

Pentagon Update – July 2018

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Construction Work at Eads Street Has Begun

While construction work at the “Pork Chop” continues, work along Eads Street between the Pentagon Reservation and Army Navy Drive has begun on June 21 to prepare for traffic signal installation and roadway improvement. The Eads Street construction work will be completed in several phases this summer and continue through the fall.



The first part of the Eads Street work involves reconfiguring and constructing traffic islands and median. This work requires temporary closure of Eads Street between the Pentagon Reservation and Army Navy Drive, including access to the I-395 HOV Ramp during weeknights and evenings between 8pm to 4am. The graphic to the left shows the detours during the nights and weekend temporary closures on Eads Street. Signage were installed to provide detour directions. If you plan to access the I-395 HOV Ramp on Eads Street during the nighttime and weekend closures, you will need to adjust your travel plan by using the I-395 regular lanes.

The next phase of the Eads Street construction work is scheduled to begin in mid-July, subject to change due to weather and other events, and will involve more extensive traffic pattern change for commuting peak periods, both in the morning (6am to 9am) and in the afternoon/evening (3pm to 8pm). You will see more construction activities, cones, barriers and lane reduction. As current traffic volume along Eads Street is near capacity during peak periods, we expect significant traffic congestion and delays along Eads Street when the next phase of construction begins along Eads Street. Periodic nighttime/weekend closures may also take place to complete the construction activities.



More information on the detailed traffic pattern changes will be posted on 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon as we get closer to construction. You can also follow us on WHSTransportation and @WHS_Transport: #395ExpressInfo. This is also a good time to prepare for detours, familiarize yourself with the alternate local routes and transportation alternatives. Please reach out to WHS Transportation Management Program Office (TMPO) at 571-372-7124 for assistance.

395 Express Lanes Project Corner



Project Overview: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Express Lane Project will extend the I-395 Express Lanes (also known as High Occupancy Toll - HOT Lanes) eight miles north from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to past the Eads Street Interchange in Arlington. The scope of the project includes: (1) conversion of the current two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes into three HOT lanes; (2) relocation of tour bus drop-off from South Parking "Pork Chop" area to the Hayes Street Lot (completed in Sep 2017); (3) the construction of a bus loop in the "Pork Chop" area to improve traffic flow and safety on the Reservation (began in Feb 2018); and (4) the addition of a dedicated lane on South Rotary Road to act as the on ramp to access the new HOT Lanes during the PM rush hours. To stay informed on the construction progress, lane closure notifications and travel alternatives, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.

Travel Alternatives to avoid Eads Street

Since construction has begun along Eads Street, it is important to practice safety and allow additional time to navigate through temporary lane reductions/detours and traffic congestion. It is also a good idea to begin planning for an alternate route to avoid Eads Street and look for other high-way entry/exit ramps. This will help you get home faster and help reduce the traffic volume on Eads Street and the surrounding roadways.

- Access to the I-395 HOV Ramps on Eads Street will be impacted and significant traffic congestion is anticipated. Try using an alternate access, such as the HOV Ramp via Boundary Channel Drive at North Parking and VA-27. It may be a faster route overall with less traffic despite the extra distance.
- Locate other nearby slug stations, such as Crystal City, as backup plans. While it is a longer walk, it may well be faster than sitting in traffic.
- If you have an S-C parking permit, consider parking at Fern and Hayes Parking lots. You may save overall travel time by walking further and avoiding congested roadway.
- Sign up for regional traffic alerts to be aware of accidents on major high-ways that could further impact your commute.
- Take advantage of regional incentives to ride the bus and try ridesharing. Visit www.395expresslanes.com/commuter for specific details.
- A new Pentagon Commuter Store, located at the former WMATA sales office at the Pentagon Transit Center, is scheduled to open in mid to late July to offer additional commuter assistance.

WHS TMPO can provide additional assistance. Contact us today at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.



Public Transit Provider Fare and Schedule Changes

In the summer months of June and July, several public transit providers are implementing fare and schedule changes.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

On June 24, 16A, 16B, 16J, 16P and 16X were restructured as 16A, 16C (NEW) and 16E, providing more trips and direct service between Pentagon Metrorail Station, Annandale and Culmore and weekday rush hour service to Federal Triangle on select 16C trips.

