



# Traffic Advisory

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## NEW RAMPS AT I-95 AND I-695 TO OPEN FRIDAY MORNING

**BALTIMORE, MD** – Weather permitting, at approximately 5 a.m. tomorrow, the new ramp from southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 toward Essex, and the new ramp from southbound I-95 to westbound I-695 toward Towson, will open.

The new ramp from southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 will result in a significant change to the current traffic pattern as motorists will exit southbound I-95 on the right AND enter eastbound I-695 from the right lane rather than the left as they do now. Motorists' decision point for accessing the ramp will be about one-half mile prior to the current location.



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



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

The ramp that carries traffic from southbound I-95 to westbound I-695 also is scheduled to open tomorrow. The new ramp will result in a moderate change to the current traffic pattern. Motorists' decision point will be located approximately one-half mile prior to the current location.

To prepare for the new ramp openings, several ramp and lane closures will be in effect from 10 p.m. Thursday to 5 a.m. Friday:

- All lanes of eastbound I-695 in the area of I-95 will be closed. Left lane closures will begin in the area of US 1 (Belair Road, Exit 32).
- The existing ramps from southbound I-95 to eastbound I-695 and from southbound I-95 to westbound I-695 will be closed.
- The ramp from eastbound I-695 to northbound I-95 will be closed.

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## **ADD ONE: NEW RAMPS TO OPEN**

**Detour routes will direct motorists to southbound I-95, to southbound I-895, to Moravia Road (Exit 14), to northbound I-95. Drivers may continue to eastbound or westbound I-695.** Traffic drags will take place periodically throughout the night on southbound I-95 just south of MD 43 for crews to move equipment. During the traffic drags, police will bring vehicles to a reduced pace prior to the work zone.

Motorists are reminded of new construction-related traffic patterns and lane shifts in the area and are urged to pay attention to overhead roadway directional and electronic message signs.

In the upcoming weeks, the following ramp openings and new traffic patterns will take place. Dates are approximate and subject to change due to weather and other variables.

- **The elevated ramp from westbound I-695 to southbound I-95** is scheduled to open in early July, resulting in a significant change to the current traffic pattern.
- **The current traffic pattern on southbound I-95 at I-895 will change 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.

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