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New Idylwood Road Bridge over I-495 Opens Today

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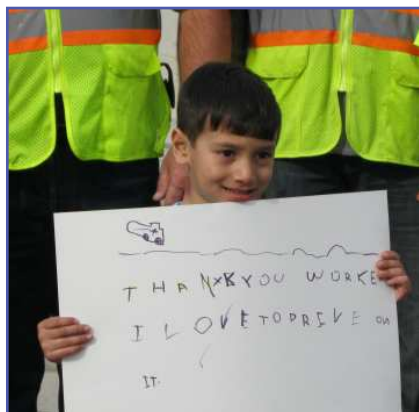
The new Idylwood Road bridge over the Capital Beltway will open today – almost a year and a half ahead of schedule. The bridge was rebuilt in about six months as part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project.

Original construction plans for the Idylwood Road bridge called for dividing the work into two phases and installing temporary traffic signals to alternate one-way traffic across the bridge. Each side of the bridge would have taken a year to complete for a total construction period of approximately two years. Fluor-Lane, the project’s design-builder, proposed and won local community support for an alternate construction plan to build the new bridge simultaneously.

“The Idylwood Road Bridge is an excellent example of how stakeholder input can shape a better outcome for local communities and the overall project schedule,” remarked **Tim Steinhilber, Transurban-Fluor’s General Manager for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project.** *“By engaging directly with the impacted communities, the project team was able to implement a plan mutually beneficial to our construction team and local community.”*



L to R: Larry Cloyd, VDOT Project Manager; Tim Steinhilber, Project General Manager for Transurban-Fluor; Delegate Jim Scott; Fairfax Supervisor Linda Smyth; Bob Portley, Deputy Project Manger for Fluor-Lane; Delegate Mark Keam



Local child shows off the sign he made to thank Fluor-Lane crew working on the bridge

Project leaders held a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier today with local elected officials to recognize this project milestone, including Delegate Jim Scott, Delegate Mark Keam and Fairfax County Supervisor Linda Smyth.

“We are pleased at the collaborative approach that occurred between the HOT Lanes Project Team and the local community throughout planning and constructing a new Idylwood Road Bridge across the Beltway,” said **Fairfax County Supervisor Linda Smyth.** *“By coming up with an innovative plan that shortened the construction schedule by nearly a year and a half, the team minimized construction impacts to the surrounding community and restored travel benefits much more efficiently than originally planned.”*

“The new Idylwood Road Bridge is one of the first improvements to be delivered to local drivers as a result of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project,” stated **Larry Cloyd, VDOT Project Manager for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project.** *“This new bridge exemplifies our entire team’s commitment to replacing aging infrastructure with facilities that will better serve local drivers and neighbors, while accommodating the future Beltway HOT Lanes.”*

The new bridge includes new pedestrian and bicycle access and improvements to better manage stormwater runoff. The new Idylwood Road Bridge is among the 58 Beltway bridges and overpasses being reconstructed as part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project.

For more information on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, please visit www.virginiahotlanes.com.