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Temporary closures on George Washington Memorial Parkway's Exit ramps off Memorial Bridge and Route 27 on Wednesday, May 4, 2011

McLean, VA - As part of the ongoing Humpback Bridge Replacement Project the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Eastern Federal Lands Highways Division (EFLHD), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), will implement a one-day temporary closure on the exit ramp off Memorial Bridge to southbound George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) and the exit ramp off Route 27 to GWMP on **Wednesday, May 4, 2011**.

This temporary one-day closure of the exit ramps is necessary to install new median guardrails between the north and southbound GWMP. Construction crews will work from **7:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.** Alternate work days due to inclement weather will be May 10 and 11.

Drivers may notice an increase in brief closures not lasting longer than 15 minutes to allow truck traffic safe passage. During construction, **one lane in each direction will remain open at all times except for the brief fifteen minute delivery delays.** Please use caution when commuting through the construction area. Variable electronic message boards and construction signs will be posted and will remain in place to alert drivers of the expected closures.

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 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Delays can be expected when construction crews will work between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

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Suggested Alternate routes will be posted on Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division website. For additional information on this project the general public is directed to contact the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division via it's website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/traffic-humpback-bridge.aspx> or by calling 1-800-892-8776 and press #3 for construction information.

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. 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 Thursday, April 28, 2011.

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