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South Capitol Street Corridor Project – WMATA Impacts July 14 through July 19, 2021

(Washington, D.C.) – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will temporarily close westbound Howard Road west of the WMATA parking garage access starting at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, extending through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 19. Access to the WMATA parking garage will be open at all times from Howard Road. Traffic wishing to access South Capitol Street northbound will need to follow the marked detours via Firth Sterling Avenue. Access to the bus loop from Howard Road will not be affected by this closure. Pedestrian access from the parking garage to the sidewalk accessing northbound South Capitol Street (connecting to Nationals Park and Audi Field) will be open at all times.

Westbound Howard Road SE Closure



Starting at 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 16, the ramp from I-295 Southbound to South Capitol Street will be closed, extending through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 19. Traffic will be detoured via Suitland Parkway Eastbound, and Firth Sterling Avenue, as shown in the included graphic. Traffic wishing to access South Capitol Street northbound from the WMATA parking garage will need to follow the marked detours via Firth Sterling Avenue to South Capitol Street.

Westbound Suitland Parkway Closure



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

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.

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 the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Project and to stay up to date on traffic related impacts and construction progress, please visit www.newfrederickdouglassbridge.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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