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W&OD Trail Pedestrian Bridge

New bridge allows for improved mobility and safety

The Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes will bring the most significant improvements to the beltway since its opening in 1964.

As part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project, Transurban-Fluor replaced the approximately 40-year-old Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail Bridge over the Capital Beltway. The new bridge has improved access for bikers and pedestrians, enhances regional mobility and improves bike and pedestrian safety. The new bridge opened June 15, 2011.

The W&OD Bridge is just one of the many bike and pedestrian improvements provided through the HOT Lanes project. The project will provide bike paths and sidewalks on every new beltway crossing including Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike, Gallows Road, Oak Street Bridge, Idylwood Drive, Lee Highway, Westpark Bridge, Jones Branch Drive and Lewinsville Road.

Quick Facts: W&OD Trail

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| Built in: | 1974 |
| Length: | 45 miles of asphalt pedestrian trail, 32.5 miles of crushed stone horse trail |
| Width: | 100 feet, including pedestrian trail and horse trail |
| Location: | From Shirlington in Arlington County to Purcellville in Loudoun County |
| Owned by: | Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority |
| Use: | Biking, horseback riding, running, walking |
| Elevation: | Highest: 610 feet at Clarks Gap Lowest: 141 feet at Shirlington Trail |
| Trail Hours: | Open during daylight |

I-495 Bridge Improvements



- The new bridge is 30 feet longer and 4 feet wider than the former structure
- This longer and wider span provides safer travel for bike and pedestrian traffic
- New bridge meets American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials standards
- New bridge will incur little to no maintenance costs in the near future
- Improvements align with the Fairfax County Trails plan

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project or for information about bike and pedestrian improvements, visit www.virginiahotlanes.com.