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(Washington, DC)—The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will temporarily close lanes, ramps and shoulders on the following roadways to perform construction activities along and near the I-295 / DC 295 corridor.

The following lane, ramp, and shoulder closures may be in place **daily from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday, March 23, 2020, through Sunday March 29, 2020**, weather permitting.

I-295 Northbound

- Single left or right lane/shoulder between Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1) and I-695 to I-395 Downtown (Exit 5A).

I-295 Southbound

- Single left or right lane/shoulder between I-695 (Exits 1B-C) and Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1).

Local Roads

- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound/southbound up to two left or right lanes between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and N Street, SE.
- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound/southbound single right lane between the southbound ramp to South Capitol Street / Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2) from I-295 and Martin Luther King Jr, Avenue, SE. (*Daily 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Ends on Saturday, March 28th.*)
- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound/southbound single left or right lane between MLK Jr. Avenue, SE and Malcolm X Avenue, SE. (*Daily 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Ends on Saturday, March 28th.*)
- Malcolm X Avenue, SE eastbound or westbound single left or right lane between 2nd Street, SE and South Capitol Street, SE. (*Daily 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Ends on Saturday, March 28th.*)
- Suitland Parkway, SE eastbound or westbound single left or right lane between the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE overpass and South Capitol Street, SE.
- Firth Sterling Avenue, SE northbound or southbound single left or right lane between South Capitol Street, SE and Howard Road, SE.

- Potomac Avenue, SE/SW eastbound or westbound single left or right lane between First Street, SE and Second Street, SW.
- P Street, SW eastbound or westbound lane between South Capitol Street, SW and Half Street, SW.
- Howard Road, SE eastbound or westbound single left or right lane and sidewalk between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Suitland Parkway, SE
- St. Elizabeths Avenue, SE southbound single right lane between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Sweetgum Lane, SE
- Barry Road, SE, near Firth Sterling Avenue SE.
- Ramp from MLK Jr. Avenue to I-295 Northbound full closure (*Daily 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Ends on Saturday, March 28th.*). Signed detour will be in place for closure.

The following lane and shoulder closures may be in place **daily from 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Monday, March 23, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020**, weather permitting.

- DC-295 / I-295 northbound one left or right lane between Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1) and I-695 to I-395 Downtown (Exit 5A).
- St. Elizabeths Avenue, SE southbound single right lane between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Sweetgum Lane, SE.
- Barry Road, SE, near Firth Sterling Avenue SE.

The following lane, ramp, and shoulder closures may be in place **nightly from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am, Sunday, March 22, 2020, through Monday morning March 30, 2020**, weather permitting.

I-295 Northbound

- Up to two left or right lanes between Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1) and I-695 to I-395 Downtown (Exit 5A).

I-295 Southbound

- Up to two left or right lanes/shoulder between I-695 (Exits 1B-C) and Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1).

Local Roads

- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound/southbound up to two left or right lanes between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and N Street, SE and intermittent intersection closures at P Street, SW and Potomac Avenue, SW.
- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound/southbound full closure between MLK Jr. Avenue, SE and Malcolm X Avenue, SE. (*Nightly 10:00PM to 5:00AM. Starts on Monday, March 23rd. Ends on Saturday, March 28th.*). Signed detour will be in place for closure.
- Suitland Parkway, SE up to two left or right lanes eastbound or westbound between the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE overpass and South Capitol Street, SE.
- Suitland Parkway, SE full closure between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and South Capitol Street, SE. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*
- Firth Sterling Avenue, SE northbound or southbound single left or right lane between South Capitol Street, SE and Howard Road, SE.

- Firth Sterling Avenue, SE northbound and southbound full closure between South Capitol Street, SE and Elizabeth Street, SE. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*
- Potomac Avenue, SE/SW eastbound or westbound single left or right lane between First Street, SE and Second Street, SW.
- P Street, SW full closure and eastbound or westbound single left or right lane between South Capitol Street, SW and Half Street, SW. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*
- Howard Road, SE eastbound or westbound single left or right lane and sidewalk between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Suitland Parkway, SE.
- Howard Road, SE eastbound or westbound full roadway and sidewalk closure between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Suitland Parkway, SE. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*
- St. Elizabeths Avenue, SE southbound single right lane between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and Sweetgum Lane, SE
- Barry Road, SE, near Firth Sterling Avenue SE.

