

VIRGINIA HOT LANES

SOME THINGS CAN'T WAIT FOR TRAFFIC



ABOUT THE PROJECT

VDOT and Fluor-Transurban are working in partnership to deliver the most significant package of improvements to the Capital Beltway in a generation – providing congestion relief and new travel choices to one of Virginia’s busiest roadways.

Improvements include:

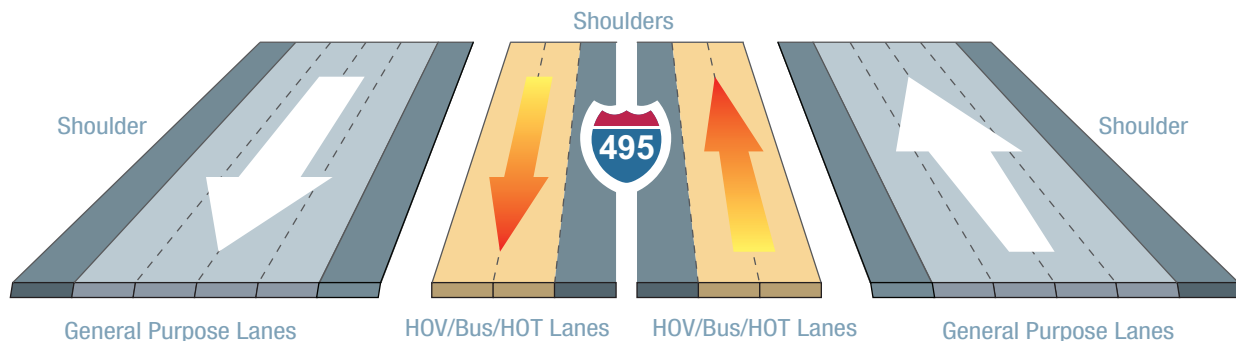
- Two new High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road (14 miles)
- First-time introduction of HOV and reliable transit options to the Beltway and Tysons Corner
- Replacement of more than \$250 million of aging infrastructure, including more than 50 bridges and overpasses
- Replacement of existing soundwalls and construction of new soundwalls to double existing noise reduction tools for surrounding neighborhoods
- Construction of carpool ramps connecting I-95 with the Beltway to create a seamless HOV network
- Upgrades to 12 key interchanges and new access points at Merrifield and Tysons Corner

HOT LANES & HOW THEY WORK

HOT lanes are tolled lanes that operate alongside existing highway lanes to provide users with a faster and more reliable travel option. Buses, carpools (HOV-3), motorcycles and emergency vehicles will have free access to HOT lanes. Drivers with fewer than three occupants can choose to pay to access the lanes.

Tolls for the HOT lanes will change according to traffic conditions to regulate demand for the lanes and keep them congestion free – even during peak hours. When traffic increases, tolls will go up. When traffic decreases, tolls will go down. Fully electronic tolling on the HOT lanes will allow customers to pay tolls

with E-ZPass – eliminating the need for toll booths. Electronic signs will display toll rates to help drivers decide whether to use HOT lanes. Drivers will lock in their toll rate when they enter the HOT lanes.



Less Time Sitting in Traffic

Using HOT lanes will cut commuting time in half from Springfield to Tysons Corner during rush hour, saving the average traveler 24 minutes a day.¹

¹ Estimated average time savings in year 2015 morning and afternoon, 12 minutes each way, Transurban, fall 2007.

PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Construction begins in summer 2008 and the lanes are expected to open in 2013.

Two new lanes will be constructed on the outside of the Capital Beltway in each direction. Upon completion of the new lanes, traffic will be shifted to create HOT lanes on the two inner lanes in each direction.

