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**I-295 Corridor Projects - Weekly Closures
June 21 through June 28, 2021**

(Washington, DC) – 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).

Single left or right lane closures will occur anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. 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 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.

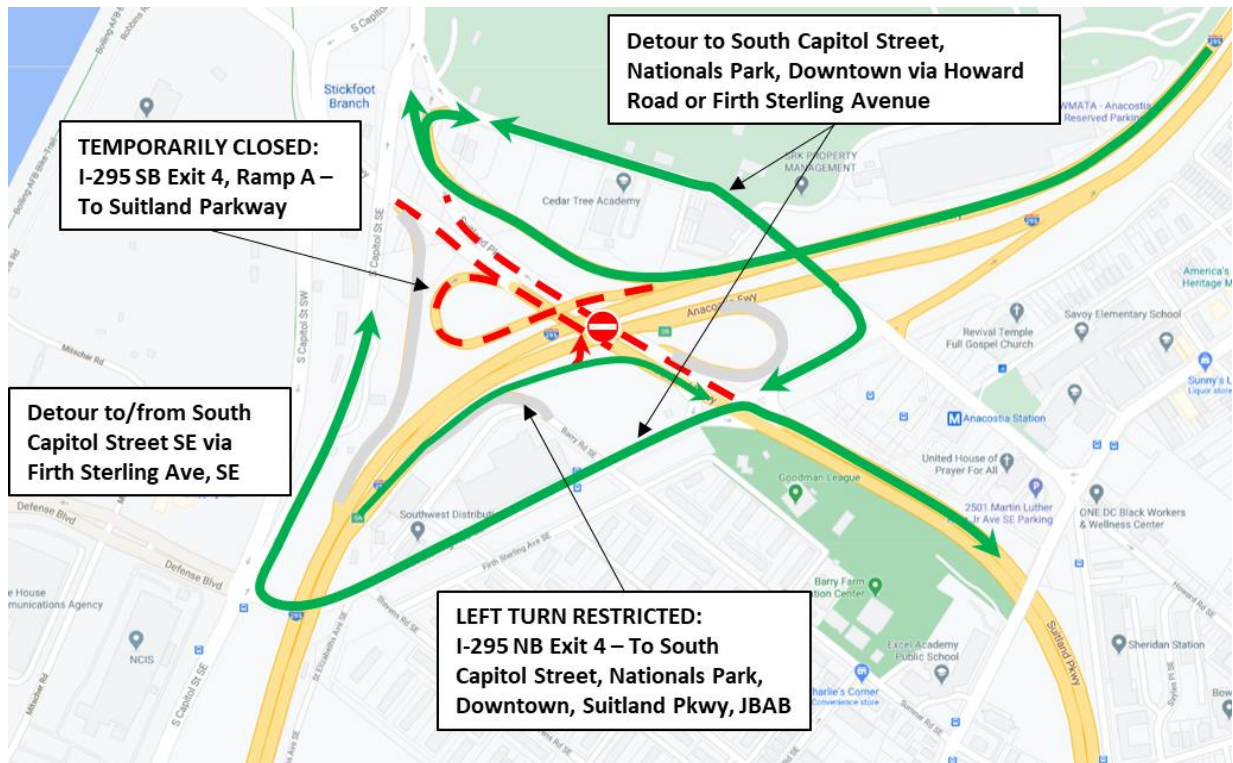
Daily and nightly single lane closures will also occur anytime during off-peak hours on Potomac Avenue SE/SW and Howard Road SE. Daily and nightly single lane closures will also occur anytime on Firth Sterling Avenue SE, Half Street SW, Barry Road SE, St. Elizabeths Avenue SE, and Malcolm X Avenue SE.

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)

Suitland Parkway SE between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and South Capitol Street SE will be closed nightly between Monday, June 21, 2021 and Friday morning, June 25, 2021 from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. In addition, Suitland Parkway SE will be closed on the weekend from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2021. This will include the closure of Exit 4A from I-295 SB to outbound Suitland Parkway and the restriction of left turns from the new Exit 4 from I-295 NB to Suitland Parkway and South Capitol Street. When Suitland Parkway SE is fully closed, Firth Sterling Avenue SE and South Capitol Street SE will remain open to all traffic. A marked detour will be in place during these closures.

Suitland Parkway SE Closure



Howard Road SE between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and the access to the WMATA Parking Garage will be closed daily between Monday, June 21, 2021 and Friday, June 25, 2021 between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as shown in the graphic. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. When Howard Road SE is fully closed, Suitland Parkway SE will remain open to all traffic. A marked detour will be in place during these closures.

Howard Road SE Closure & 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. 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.

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, 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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