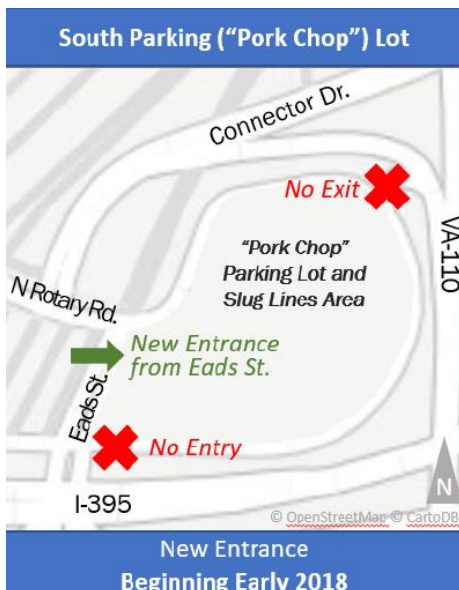


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Traffic Patterns to Shift as Pentagon South Parking Lot Work Begins in Early 2018

Work at the Pentagon Reservation's South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area that is part of the 395 Express Lanes Project is now expected to begin in early 2018.



Construction at the "Pork Chop," which is located east of Eads Street and north of I-395, includes the addition of bus-only travel lanes ("bus loop") and the reconfiguration of the "slug" lane. The enhancements will improve the traffic flow and overall safety. The enhancements will result in a new traffic pattern.

During and after construction, privately owned vehicles (POVs) will enter and exit the "Pork Chop" from Eads Street. The current exit to VA-110 from the "Pork Chop" will permanently close to POVs. Slug lines will remain in the same order during construction, and temporary signage will be installed to direct drivers and pedestrians. New pedestrian sidewalks with a barrier system, new signage, and pavement markings to clearly delineate the slug lanes will be added as part of the project. **Please use caution around the construction zone and allow for extra travel time.**

The structural improvements will require the elimination of some parking spaces. The WHS Parking Management Office (PMO) has begun reallocating and reassigning permits to account for fewer parking spaces. For any parking questions, please call the WHS PMO at the Pentagon at 703-614-7271.

In addition to the South Parking Lot work, the 395 Express Lanes Project will convert the South Rotary Road drop-off/pick-up lane to a right-turn Express Lane entrance ramp. As part of the South Rotary Road work, crews will install gates along the South Rotary turn lane, and install traffic signals on Eads Street at North and South Rotary Roads.

To stay informed on the construction progress and lane closures, visit the 395 Express Lanes Project website – 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.

ISD Director's Message



As the start date for the construction project at the South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area approaches, I would like to remind pedestrians to exercise safety around the construction zone. Please be mindful of all posted signage as both pedestrians and vehicles adjust to new traffic patterns. Additionally, please pay attention to Pentagon Force Protection Agency officers and follow their instructions to ensure your safety. Thank you in advance for your cooperation while we work to improve traffic flow around the Pentagon Reservation.



Pedestrian Safety

As construction for the South Parking “Pork Chop” Lot approaches, please be mindful of construction zones and exercise safety. The Pentagon is among the busiest transportation hubs in the National Capital Region, which means drivers, cyclists and pedestrians must stay alert as well as walk and drive defensively. Please review pedestrian safety tips below:

- Leave your earphones out so that you can hear traffic warning signals and focus on your surroundings, not your cell phone.
- Use only a marked pedestrian walkway to cross traffic lanes and observe all pedestrian signals – 72% of pedestrian fatalities occur at non-intersections.
- Cyclists should wear reflective and protective gear, observe traffic lights, and follow the rules of the road.
- Use extra caution in parking lots, as vehicles can move at any time.
- Pay attention to Pentagon Police officers and obey their instructions.
- Drivers should be vigilant, observe all traffic signs, and maintain the posted speed limit.

