Closures March 8 through March 15, 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 typically take place between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Nightly closures will typically take place between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day (unless otherwise stated below).

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. Double left or right lane closures will only occur nightly 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 typically take place anytime, but no closures will take place on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

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

The following full ramp closures will also occur daily and nightly.

- Exit 3B from I-295 Northbound (South Capitol Street / Nationals Park / Downtown)
- Exit 4 from I-295 Southbound (South Capitol Street / Suitland Parkway)
- I-295 Northbound On-ramp from northbound Firth Sterling Avenue SE
- Ramp from MLK Jr. Avenue to I-295 Northbound (continuously)

Weeknight full closures will occur on Howard Road SE between the WMATA Parking garage and Firth Sterling Avenue SE. The nightly full closure of Howard Road SE will continue during the weekend starting at 8:00 p.m. Friday night, March 12 and ending by 5:00 a.m. Monday morning, March 15, 2021.

Firth Sterling Avenue SE between South Capitol Street SE and St. Elizabeths Avenue SE will be closed nightly between Monday, March 8 and Friday March 12, 2021. During the weekend, this segment of the roadway will also be closed from 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12 to 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning, March 15, 2021 as shown in the graphic. A marked detour will be in place during these closures.

Firth Sterling Avenue SE Closure & Detour



Northbound South Capitol Street SE between Potomac Avenue SE and P Street SE will be closed on both Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14 from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as shown in the graphic. A marked detour will be in place during this closure.

NB South Capitol Street SE Closure & Detour at Potomac Avenue SE



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. Elizabeth's 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. Elizabeth's West Campus.

###

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.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) for transportation-related updates and more; like us on [Facebook](#) and visit the website at www.ddot.dc.gov. Visit goDCgo.com for more information on transportation options in the District.