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## I-295 Corridor Projects - Weekly Closures July 10 through July 19, 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 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 Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 until after 11:00 p.m. ***except as described below***. On Sunday, July 18, daytime lane closures will not occur after 11:00 a.m. ***except as described below***. 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 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. Elizabeth's Avenue SE, and Malcolm X Avenue SE.

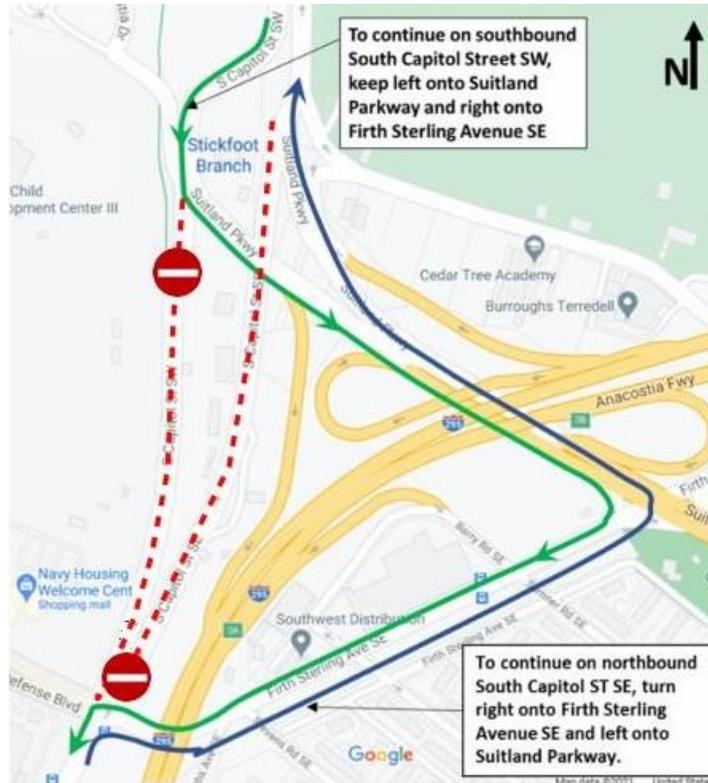
The following full ramp closures will also occur during off-peak hours:

- 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)

A full closure of northbound South Capitol Street SE between Suitland Parkway SE and Firth Sterling Avenue SE will be in place Saturday, July 10, 2021, between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Thursday night, July 15, 2021, between 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Additionally, southbound South Capitol Street will be closed Wednesday night, July 14, 2021 between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

When South Capitol Street SE is fully closed, Firth Sterling Avenue SE and Suitland Parkway will remain open to all traffic. A marked detour will be in place during this closure.

### Northbound South Capitol Street SE Closure



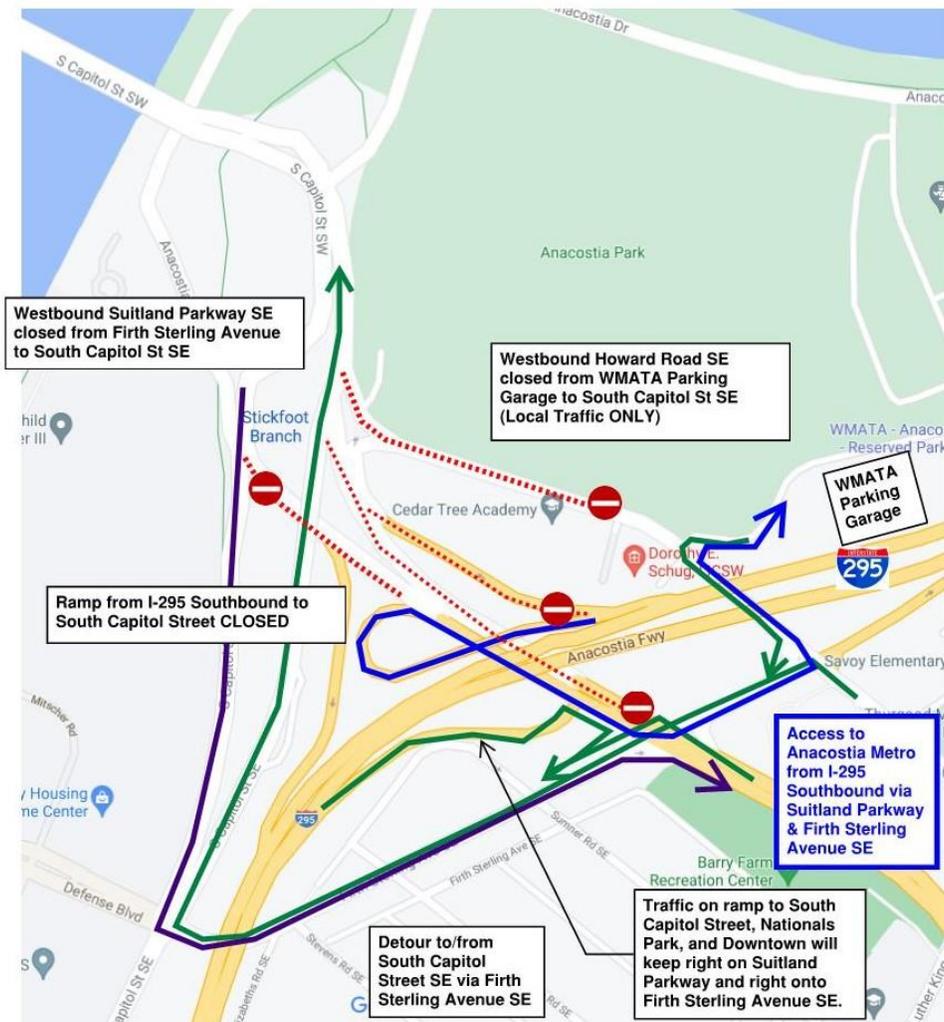
Westbound Howard Road SE will be closed between the WMATA parking garage and South Capitol Street SE starting at 9:30 p.m. on July 14, 2021, extending to 5:00 a.m. on July 19, 2021. Access to and from the WMATA parking garage will be continuously maintained from Howard Road SE. A marked detour will be in place during this closure. Visitors heading to downtown Washington or Nationals Park are strongly encouraged to use public transit.

### Westbound Howard Road SE Closure



Westbound Suitland Parkway will temporarily close between Firth Sterling Avenue SE and South Capitol Street SE on July 14, 2021, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. In addition, westbound Suitland Parkway will close starting at 9:30 a.m. July 16, 2021, extending through 5:00 a.m. July 19, 2021. Eastbound Suitland Parkway between South Capitol Street SE and Firth Sterling Avenue SE will be closed from 9:00 p.m. July 15, 2021, through 5:00 a.m. July 19, 2021. When either direction of 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. Traffic heading to downtown Washington or visiting Nationals Park is strongly encouraged to use public transit.

### Eastbound and Westbound 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.

### **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. Elizabeths 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. Elizabeths 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.

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For more information about DDOT's ongoing efforts to improve the 295 corridor, visit <http://www.improving295dc.com>.

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