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**South Capitol Street Corridor Project - Weekly Closures  
July 19 through July 26, 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).

Due to the scheduled Washington Nationals games, nighttime lane closures will not occur on Monday, July 19, Tuesday, July 20, and Wednesday, July 21 until after 11:00 p.m. If 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

Eastbound Suitland Parkway between South Capitol Street SE and Firth Sterling Avenue SE will be closed weeknights from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning from July 19 through July 23. In addition, Eastbound Suitland Parkway will be closed from 9:00 pm July 23, 2021 through 5:00 am July 26, 2021. When Eastbound Suitland Parkway 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 this closure.

### Eastbound Suitland Parkway Closure



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.

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](http://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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