



Lane Closures on I-95 Continue this Summer as 95 Express Lanes Construction Advances; VDOT Officials Advise Commuters at Driver Safety Event on I- 95

95 Express Lanes On-Track for Completion in Late 2014; Will Open to Traffic in Early 2015

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced today at an Orange Cones. No Phones. safe-driving event held on the 95 Express Lanes construction corridor that drivers traveling on I-95 in Northern Virginia should prepare for more lane closures and traffic impacts this summer. Drivers will face continued closures of the existing HOV and regular lanes on I-395/95 during overnight hours and weekends, as well as on weekdays during non-rush hours, as crews work to advance the Express Lanes to completion. The 95 Express Lanes project is more than 75 percent complete, and remains on-schedule to be substantially finished by late 2014 and open to traffic in early 2015.

"As the public prepares for summer road trips and commutes, construction will be in full force along I-95 in Northern Virginia," commented Helen Cuervo, VDOT's Northern Virginia Administrator. "The Orange Cones. No Phones. message of putting your phone down and staying alert is even more important this summer as crews will be working day and night to keep the nearly \$1 billion 95 Express Lanes project on-schedule," continued Cuervo.

"VDOT continues to work hard to minimize impacts to the traveling public, however, lane closures on 95 are unavoidable to protect the safety of drivers and workers - and this is the top priority of VDOT and its partners," added Susan Shaw, VDOT's Director of Megaprojects.



During the remainder of 2014, nearly 1,500 workers will continue to build-out the new Express Lanes in the median of I-95. In addition to putting down final pavement on new lanes and bridges, crews will install and test new overhead signs, tolling gantries and other traffic management equipment.

Other critical work scheduled for this year includes constructing new sound walls to provide noise reductions to nearby communities; building storm water management ponds; and completing final work on barriers, guardrails, paving and roadways.

The 95 Express Lanes will be reversible lanes with dynamic tolls designed to keep traffic flowing and provide a more predictable travel option on I-95 between Route 610 in Stafford County to just north of I-495. The 95 Express Lanes are being delivered through a public-private partnership between VDOT and Transurban-Fluor. For the latest information about specific closures and construction activities, visit www.vamegaprojects.com or www.95expresslanes.com.

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.