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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: 95 Express Lanes & I-395 Auxiliary Lane

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# 95 Express Lanes Construction Update

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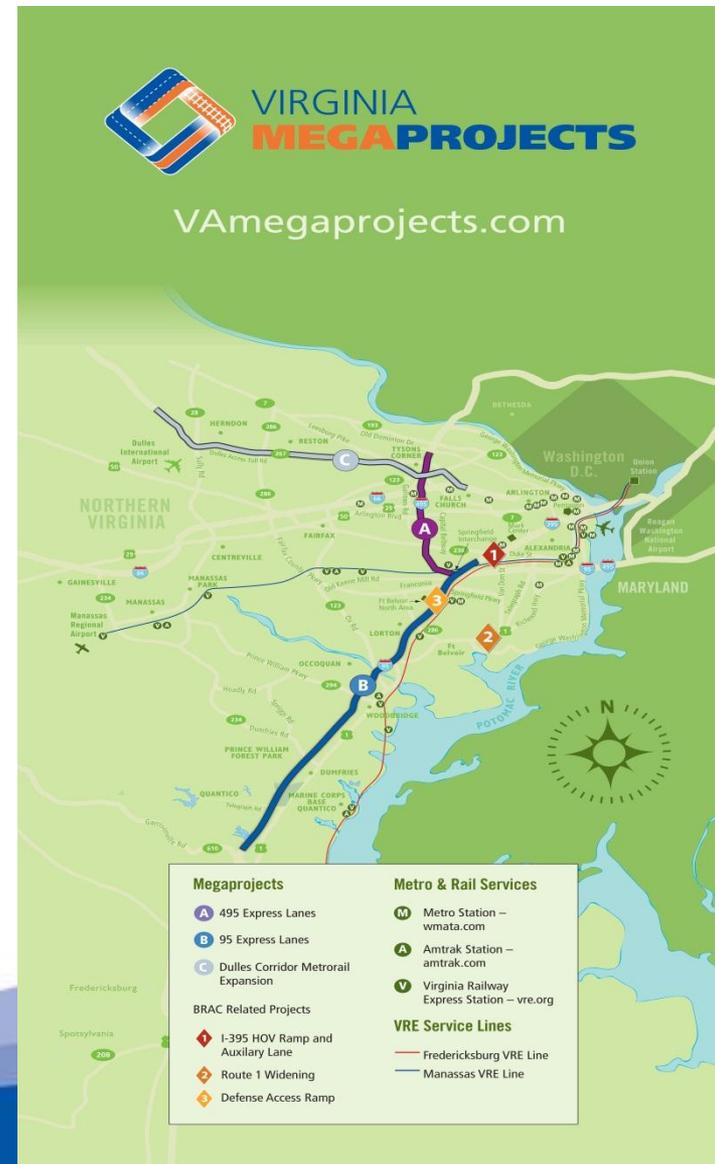


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# What are 95 Express Lanes?

- Nearly \$1 billion, 29-mile upgrade and expansion of existing HOV facility
- Free access for HOV-3+, transit
- Added capacity and new access points to relieve major bottlenecks and provide more choices for HOV vehicles or toll-paying customers
- Regional HOV/transit network with seamless connections to the 495 Express Lanes
- Help address the impact of Base Realignment and Closure on the 95 Corridor

*One half of Virginia's growth over the last decade has been along the I-95 corridor.*



# Scope of Improvements

- Expand existing reversible HOV lanes from two to three lanes for 14 miles from just north of Edsall Road on I-395 to the Prince William Parkway
- Improve the existing two HOV lanes for six miles from Prince William Parkway to Route 234/Dumfries
- Build new nine mile reversible extension of existing HOV lanes from Dumfries to Garrisonville Rd in Stafford County
- Add new or improved access to and from HOV/HOT network at key interchanges



