



95 Express Lanes Overhead Toll Gantry Installation Begins

New Travel Option to Open in Early 2015

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced today that the first six of 30 overhead toll gantries has been installed as part of the 95 Express Lanes Project - opening to traffic in early 2015. The first gantries were placed over the existing I-395 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes near Edsall Road (Route 648).

Over the coming months, crews will work to install the remaining overhead gantries housing the technology, including E-ZPass readers and cameras, used to manage the Express Lanes at 15 locations along the 29-mile project corridor.

The installation of the toll gantries is another driver reminder that changes are coming to the I-95/395 corridor when the new 29-mile HOV lanes are converted to the electronic 95 Express Lanes set to be completed by the end of the year. When the new lanes open, all drivers will need an E-ZPass® or an E-ZPass® FlexSM to use the lanes.

The 95 Express Lanes will use dynamic tolls to keep traffic flowing and provide a more predictable travel option on I-95 between Route 610 in Stafford County to just north of the Capital Beltway, I-495. Drivers with three or more people in the vehicle will be able to travel toll-free with an E-ZPass Flex set to the HOV mode.

While toll gantries will be clearly visible to I-95 travelers, their installation does not indicate that the lanes are opening. Drivers who have an E-ZPass do not need to worry about being charged a toll until the Express Lanes open to traffic in early 2015. Drivers are encouraged to visit: 95expresslanes.com to learn about future changes and the new travel option.

The 95 Express Lanes are being delivered through a public-private partnership between VDOT and Transurban-Fluor. For up to date construction info please visit vamegaprojects.com.

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The 95 Express Lanes will provide new choices, added capacity and extend and improve the performance of the existing HOV system. The 95 Express Lanes will extend from the Edsall Road area in Fairfax County to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County. For more information, please visit 95ExpressLanes.com.