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Welcome to the May 2014 Edition of "On the Move"

Upcoming Changes that Can Impact Your Commute on I-95

Work is underway in Northern Virginia to convert the I-95 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to the 95 Express Lanes. Opening in early 2015, the 95 Express Lanes will span 29 miles from Stafford County to just north of the Capital Beltway and provide much needed congestion relief and more predictable travel options in the I-95 corridor. The Express Lanes will introduce new rules of the road and it's critical for vanpool service providers and drivers to learn more and start preparing.



Key rules for the 95 Express Lanes:

- All drivers will need an E-ZPass® or E-ZPass® FlexSM to use the Lanes.
- HOV-3 vehicles with an E-ZPass Flex set to HOV mode, buses and motorcycles will travel toll-free. Everyone else can pay a toll to access the Lanes at any time of day. Trucks with three or more axles are prohibited.
- Drivers with three or more in the vehicle

 including the driver and an E-ZPass
 Flex set to HOV mode will travel toll-free.
- Drivers traveling alone or with one passenger can pay a toll using a regular E-ZPass or an E-ZPass Flex set to tollpaying mode.
- The tolls will be dynamic to manage congestion and keep the Express Lanes free flowing.

- The rules of the road will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The 95 Express Lanes will remain reversible with a schedule similar to today's HOV lanes.

Tips for vanpool service providers and drivers to prepare:

- Equip your vanpool with an E-ZPass Flex

 you need one to travel toll-free on the
 Express Lanes. Learn where to get E-ZPass at 95ExpressLanes.com/using-ezpass.
- 2. If you have three or more people in the van, switch your Flex to HOV mode. With your Flex in HOV mode, you will not be charged a toll on the Express Lanes.
- 3. If you are driving by yourself or with only one passenger, switch your Flex to toll-paying mode.

The 95 Express Lanes will end and the HOV lanes will begin just north of Edsall Road on I-395. Vehicles that do not meet the HOV requirement when the HOV rules are in effect on I-395 will need to exit from the Express Lanes and reenter the regular I-395 lanes after Edsall Road to continue into Arlington and Washington, D.C.

For more information about these upcoming changes visit 95ExpressLanes.com/MakeAPlan. The website is tailored to I-95 travelers based on their preferred mode of travel and outlines the steps they need to take to prepare for the changes coming to I-95. Also on the website, travelers can view a video outlining what they need to do to prepare for the new Express Lanes.

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Cyclist and Driver Etiquette in the District

There are so many ways to get around DC. It is important to share the road with others including cyclist. Here are a couple of pointers to help us all get to where we need to go and respect each other's preferred mode of transportation.



- This seems obvious but remember that a bike lane — whether merely painted or physically separated from cars — is meant for cyclists
- Drivers need to be patient and must give cyclists a three-foot or more clearance when passing.
- Watch for sharrows. The word is a mash-up of "shared lane" and "arrow." You can identify these by a picture of a bike and a pair of "^" painted in the middle of the lane. These markings serve as a reminder to drivers that they're sharing the road with cyclists.
- Pay attention to horizontal boxes with a row of bikes painted on it. That's a "bike box," located in front of the white line where cars must stop for a light. The space gives cyclists a chance to move safely from left to right for a turn.
- Look for cyclist before opening your van doors to avoid a crash
- Whenever making left or right turns, always be cautious. Check for oncoming and rear-approaching cyclists, and give bikes the right-of-way when required.

Information taken from:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/bicycling101/bicycles_5tips http://www.washingtonpost.com/express/wp/2014/05/13/learn-this-etiquette-and-lingo-so-youre-ready-to-ride-in-d-c-s-bike-lanes/ Photo from: http://greatergreater.com/images/201101/041817.jpg

First Baptist Church Centralia Annual Golf Tournament

Please join us for the First Baptist Church, Centralia Golf Tournament on June 21, 2014. We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful First Tee of Chesterfield in Richmond, VA (www.thefirstteerichmondchesterfield.org).

The event will include a 4-person scramble, box lunch, and awards reception following the golf tournament.



Included with your online registration is a 1-year subscription to Golf Digest (a \$10 value). You can register online at http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/25240-FBCCGolf/

Register now and remember to invite your friends to play. We have had so much fun and success at this event in the past. We can assure you that you will have a great day of golf.

K&K Connection May Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in May a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If we missed your birthday please let us know by emailing owilliams@ridek2k.com. Thank you!

Welcome To K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of May. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!