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PEDESTRIAN & BIKE INFORMATION FOR INAUGURATION DAY

Walkers and Bicyclists Also Encouraged to Plan Ahead

RICHMOND – Since personal vehicles will not be allowed to enter Washington from Virginia on January 20, 2009, anyone making arrangements to walk or ride a bicycle will have several options available to them for the Inauguration Day.

As unveiled Wednesday, January 7, 2009, the Virginia portion of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration Transportation Plan allows pedestrians and bicyclists full access to the following bridges between Virginia and Washington, D.C.:

- Memorial Bridge
- Chain Bridge
- Key Bridge

In addition, the bike/walk path that runs along the George Washington Memorial Parkway and underneath the 14th Street Bridge from Virginia into Washington, D.C. will be open to pedestrian and bike traffic.

Segways will also be permitted on the three bridges listed above and the 14th Street Bridge bike/walk path.

No pedestrian or bicycle traffic will be permitted on the 14th Street Bridge from Interstate 395 or the Roosevelt Bridge from Interstate 66. These bridges are only open to authorized vehicles – buses, emergency vehicles, taxis, and for-hire limos and car services.

The following recommendations are for members of the public who are choosing to walk or bike on Inauguration Day:

- Carry a map and plan your route into D.C.
- Check the weather forecast before heading out the door
- Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes
- Pack light & be aware of prohibited items at security checkpoints
- Be patient. You may encounter long lines at security checkpoints
- Pack a light snack and water
- Don't forget any medications you may need
- If you are walking with a group – designate a meeting place should you get separated

For those bicycling into the District, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association is offering free valet bike parking services at two locations during the 2009 Inaugural festivities. For more information log onto <http://www.waba.org/events/inauguralbikevalet.php>.

For additional information on planning your trip into Washington, visit www.gettingthere.dc.gov.

Everyone is encouraged to stay informed of traffic and weather conditions by checking the following Web sites **before** traveling: District of Columbia's Inaugural Web site <http://www.inauguration.dc.gov>; Official Inaugural Web site <http://inaugural.senate.gov/2009/planyourtrip.cfm>. Virginia-specific Inaugural information is available at: www.vsp.virginia.gov.