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I-95 Road Construction

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**MAJOR TWO-YEAR PROJECT BEGINS
ON I-95 SOUTH OF THE FORT MCHENRY TUNNEL**
*4.4 Miles of Roadway Resurfacing and Joint Replacement Work
Traffic Shift on Northbound I-95 to Begin Sunday Night*

BALTIMORE, MD – The MD Transportation Authority (**MDTA**) announces a \$66 million project to remove and replace the existing concrete deck (riding) surface and roadway joints on mainline I-95 and the ramps serving I-95 between the Fort McHenry Tunnel and Caton Avenue (Exit 50). This preservation project, funded completely by toll revenue and expected to last two construction seasons, includes lane shifts on mainline I-95, reduced lane widths, elimination of shoulders and full-time and part-time ramp closures and detours around the work zone.

Currently, crews are repairing and replacing storm drains along I-95 between Caton Avenue and Washington Boulevard. **Weather permitting**, beginning Sunday night, March 16, northbound I-95 lanes will shift from the median toward the right shoulder and in late March/early April, construction barriers will be set up on northbound I-95 throughout the 4.4-mile construction zone.

Weather permitting, in early May, southbound I-95 lanes will shift from the median toward the right shoulder followed by the installation of concrete barriers. By early summer, the ramp from southbound I-395 to southbound I-95 will be reduced to one lane for approximately three months and will reopen before the new school year begins in August.

The following ramps will be affected at various times during this project:

Full-Time Ramp Closures	Part-Time Ramp Closures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McComas Street to I-95. • Washington Boulevard to I-95 SB. • MD 295 to I-95 NB. • I-95 NB to Hanover Street. • I-95 NB to Key Highway. • Hanover Street to I-95 SB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-95 SB to I-395 NB. • I-95 SB to MD 295 SB. • Russell Street to I-95 SB. • I-95 SB to Caton Avenue. • I-95 NB to Russell Street. • I-395 SB to I-95 NB.

Full-time ramp closures will last 24/7 for approximately one to two weeks while part-time closures will occur on nights and weekends. Scheduled lane closures will be restricted to off-peak and non-event hours during days, nights and weekends. Mainline I-95 travel lanes will be reduced from 12-foot to 11-foot lanes during traffic shifts. All lanes on I-95 will be maintained throughout the project.

Drivers should expect delays and shifts in traffic patterns in and around the work zone.

Construction is expected to be complete in mid 2016. G.A. & F.C. Wagman, Inc., of York, Pa. will repair and replace aged bridge decks and drainage troughs, and mill and resurface the bridge decks. Work also includes miscellaneous structural repairs.

The Fort McHenry Tunnel opened in 1985. Bridges along I-95 north of the tunnel were resurfaced in 2001 and 2004. This will be the first resurfacing project on I-95 south of the tunnel since it opened.

The **MDTA** will alert the public to changing traffic patterns, ramp closures and alternative routes through traffic advisories, website and social media updates and notifications to local residents, schools, hospitals, businesses and emergency services. Portable and overhead electronic message signs will display travel information. For information on the **MDTA**'s facility preservation projects, or to view real-time traffic camera images on **MDTA** roadways, visit **mdta.maryland.gov**. For statewide travel conditions, visit **MD511.ORG** or call 511.