# Partnership Delivers Benefits

## Public-Private Partnership:

- 95 Express Lanes are the product of a public-private partnership between the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Transurban-Fluor
- The \$1 billion 95 Express Lanes are funded through a contribution from the Commonwealth, private equity, private activity bonds and TIFIA loan



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# 95 Express Lanes Construction Corridor

## Segment 1

- Garrisonville Road to Dumfries Road

## Segment 2

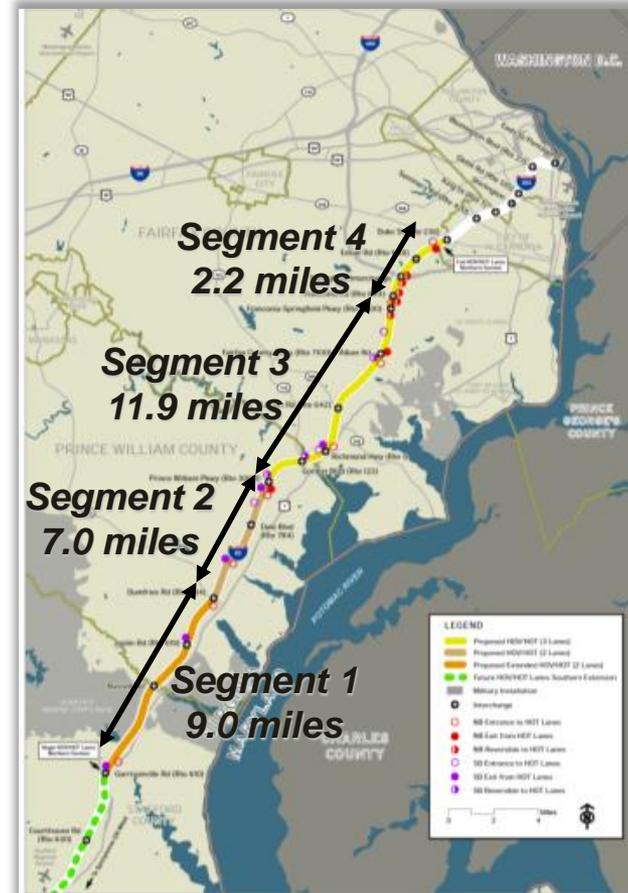
- Dumfries Road to Prince William Parkway

## Segment 3

- Prince William Parkway to I-495

## Segment 4

- I-495 to North of Edsall Road



# 95 Express Lanes Status

- Construction began Aug. 2012: 70% complete
- On-track to be completed in late 2014 and open in early 2015
- Building 9 new bridges, including 4 flyovers
  - Steel girder placement complete: 170 beams
  - Deck placement on remaining 2 bridges
- Completed 20 miles of paving
  - Traffic shifted to new pavement
  - Work underway on east side of future Express Lanes
- Over 700 foundations drilled for signs and toll equipment



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# Construction Look-Ahead

## 2014

- Building new sound walls and stormwater management ponds
- Installing 30 toll gantries at 15 locations
- Installing nearly 150 sign structures
- On-road testing of tolling equipment, electronic signs, and traffic management technology
- Developing joint operations protocols
- Final paving and lane striping on Express Lanes, and new bridges and ramps
- Guardrail and barrier work, grading and seeding



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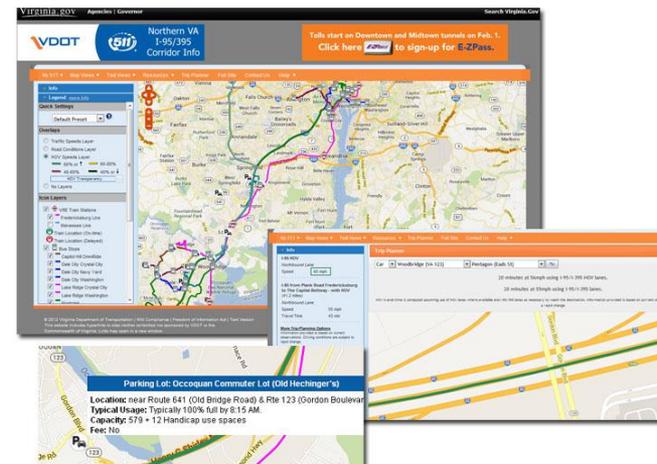
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# Traffic Management Plan: Commuter Solutions

