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I-495 HOT Lanes Tour

**Friday, November 6, 2009
10 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

Facts at a Glance

- Project will: build four HOV/HOT lanes on the Capital Beltway between the Springfield Interchange and just north of the Dulles Toll Road, a distance of 14 miles.
- Cost: \$1.4 billion
- Start date: July 2008
- Estimated completion: 2013

What's Being Done

High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes are tolled lanes that operate alongside existing highway lanes to provide users with a faster and more reliable travel option.

This project will build fourteen miles of new HOT lanes (two in each direction) on I-495 between the Springfield Interchange and just north of the Dulles Toll Road. These HOT lanes will allow the Beltway to offer HOV-3 connections with I-95/395, I-66 and the Dulles Toll Road for the first time. When completed, buses, carpools and vanpools with three or more people, and motorcycles can ride in the new lanes for free. Vehicles carrying two people can either travel for free in the regular lanes, or pay a toll to ride in the HOT lanes. Tolls for the HOT lanes will change according to traffic conditions, which will regulate demand for the lanes and keep them congestion free - even during peak hours.

In addition to providing new travel choices, this project will also make a significant contribution to the Beltway's 45-year-old infrastructure, replacing more than 50 aging bridges and overpasses, upgrading 10 interchanges and improving new bike and pedestrian access. The I-495 HOT Lanes construction is divided into four areas.

We will be visiting the Field Office in Area 1, located in 8012T Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

For Carpooling, we will meet at Sandy Creek at 9am!

For more info visit: <http://www2.gmu.edu/org/asce/index.html>



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