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George Washington Memorial Parkway's Exit ramp southbound I-395 close for one to two weeks

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 **temporarily close the exit ramp to I-395 South only on or about July 13, 2009. This exit is located immediately after the bridge off the southbound lanes of the Parkway.** Boundary Channel Bridge (Humpback bridge) is located on the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) just north of Interstate 395 and immediately south of the Columbia Island Marina.

Southbound delays can be expected when construction crews begin to complete, grade and tie the newly constructed southbound lanes to the level of the existing southbound lanes and the exit ramp to I-395 South. 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. Drivers are encouraged to use suggested alternate routes (see below). Variable electronic message boards and construction signs have been 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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Construction updates on this project 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. The FHWA and the NPS regret any inconvenience and appreciate the public's understanding.



CLOSURE OF EXIT RAMP TO I-395 SOUTH

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 Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

For your convenience, the FHWA and the NPS again provide the following suggested alternate route during this construction project:

Alternate Route from points north to Cristal City:

1. Take GWMP South and exit at Arlington Cemetery/Memorial Bridge.
2. Turn left onto Memorial Avenue.
3. Take exit ramp on right to South I/110.
4. Merge onto 110 South.

Drivers using exit ramp to I-395 South

1. Take the previous exit to Route 27 and then I-395 South

From points north to National Airport and points south:

1. Take GWMP South and exit at Arlington Cemetery/Memorial Bridge.
2. Turn left onto Memorial Avenue.
3. Take exit ramp on right to South 1/110.
4. Merge onto 110 South.
5. Take the I-395 North/US-1 North ramp.
6. Take exit 10 A-B for GWMP South toward Reagan National Airport.
7. Merge onto GWMP South.

From Columbia Island Marina to South I-395:

1. Take GWMP South and take the second exit to Regan National Airport
2. Cross the bridge over GWMP, take the second exit on your right and loop back into GWMP northbound
3. Take exit to I-395 South