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TRANSFORM 66

OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY



We're transforming I-66 to provide safer, more reliable travel options for more people across Northern Virginia.

A LOOK AT 2018 CONSTRUCTION

Construction activities during 2018 on the 22.5-mile I-66 Outside the Beltway project have focused on preparing the corridor for the major work that lies ahead. Crews have shifted travel lanes and installed concrete barriers on I-66 and Route 28 to set up safe work zones and make room for construction throughout the corridor. Other activities that have been underway and precede heavy construction include clearing trees, relocating utilities, and setting up erosion and sediment controls to protect streams.

Clearing and excavation work has progressed allowing the future park and ride lot at University Boulevard near Route 29 in Gainesville (see details below) and a new access road at E.C. Lawrence Park to begin taking shape. Additionally, crews have started placing concrete foundations for the future shared use path inside the Route 123 interchange and excavating for new retaining walls near Jermantown Road.

AREA SPOTLIGHT - UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD PARK AND RIDE LOT

Work began on the new park and ride lot at University Boulevard near Route 29 in Gainesville in June 2018. Construction is visibly progressing, with a focus on

opening at least 960 of the more than 2,000 new parking spaces for public use by summer 2019. When complete in December 2022, this new hub for carpools and commuter bus service will have convenient access to and from the I-66 Express Lanes, and dedicated areas for bicyclists, buses, and carpools. Read more about current construction activities [here](#).



I-66 ROADWAY CONDITIONS UPDATE

As construction progresses on I-66 Outside the Beltway, ensuring safe driving conditions across the 22.5-mile project corridor is a top priority for VDOT and its project partners, EMP and FAM. The team has been increasing efforts to monitor and address pavement conditions.

FAM has been working to address pavement conditions in areas where new lane markings are in place and where potholes have formed. Potholes have become more prevalent due to the recent cold, wet weather conditions which have increased the number of potholes on the roadway, limited crews' ability to make repairs, and caused some repairs to not hold up.

The project team is taking the following steps to bolster its ongoing pavement repair efforts:

- Expanding work hours to conduct repairs
- Patrolling road conditions daily and identifying areas requiring immediate attention
- Milling and repaving lengthy, four-foot-wide strips of roadway along portions of I-66

What Can Drivers Do?

- **Stay alert:** Pay attention and leave adequate following distance, so that you'll see and can avoid any roadway hazards.
- **Slow down:** Reduce travel speed while traveling through the I-66 project corridor to keep yourself and our crews safe.
- **Check tire pressure:** Properly inflated tires hold up better on roadway surfaces than tires that have too much or not enough air.
- **Be smart:** It's better to slow down and drive through a pothole than to swerve out of your lane and cause a crash.
- **Report problems:** If you encounter a pothole or other roadway hazard, when it is safe to do so:
 - Call VDOT at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623)
 - Email Transform66 project team at Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov
 - If it's an immediate hazard, call Virginia State Police at #77



Crews working to fill potholes along I-66.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION IN 2019

Construction will continue throughout the winter months as weather allows. Construction of new bridge foundations will begin at the I-495 and Route 28

interchanges. Crews also will begin work on a temporary road at the Route 123 interchange that will enable traffic to be maintained during future construction of new ramps. Additionally, clearing work will begin at the site of the future Balls Ford Park and Ride Lot in Manassas.

DRIVE SAFELY THIS WINTER



Bridges freeze first

Bridges and overpasses freeze faster than the roadway surface. When approaching a bridge or overpass use caution and slow down.

Remove snow from your vehicle

Driving with snow on your car is a serious hazard. Thoroughly remove the snow from your windshield, rear window, side windows, and top of car. Don't rely on the defrosters.



*Have a safe and happy
holiday season!*

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