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Braddock Road Overpass Demolition

Traffic Shift and Lane Closures Expected Until 2010

FAIRFAX – The Virginia Department of Transportation is replacing the overpass at the Braddock Road and I-495 interchange which will require traffic shifts and ramp reconfigurations as part of the I-495 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes project.

Starting on or about Feb. 18, the westbound bridge will be demolished and traffic will be shifted to the eastbound bridge, which will have two lanes of traffic in each direction. To make room for the additional lane, the sidewalk will be demolished and pedestrians will be directed to use the Wakefield Park bridge over I-495. The ramp from I-495 north, which is the inner loop of the Capital Beltway, will be reconfigured with a temporary traffic signal onto Braddock Road west.

The exit ramp from I-495 south to Braddock Road east will be reconfigured and outfitted with another temporary traffic signal at the top of the ramp for eastbound traffic.

The demolition of the Braddock Road westbound bridge will last approximately six weeks. During this period, the two right lanes on I-495 north or south will be closed during week nights from 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The new westbound bridge will be completed in approximately one year, weather permitting. Once completed, all traffic will be shifted from the eastbound bridge to the new westbound Braddock Road bridge. The Capital Beltway HOT Lanes construction will be completed in 2012.

For more information about the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project, log on to www.VAmegaprojects.com.

Links:

Braddock Road Fact Sheet

http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/FINAL_09FEB04_BraddockRd_Bridge_Demo.pdf

Pedestrian Detour Map

http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/Braddock_Road_Ped_Detour_Route_Map.pdf

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