Interstate 95 Safety Improvements at Route 3
City of Fredericksburg

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- Branch Civil, Inc.
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Agenda

• Project improvements
• What drivers can expect during construction
• How you can stay informed
• Audience questions
Fast Facts: Construction

- Construction begins June 26, 2017
- Approximately 18 months of construction
- Construction completion in January 2019
- Project total cost is $21 million
- Funded by federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities
What will the project do?

Modify the on- and off-ramps at interchange to reduce vehicle merging and weaving
I-95 Southbound to Route 3 Westbound

**Existing condition:**
- Unsignalized weave movement to Carl D. Silver Parkway
- Single lane on I-95 southbound exit ramp

**After construction:**
- Exit ramp extended and widened to 2 lanes
- Separate free-flow lane directly leads to Carl D. Silver Parkway at Central Park, with no merging required
- Triple right turn lanes for Route 3 westbound traffic, controlled by a new traffic signal
Route 3 Eastbound to I-95 Northbound

**Existing condition:**
- Short merge area on Route 3 eastbound and interstate for traffic entering, exiting at Exit 130
- Single lane on-ramp to I-95 northbound

**After construction:**
- Triple left turn lanes to I-95 northbound
- Existing loop ramp is removed
- I-95 northbound on-ramp extended and widened
Estimated Construction Schedule

Summer — Fall 2017

- Sign installation, placement of concrete barrier
- Utility relocation
- Clearing and grading
- Construction starts to build new ramps and lanes

Fall — Late 2017

- Brief detours for utility placement at Central Park entrance at Carl D. Silver Parkway
- New traffic signal activated on Route 3 westbound for new triple right turn lanes at I-95 southbound exit ramp
Estimated Construction Schedule

Spring — Summer 2018
• New separate free-flow lane opens leading directly to Carl D. Silver Parkway
• Construction on Route 3 eastbound for triple left turn lanes

Fall 2018 — January 2019
• New traffic signal activated at triple left turn lanes on Route 3 eastbound to I-95 northbound entrance ramp
• Existing I-95 northbound entrance loop ramp from Route 3 eastbound closes
• Potential noise barrier construction along I-95 northbound
How will construction affect my trip?

- More than **80,000** vehicles a day travel Route 3 near Interstate 95
- More than **145,000** vehicles a day on I-95
- Busy commercial area and travel hub
- Drivers can expect lanes to remain open at peak morning and afternoon travel times
- Most impactful work will be scheduled for overnight and off-peak hours
How will construction affect my trip?

Pardon our dust!

- Equipment
- Barrels, cones and workers
- Stay alert for new traffic patterns
- Temporary driving surface may be rough
- New pavement surface placed at end of project
- 511Virginia.org has real-time work zone information
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