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Gallows Road Eastbound Bridge Closes Week of March 23 Traffic Shift and Detour In Effect Until 2012

FAIRFAX – The Virginia Department of Transportation, as part of the I-495 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project, is replacing the overpasses at Gallows Road (Route 650) and the Capital Beltway, I-495, beginning with the eastbound bridge that will be closed to traffic the week of March 23.

All traffic will be shifted to the westbound Gallows Road Bridge which will have two lanes of traffic in both directions. To make room for traffic the sidewalk and median have been demolished. Gallows Road motorists heading east to I-495 North, towards Tysons Corner, will be detoured as noted below to allow for bridge demolition and new bridge construction.

Gallows Road East to I-495 North CLOSED – Use Detour

Detour Route: Motorists on Gallows Road heading east to I-495 North will be detoured to Gallows Road west to Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) and turn right to access I-495 North towards Tysons Corner. This detour is expected to be in effect for three years due to phased bridge construction.

Motorists using the detour should expect delays of about 10 minutes in the a.m. peak hours, and 10-15 minutes in the p.m. peak hours.

Ramp Modification: The ramp from I-495 north to Gallows Road will be reconfigured from three ramp lanes to two lanes: a single dedicated left turn lane and a shared left and right turn lane.

Nighttime Demolition Work: Demolition of the Gallows Road eastbound bridge will last approximately six weeks, weather permitting. During night demolition, two right lanes on I-495 north or south will be closed under the bridge demolition work, week nights from 9:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

The new eastbound bridge will be completed in approximately one year. Once completed, all eastbound traffic will be shifted from the westbound bridge to the new eastbound Gallows Road bridge to allow for demolition and construction of the new Gallows Road westbound bridge.

For more information about the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project, log on to www.VAmegaprojects.com.

Links:

Gallows Road Fact Sheet

http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/09MAR11_Gallows_Rd_Bridge_Demo.pdf

Gallows Road Map

http://www.vamegaprojects.com/downloads/pdf/Gallows_Road_Map_March_09.pdf