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Construction Begins On I-395 North Auxiliary Lane Between Duke and Seminary Road

What's Happening?

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will begin construction on a new auxiliary lane on northbound I-395 between Duke Street and Seminary Road.

Clearing the Area:

- To make room for the new lane, crews will be clearing the area adjacent to this stretch of I-395 North, beginning near Seminary Road and proceeding south toward Duke Street.
- Clearing activities will unavoidably involve some removal of trees. Crews, in coordination with VDOT, have clearly marked the area to identify which trees must be taken and which trees will remain.
- Workers also will begin installing erosion and sediment controls in the area.
- Daytime lane closures during non-rush hours on the right lane of I-395 North will occur to accommodate this clearing work.
- Following construction of the auxiliary lane, a robust landscaping and reforestation program will be implemented in the affected area.



Shifting Lanes to Prepare Work Zone:

- To allow easier construction access, the existing three northbound lanes on I-395 will be shifted to the left.
- This new alignment will remain in place until the new auxiliary lane is completed.
- All exit and entrance ramps will remain open; however, drivers should expect reduced shoulders.
- Nighttime lane closures will occur on I-395 North between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. so that crews can restripe the new roadway alignment, install construction signage and place concrete barriers throughout the work area.

The northbound I-395 auxiliary lane is scheduled to open to traffic in late 2014, in conjunction with the nearby I-95/395 Express Lanes. The \$20 million improvement will provide easier access to the Department of Defense's Mark Center building, and will help improve traffic flow along I-395 North. Construction of a new HOV ramp linking the I-395 HOV lanes to Seminary Road also will be underway in the coming months, with expected completion in 2016.

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-395_hov-transit_ramp.asp