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

Significant Change to 45-Year-Old Traffic Pattern

BALTIMORE, MD – On Sunday morning Nov. 16, at approximately 5 a.m., the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) will open the new ramp that carries traffic from northbound Interstate 95 to westbound Interstate 695 as part of the I-95 Express Toll LanesSM (ETLsSM) Project.

Once the ramp is open, the existing traffic pattern will change significantly. Vehicles will exit northbound I-95 on the right AND enter westbound I-695 from the right lane rather than the left as they do now. Traffic will enter I-695 in the area of the Lillian Holt Drive overpass.

“Opening this new ramp, as well as other ramps at the interchange, reinforces Governor O’Malley’s commitment to improving the quality of life for Marylanders by providing safe and efficient travel,” said Transportation Secretary and Authority Chairman John D. Porcari. “By eliminating left exits and separating the traffic exiting I-95 from the traffic merging onto the highway – a traffic pattern that has been in effect for 45 years – we’re providing the more than 19,000 motorists who travel this ramp every day a smoother and safer means to reach their destinations.”

The new general-purpose ramp – 110 feet at its highest point – is the first completed elevated ramp of the ETLs project and one of the two highest ramps being constructed at the I-95/I-695 interchange.

“The Authority is committed to managing congestion and increasing safety for our customers,” said Authority Executive Secretary Ronald L. Freeland. “With each ramp or roadway that is opened as part of the ETLs Project, we take another step toward providing the much needed relief on the most congested portion of I-95 north of Baltimore.”

In order for crews to perform line-striping work and sign modifications in advance of the new traffic pattern, the following closures and detours will be in effect. Please note times are approximate.

From 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 to 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16:

- The three left lanes of northbound I-95 prior to I-695,
- The ramp from northbound I-95 to westbound I-695,
- All lanes of westbound I-695 at I-95 and
- The ramp from westbound I-695 to southbound I-95 will be closed.



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ADD ONE: I-95/I-695 RAMP TO OPEN

Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 5 a.m.:

- The two right lanes of northbound I-95 at I-695,
- The ramp from northbound I-95 to eastbound I-695,
- The ramp from northbound I-95 to westbound I-695,
- All lanes of I-695 at I-95 and
- The ramp from westbound I-695 to southbound I-95 will be closed.

The detour route between 10 p.m. Saturday and 5 a.m. Sunday will direct motorists to northbound I-95, to westbound MD 43 (Exit 67, White Marsh Boulevard), to southbound I-95. Motorists may remain on southbound I-95 or exit onto eastbound or westbound I-695.

Sunday, from 5 to 7 a.m.:

- The right lane of westbound I-695 at I-95 and
- The ramp from southbound I-95 to westbound I-695 will be closed.

The detour route for the southbound I-95 ramp to westbound I-695 closure directs motorists to southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 to eastbound US 40 (Exit 35, Pulaski Highway), to westbound I-695.

This is the third ramp to be complete at the I-95/I-695 interchange and the fourth new roadway/ramp opening that has taken place in recent months as part of the I-95 ETLs Project.

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 express toll lanes and four general-purpose lanes in each direction that are accommodated by bridge and interchange improvements. Motorists will have the choice 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** 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**.

The Maryland Transportation Authority is an independent State agency that finances, owns and operates the State's seven toll facilities. The Authority's eight Members, appointed by the Governor with consent of the State Senate, serve as the agency's policy-setting and governing body. Maryland's Secretary of Transportation serves as Authority Chairman.

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