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REMINDER URGENT: Three-Lane Closure of I-495 at Route 123 in Tysons Corner to Begin Tomorrow Night, Feb. 16

Construction of the aerial bridges that will carry tracks for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project over the Capital Beltway (I-495) at Route 123 will begin tomorrow night, Wednesday, Feb. 16.

This work will require closing three lanes of northbound I-495 overnights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. In addition, the exit ramps from northbound I-495 to both northbound and southbound Route 123 will be closed.

In preparation for these closings, crews will begin to shut down some lanes as early as 9:30 p.m.

Here is the schedule:

- 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. – Crews will begin tapering for the closing of the right lane on I-495 North about a half mile before the Route 7 exit. The exit ramps at Route 7 will not be affected by rail project construction closings.
- 10:30 p.m. – Crews will begin to close the second right lane near the Route 7 bridge, and the third lane will close prior to the Route 123 interchange. **The ramps to/from Route 123 also will close at this time** (*see below for detour information*).
- All lanes and exits to Route 123 will be reopened to thru traffic by 5 a.m.

These closings also are scheduled to take place Thursday night, Feb. 17, and Friday night, Feb. 18, and will continue nightly Sundays through Fridays for the next five weeks.

Northbound thru traffic will be allowed to use the single open lane. The three lanes will re-open north of the work area. Drivers should expect significant delays each night.

The closings of the exit ramps to northbound and southbound Route 123 will result in the following detour: ***To access Route 123 from the beltway, drivers will be directed to detour by continuing on the beltway north, exiting Georgetown Pike (Route 193), turning around at***

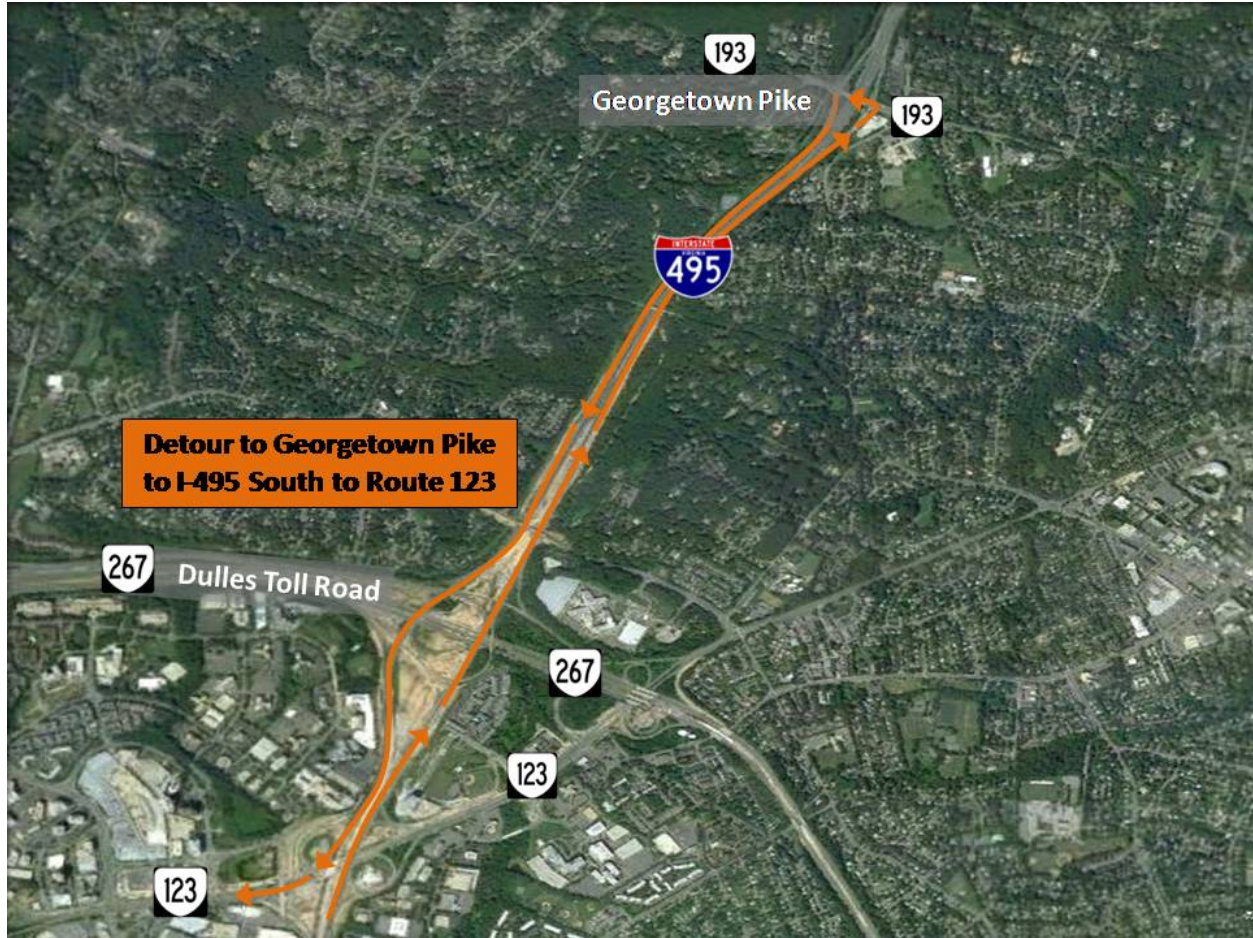
Georgetown Pike, then entering the southbound beltway. Drivers will be able to exit to both directions of Route 123 from the southbound beltway.

Crews will be using a large horizontal crane (also known as a truss) to build the bridges over I-495. Traffic cannot travel under active bridge construction for safety reasons.

Police will be onsite. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution, and pay attention to signage and detours for exit ramps. All work is weather-dependent and subject to change.

SEE ATTACHED MAPS





A 24/7 emergency hotline is available for construction-related issues: 877-585-6789. For general project information: www.dullesmetro.com or 703-572-0506.