- **Express Bus Service** - From Woodbridge to Tysons
  - Avg. daily riders: 160
- **Free, Saturday bus service** - Along I-95
  - Avg. daily riders: 358
- **Access to Amtrak** - Connecting Northern Va. And Wash., D.C. with a step-up ticket for \$3 in conjunction with a VRE ticket
  - Approximately 2,364 per month
- **Northern Va. Commuter Tools** - On Virginia 511
  - Travel times for HOV and regular lanes on I-95/395 in Northern Va.
  - Park-and-ride info.
  - Trip-planning for VRE and buses
  - **Available on mobile app. and [www.511virginia.org/nova](http://www.511virginia.org/nova)**



New features on VDOT's 511 tool for I-95/395 commuters include real-time HOV travel times, park-and-ride info, trip-planning for VRE and buses, and more.

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# Traffic Management Plan: Congestion Relief

## Operational Tactics:

- Increased Virginia State Police presence
- Virginia Safety Service Patrols and wrecker service to clear incidents quickly and safely
- Dynamic message sign on I-95 showing travel times on HOV lanes compared to regular lanes

## Communications Tactics – Local Audiences:

- Proactive earned media outreach
- Outreach to key stakeholder groups & elected officials
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Electronic marketing and story placements
- Direct-impact outreach (residential and businesses)

## Additional Communications Tactics – Long-Distance Audiences:

- Outreach materials to key travel centers and alternate route junctions
- Online banner ads, Adword campaign, and Facebook ads geographically targeted
- Co-op programs with transportation partners and surrounding state DOT's

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# Proactive Communications Program

## Overview

- Focused on community outreach and media relations to inform more than 1 million daily corridor travelers and over 800,000 directly impacted residents and businesses

## Key Audiences

- Affected residents and communities
- Motorists
- Businesses
- Elected Officials and key stakeholder groups

## Outreach Toolbox

- Website/Electronic communications
- Media: print, radio, television
- Social media: Facebook, Twitter
- Elected official/stakeholder meetings/events
- Direct-impact grassroots outreach
- Employer outreach

## Key Messages

- Accurate and timely information on construction or project developments
- Motorist impacts
- Travel alternatives
- Work zone safety
- Environmental concerns
- Project benefits



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Road through Ft. Belvoir moves forward  
VDOT and the Department of the Army are building a four-lane connector road from Telegraph Road to Route 1.

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# I-395 North Auxiliary Lane

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# I-395 Auxiliary Lane Project Overview

- Construction began in March 2014 on new auxiliary lane on northbound I-395 between Duke Street and Seminary Road.
- \$20 million improvement will provide easier access to the Mark Center building and will improve traffic flow on I-395 North
- I-395 Auxiliary Lane scheduled to open in late 2014, in conjunction with nearby 95 Express Lanes
- Construction of a new HOV ramp linking I-395 HOV lanes to Seminary Road underway in coming months, scheduled to be completed in 2016



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# I-395 Auxiliary Lane Construction Update

## Current Activities:

- Clearing areas adjacent to I-395 North, beginning near Seminary Road toward Duke Street
- Shifting lanes on northbound I-395 to the left to allow easy access to work zone
- New alignment will remain in place until the new auxiliary lane is completed
- All exit and entrance ramps remain open; shoulders have been reduced



## Construction Look-Ahead:

- Place concrete barriers to designate work area
- Finish clearing areas north and south of Sanger, and on southbound side if I-395
- Build sediment basin and drainage system
- Grading work
- Expect lane closures and traffic shifts on I-395 during non-peak travel times

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