

Pentagon Update - October 2017

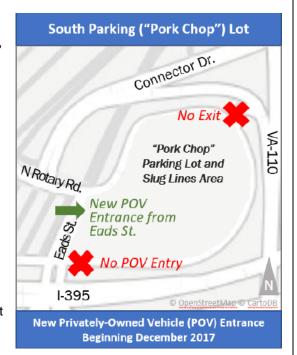
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Pentagon South Parking Lot Work Set to Begin

As part of the 395 Express Lanes Project, construction at the Pentagon Reservation's South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area is expected to begin in December 2017. The South Parking "Pork Chop" Lot is located just east of Eads Street, and just north of I-395. The planned work includes the addition of bus-only travel lanes ("bus loop") and the reconfiguration of the "slug" lines.

The enhancements are intended to improve traffic flow and safety. A new traffic pattern will result due to these enhancements. During and after construction, all privately-owned vehicles (POVs) will enter and exit the "Pork Chop" from Eads Street. Additionally, the current exit to VA-110 from the "Pork Chop" will permanently close to POVs. Slug lines will remain in the same order, and temporary signage will be installed during construction to direct drivers and pedestrians. Remember to use caution when around the construction zone and allow for extra travel time.

The South Parking Lot work also includes new pedestrian sidewalks with a barrier system and new signage and pavement markings to clearly delineate the slug lines. The structural improvements will result in the loss of some parking spaces. The WHS Parking Management Office (PMO) has already begun the process of reallocating and reassigning permits to account for the reduced number of 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. The 395 Express Lanes Project has created a new web page specifically for Pentagon employees and visitors who wish to learn more about upcoming activities: 395ExpressLanes.com/pentagon.



ISD Director's Message

Construction at the Hayes Street Parking Lot, the first 395 Express Lanes project impacting the Pentagon, was completed almost a month ahead of time. I would like to commend VDOT and its contractors for their timely work, and the internal DoD stakeholders for their coordination efforts. Please be sure to follow all signage and directions posted at the Hayes Street Lot, as you will notice that the traffic pattern has changed in the eastern section of the lot.

A portion of this area is now striped for Pentagon Memorial Tour Buses to drop off and pick up passengers. Additionally, as described in the feature article, construction will next occur at the South Parking Lot "Pork Chop" area. My team will continue to provide project information in the coming months. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience as we work to improve access and ability around the Pentagon Reservation.

Changes to Hayes Street Parking Lot Complete

Construction at the Hayes Street Parking Lot is now complete. The new Hayes Street Parking Lot configuration relocates the Pentagon Memorial bus drop-off area to the eastern part of the Hayes Street lot. The pavement markings and posted signs direct tour bus drivers to the section of the eastern part of the lot designated for Pentagon Memorial bus drop off and pick up only. Pentagon Memorial Bus parking is NOT permitted in this area. Effective November 1, 2017, all Pentagon Memorial buses must use the Hayes Street Lot Parking Lot to drop off and pick up passengers.

The Hayes Street Parking Lot is restricted to permitted parking from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Hayes Street Lot is open parking (to anyone) between 5 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon-day through Friday, and all day on weekends and holidays. For parking questions, please call the WHS Parking Management Office at the Pentagon at 703-614-7271.





