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Temporary Height Restriction for Boat Traffic Underneath Boundary Channel-Humpback Bridge

McLean, VA --The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Eastern Federal Lands Highways Division (EFLHD), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), will begin installing a work platform underneath the Boundary Channel-Humpback Bridge on Monday, April 20, 2009.

The installation of the work platform will restrict the high tide height under the bridge from eighteen feet (18') to fifteen feet, four inches (15' - 4"). This height reduction will be marked in place by red lights on both the east and west side of the work platform. The platform will stay in place for approximately three weeks. The installation of the work platform is needed to continue construction work on the George Washington Memorial Parkway's Boundary Channel-Humpback Bridge.

Note to Potomac River boat traffic: Boundary Channel (Humpback) Bridge is located on the south side of the Potomac River. This bridge crosses the Boundary Channel near the Pentagon accessing the Columbia Island Marina located in the Pentagon Lagoon.

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. Updates, including adjustments in the work schedule, will be posted on this website. Motorists may also access up-to-date information about this project by dialing "5-1-1." If you are unable to dial 511 from your phone, you can still access the service by dialing 1-866-695-1182.

The planned completion date for all work is currently scheduled for 2010. 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 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, April 17, 2009.

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