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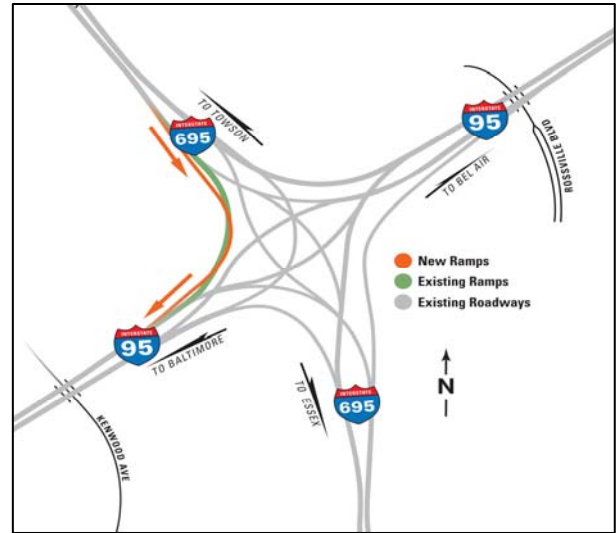
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NEW RAMP FROM EASTBOUND I-695 TO SOUTHBOUND I-95 TO OPEN

BALTIMORE, MD – On Friday, May 15 at approximately 5 a.m., weather permitting, the new ramp that carries traffic from eastbound Interstate 695 to southbound Interstate 95 will open. In the event of inclement weather, the ramp will open the morning of Sunday, May 17.

The new ramp will result in a moderate change to the current traffic pattern. The entry point will be located approximately one-half mile prior to the existing ramp. Additionally, traffic will shift approximately 45 feet to the right, close to the newly constructed concrete barrier to allow crews to work on other ramps scheduled to open later this year. Additional traffic shifts will take place as construction progresses.



ABOVE: NEW EASTBOUND I-695 TO SOUTHBOUND I-95 RAMP

To prepare for the new ramp opening, the existing ramp from eastbound I-695 to southbound I-95 will be closed from 10 p.m. Thursday, May 14 to 5 a.m. Friday, May 15. **The detour route will direct motorists to eastbound US 40 (Exit 35B, Pulaski Highway), to westbound I-695, to southbound I-95.** Traffic drags will take place periodically throughout the night on eastbound I-695 for crews to move equipment. During the traffic drags, police will bring vehicles to a reduced pace prior to the work zone.

This is the fourth newly constructed ramp to open at the I-95/I-695 Interchange as part of the I-95 Express Toll LanesSM (ETLsSM) Project since fall 2008. Two of the four ramps that have opened in the previous months have resulted in significant traffic pattern changes and improved safety conditions.

In the upcoming months, other ramp openings and traffic switches will occur. Dates are approximate and subject to change due to weather and other variables.

- **The elevated ramp from southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 and the ramp from southbound I-95 to westbound I-695** are anticipated to open in June. The new ramps will result in a significant and moderate change to the current traffic patterns respectively.



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ADD ONE: NEW RAMP TO OPEN

- **The elevated ramp from westbound I-695 to southbound I-95** is scheduled to open in July, resulting in a significant change to the current traffic pattern.
- **The current traffic pattern on southbound I-95 at I-895 will be changed significantly.** Currently, southbound I-95 traffic exits on the right at the I-95/I-895 split, while I-895 traffic travels in the left lanes. Around mid-July, I-95 traffic will stay in the left lanes, while I-895 traffic will move to the right lanes.
- **The elevated ramp from eastbound I-695 to northbound I-95** is anticipated to open in late summer, resulting in a significant change to the current traffic pattern.

Significant traffic pattern changes include right exits rather than left exits and traffic entering the mainline roadway on the right rather than on the left it does today.

These new ramps are for general-purpose traffic only. Work to construct ramps for express toll lane traffic will occur in the next phase of construction at this interchange.

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. Once complete, it will result in a total of two new ETLs and four general-purpose lanes in each direction that are accommodated by 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 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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