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VIRGINIA 6:30 P.M. TRAFFIC CONDITION UPDATE

FAIRFAX, Va. – Virginia State Police is preparing to lift all traffic restrictions along I-395 northbound and I-66 eastbound inside the Capital Beltway beginning at **7 p.m.** Currently, both inbound lanes into Washington D.C. on I-395 and I-66 are for authorized vehicles only. Since the Roosevelt Bridge is closed to pedestrian use only, Virginia State Police is diverting all vehicular traffic on I-66 eastbound onto Route 110.

The southbound lanes of I-395 and the westbound lanes of I-66 are open to all traffic.

The HOV-3 lanes on I-95/I-395 southbound are in effect from 4 p.m. Jan. 20, until 3 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21. The HOV-2 lanes along I-66 westbound are in effect from 4 p.m., Jan. 20, until 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Virginia traffic is moderate on Interstate 95 in the Northern Virginia region.

There are currently no significant delays to report on transit systems serving Virginia. Regarding Metrorail stations, Judiciary Square and Mount Vernon Square stations are closed for the rest of the night. The Smithsonian and Archives-Navy Memorial stations are now open and operating.

As of 5 pm, Metro reports that more than 873,700 people have used the Metro system today.

Virginia Railway Express reports that more than 18,000 people have used the commuter rail service today. The last VRE trains out of Washington, DC are scheduled to depart as follows:

- The last Fredericksburg line train will leave from L'Enfant Plaza at 6:47 pm
- The last Manassas line train will leave from L'Enfant Plaza at 6:56 pm

VRE service is reserved for people who have special VRE inauguration tickets, so tickets are not available for purchase on VRE today. Individuals who took transit to Metrorail stations from Virginia Park & Ride lots, transit service is running for the return trip from Metrorail.

The Virginia state police website has information on available transit options and transit service back to park and ride lots at www.vsp.virginia.gov