16A, 16C and 16E

- 16A now operates all day, every day between Annandale and Pentagon Metrorail Station.
- New 16C operates all day, every day between Culmore and Pentagon Metrorail Station. During weekday rush hours, every other trip will serve Federal Triangle.
- Both 16A and 16C serve limited stops along Columbia Pike in Arlington County at Greenbrier Street, Four Mile Run Drive/ Buchanan Street, George Mason Drive, Oakland Street, Glebe Road, Walter Reed Drive, Barton Street, Courthouse Road and Orme Street only; and all stops along Army Navy Drive and Joyce Street.
- 16E, 16G and 16H serve all stops along Columbia Pike in Arlington County.
- 16E now operates 7 days a week between Culmore, Pentagon City and Pentagon Metrorail stations, and Franklin Square (D.C.) offering more trips late night weekdays and weekends after 10 p.m. and early morning weekends before 8 a.m.

16G and 16H

- Service on both becomes more frequent between Arlington Mill and Pentagon City Metrorail Station.
- During weekday rush hour, service operates every 12 minutes (combined service every six minutes during rush hour).
- During non-rush hour, service operates every 24-30 minutes (combined service for every 12-15 minutes).
- Destination signs on westbound 16G buses were changed to "Arlington Mill" instead of "Columbia Heights West."
- 16H now operates all day, every day to Skyline City.

16L and 16Y—No service change.

Please see www.wmata.com/service/bus/pikeride.cfm for more detailed information.

Alexandria Transit Company (DASH)

Effective July 1, 2018, DASH will implement the following fare and service changes:

A single, one-way trip will increase from \$1.60 to \$1.75.

- A Monthly DASH Pass will also go up from \$40.00 to \$45.00.
- New reduced \$1.00 fare for all Senior/Disabled SmarTrip users traveling during off-peak weekday hours (before 6:00 AM, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and after 6:00 PM) and anytime on weekends and holidays.
- The King Street Trolley will begin service at 11:00 AM in-stead of 10:30 AM on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Hours of service for Thursday, Friday and Saturday will remain the same; 10:30 AM – 12:00 AM. Please refer to the DASH Ride Guide for routes and schedules, visit www.dashbus.com/Fares or call (703) 746-DASH.

Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

OmniRide's Summer Service Change will take effect on Monday, July 23. New schedule brochures will be available from operators upon request and timetables will be available online starting Monday, July 16.

**OmniRide Express:**

- Dale City-Washington – PM timetable changes; D-103T PM trip extended to serve Dale City Commuter Lot, be-comes D-103.
- Dale City-Pentagon/Rosslyn/Ballston – Revised times for some trips, including shifts in trips for Rosslyn/Ballston.
- Dale City-Navy Yard – Midday timetable changes; one new D-300P trip added after 7 p.m.; PM bus stop at Dale & Glendale moving 150 feet east, across the street from Comcast.
- Lake Ridge-Washington – PM timetable changes; one PM trip removed.
- Lake Ridge-Pentagon/Crystal City – One early PM L-200P trip added; L-210 will start at the Pentagon; AM and PM timetable changes.
- Montclair-Washington/Pentagon – CL-X trip discontinued; one new trip added to Montclair-Pentagon after 7 p.m.
- South Route 1 – CL-X trip discontinued
- Manassas-Washington – M-101 PM, M-103 PM & M-106 PM trips extended to serve Cushing Road Commuter Lot.
- Manassas-Pentagon – M-201G PM and M-202G PM trips will travel via I-395/I-495 to I-66.
- Gainesville-Washington – Some Manassas Express trips extended to Cushing Road Commuter Lot.

Please visit www.prtctransit.org/commuter-bus/ for details.

Arlington Transit (ART)

ART 54 and 92 bus routes ended Friday, June 22, 2018. Both bus routes perform below ART's minimum service standards. Alternate travel options for ART 54 customers include Metrobus Route 1A and 1B on Wilson Boulevard and Metrobus Route 2A on Washington Boulevard. Alternate ART 92 options include a short walk from the Crystal City Metro and VRE stations. Nearby Capital Bikeshare stations are good alternatives also.

Fairfax Connector

There is no current service/fare changes. Minor changes, such as small schedule modifications to Fairfax Connector to improve efficiency went into effect on May 19, 2018 for Routes 321/322 and RIBS 3. Please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/news/009_18 for details.