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## Office of Communications Traffic Advisory

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### **George Washington Memorial Parkway's Northbound travel lanes will shift on the Boundary Channel-Humpback Bridge**

**McLean, VA** – On or about July 1, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), will shift the northbound travel lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) over the Boundary Channel Humpback Bridge. During this phase of construction the old northbound portion of the bridge will be demolished to reconstruct a new northbound portion of the bridge and ramp off of southbound I-395. Expect delays.

The current ramp off of southbound I-395 to northbound GWMP will be closed for reconstruction during this phase. In advance of this closure, a new temporary ramp, in close proximity to the current ramp off of southbound I-395 to northbound GWMP, will have been constructed on or about June 29. Weather may delay the opening of the new temporary ramp.

Additionally, the Mount Vernon trail will also be temporarily moved to allow visitor access through the construction area. Please use caution as construction vehicles and equipment will cross the Mount Vernon Trail to access the construction site. Motorists and Mount Vernon Trail visitors will notice an increase in the number of brief closures during non-rush hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and between 7:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. These temporary, brief closures will last up to 15-minutes to allow the safe passage of construction traffic. This phase of the construction is expected to last through the end of 2010.

During construction, at least one lane in each direction will remain open at all times except for the brief 15-minute delivery delays. Electronic message boards and construction signs will remain in place to alert drivers of the expected closures.

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Mount Vernon Trail visitors are reminded to dismount bikes when entering the construction area and to stop at the new construction access points on either side of the Humpback Bridge. When entering the work zone, Mount Vernon Trail visitors are directed to watch for construction traffic, which will cross the Mount Vernon Trail.

At times the public may encounter weekend work. Weekend work is defined as 7:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 a.m. on Monday. All lanes of the GWMP and the Humpback Bridge will remain open during rush hours, or from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The public may obtain more information about this project in several ways. Construction updates and suggested alternate routes may be found at [www.humpbackbridge.dot.gov](http://www.humpbackbridge.dot.gov). Motorists may also access up-to-date information about this project by dialing "5-1-1."

The planned completion date for all work is currently scheduled for late spring 2011. Weather delays may require adjustments to the schedule. The FHWA and the NPS will continue to inform the public and the media of any changes in the work schedule. Every effort is being made to minimize traffic delays and to accomplish the work in a timely manner. The FHWA and the NPS regret any inconvenience and appreciate the public's understanding.

BROADCASTER'S NOTE:

Please announce on your morning and afternoon drive times and on 5:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. newscasts beginning Friday, June 25, 2010.

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