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## NEW RAMP FROM WESTBOUND I-695 TO NORTHBOUND I-95 TO OPEN

**BALTIMORE, MD** – On Thursday, Oct. 2, prior to 5 a.m., the new ramp that carries general-purpose traffic from westbound Interstate 695 to northbound Interstate 95 will open. In the event of inclement weather, the opening will occur Friday, Oct. 3.



This is the second ramp to be complete at the I-95/I-695 interchange and the third new roadway/ramp opening that has taken place in the past two months as part of the I-95 Express Toll Lanes<sup>SM</sup> (ETLs<sup>SM</sup>) Project. The ramp from northbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 and the new bridge that merges northbound I-895 traffic to I-95 opened on Sept. 11 and 23, respectively.

In upcoming months, three additional ramp openings or traffic shifts will occur resulting in **significant** changes to the current traffic patterns:

### NEW I-695 WESTBOUND RAMP TO I-95 NORTH

- A new ramp from northbound I-95 to westbound I-695 is scheduled to open in November. The ramp will be located on the right side of the roadway, rather than the left, and traffic will enter I-695 from the right, rather than the left as it does now.
- A 3-mile traffic pattern change in each direction of I-95, north of I-695 is scheduled to occur between mid-November and early-December. The current lanes will be shifted to the right approximately 60 feet in each direction.
- The general-purpose ramp from southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 is anticipated to be complete early next year. Traffic will exit onto I-695 from the right lane of I-95 rather than the left lane, as it does now. I-95 traffic will enter I-695 on the right.

The I-95 ETLs Project spans from the I-95/I-895 split in northeast Baltimore to just north of MD 43 in White Marsh. It will result in a total of two new ETLs and four general-purpose lanes in each direction, and includes bridge and interchange improvements. Motorists will have the option of using the general-purpose lanes at no cost or paying a toll to use the ETLs, which will be managed to maintain relatively congestion-free traffic flow.

Visit [I95ExpressTollLanes.com](http://I95ExpressTollLanes.com) for project information, live traffic images and the ETLs Project video. For Express Toll Lanes active lane closures and for traffic information statewide, visit [traffic.md.gov](http://traffic.md.gov).

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