The following lane, ramp, and shoulder closures may be in place **nightly from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am, Sunday, March 22, 2020, through Monday morning March 30, 2020**, weather permitting. *Signed detours will be posted.*

- I-295 northbound off-ramp to westbound South Capitol Street / Nationals Park / Downtown (Exit 3B)
- I-295 northbound on-ramp from northbound Firth Sterling Avenue, SE.
- I-295 southbound off-ramp to Howard Road / Nationals Park (Exit 4B).
- I-295 southbound off-ramp to Suitland Parkway / US Naval Station (Exit 4A).
- I-295 southbound on-ramp from eastbound Suitland Parkway, SE.

The following lane and shoulder closures will be in place **during the weekend from 9:00 pm, Friday, March 27, 2020 to 5:00 am, Monday morning March 30, 2020** weather permitting.

- I-295 southbound up to two left or right lanes between I-695 (Exits 1B-C) and South Capitol Street / Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2).
- I-295 northbound up to two left or right lanes between Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2) and I-695 to I-395 Downtown (Exit 5A).
- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound or southbound up to two left or right lanes between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and N Street, SE.
- I-295 southbound off-ramp closure to Howard Road, SE. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*
- I-295 northbound on-ramp closure from northbound Firth Sterling Avenue, SE. *Signed detour will be in place for closure.*

The following lane and shoulder closures may be in place **during the weekend from 5:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday March 28, 2020** weather permitting.

- Suitland Parkway, SE eastbound and westbound between Firth Sterling Avenue, SE and South Capitol Street SE. (*Alternate Day: Sunday, March 29.*) *Signed detour will be in place.*

The following lane, and ramp closures may be in place **daily from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday, March 23, 2020 through Saturday, March 28, 2020**, weather permitting.

- I-295 southbound single left or right lane between the southbound ramp to South Capitol Street / Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2) and Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1).

The following lane, and ramp closures may be in place **daily from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday morning, March 23, 2020 through Saturday, March 28, 2020**, weather permitting.

- South Capitol Street, SE/SW northbound single right lane between the southbound ramp to South Capitol Street / Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2) from I-295 and Martin Luther King Jr, Avenue, SE.

The following lane, and ramp closures may be in place **from 4:45 am, Saturday morning, March 28, 2020 to 4:45 am, Sunday morning, March 29, 2020**, weather permitting.

- I-295 northbound and southbound single left or right lane/shoulder between Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1) and Suitland Parkway/JBAB (Exit 3A).
- I-295 southbound single left or right lane between the southbound ramp to South Capitol Street / Malcolm X Avenue / JBAB (Exit 2) and Laboratory Road / US Naval Research Lab (Exit 1).

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.

Rehabilitation of Anacostia Freeway Bridges over Nicholson St, SE

The District Department of Transportation project to rehabilitate the Anacostia Freeway bridges over Nicholson St, SE is part of DDOT's ongoing commitment to safety. The rehabilitation project will focus on reconstruction of the bridge deck and adjoining ramps to address deteriorating structural elements, ensuring that each bridge remains a reliable part of our infrastructure.

Rehabilitation of East Capitol Street Bridge over Anacostia River Project

The Rehabilitation of the East Capitol Street Bridge (also known as the Whitney Young Jr. Memorial Bridge) over the Anacostia River includes improvements to the substructure and superstructure of the bridge as well as pedestrian improvements, including the construction of a trail connection to provide direct access from the bridge to the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail. The bridge was originally constructed in 1955, and repairs are needed to the bridge deck, concrete abutments and steel girder system.

Rehabilitation of Anacostia Freeway Bridges over South Capitol Street SE Project

Anacostia Freeway Bridges over South Capitol Street SE consist of a pair of one-way bridges built in 1963 and located on northbound and southbound I-295 over South Capitol Street in southeast Washington, DC. This bridge rehabilitation project will eliminate deficiencies, increase safety for the traveling public and enhance the durability of the bridge structures including the replacement of the super structure, the repair of the sub-structure, the addition of new under-bridge lighting for improved visibility and safety, new pavement and asphalt overlay within the project limits and new paint for the existing bridge.

Motorists are urged to use caution as they travel in these areas, to anticipate moderate delays, and to be mindful of construction personnel.

For more information about DDOT's ongoing efforts to improve the 295 corridor, visit 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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