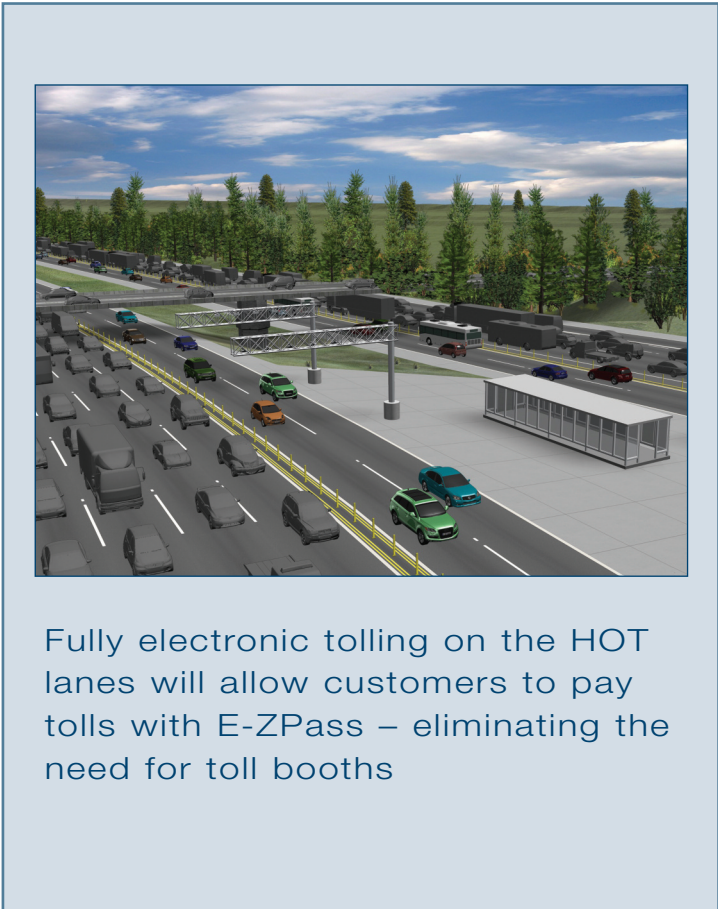
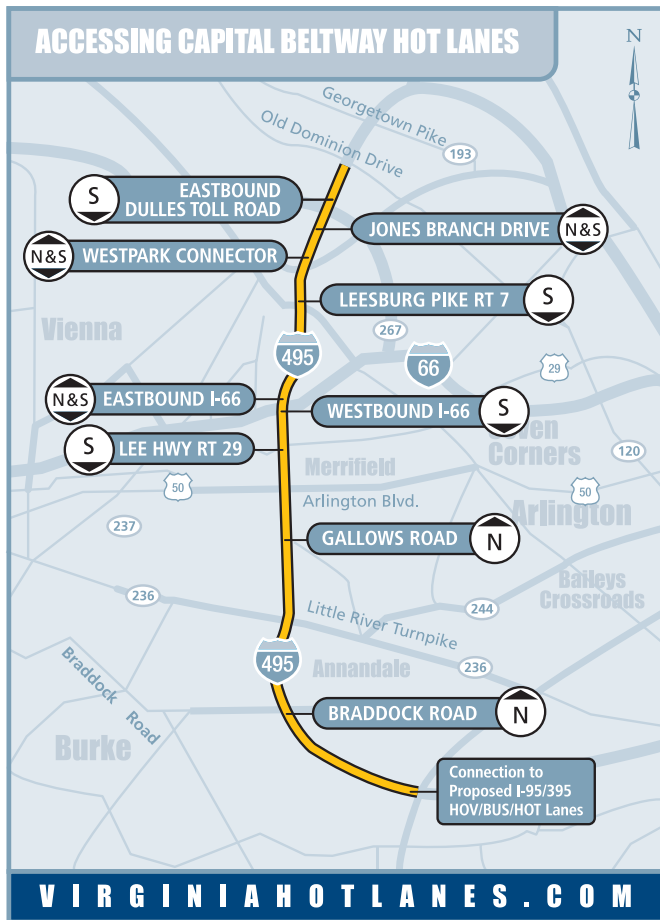
Efforts are under way to ensure area residents, travelers and businesses

remain informed and prepared during construction. Promoting safety is paramount in this effort.

Commitments include:

- No scheduled lane closures during a.m. and p.m. rush hours
- Business and residential communities will always be accessible
- Scheduled lane closures will be communicated in advance

- Signs will alert commuters before they enter a construction area
- Work will comply with Fairfax County noise restrictions



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MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the construction of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project and how the new HOT lanes will benefit you and your community, visit www.virginiahotlanes.com or www.virginiadot.org/hotlanes.

Visit www.commuterconnections.org for information and resources to help plan your commute during construction of the Capital Beltway HOT lanes and other major road projects in Northern Virginia.