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VDOT NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT OFFICE OPEN THIS WEEKEND TO HELP DRIVERS GET E-ZPASS AHEAD OF MONDAY I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY EXPRESS LANES OPENING

All drivers must have E-ZPass to travel during rush hours

FAIRFAX – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Virginia E-ZPass are teaming up this weekend to help drivers get an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex ahead of the launch of I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight, drivers can obtain an E-ZPass at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Building, located at 4975 Alliance Dr., Fairfax, Va 22030. Full E-ZPass services will be available.

Express lanes on I-66 from I-495 to U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn are scheduled to “go live” on Monday morning, and will be in effect Monday through Friday, from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. eastbound and 3 to 7p.m. westbound. Carpools (HOV 2+) and vanpools will continue to have free access to the roadway, but will need an E-ZPass Flex switched to HOV-mode. Drivers choosing to pay a toll and drive by themselves in the Express Lanes will need an E-ZPass.

Current exemptions for vehicles traveling to and from Dulles International Airport and Clean Special Fuel License Plate vehicles (or hybrids) will no longer be in effect. The lanes will remain free to all users during the off-peak periods, including weekends.

How Drivers Can Prepare:

- **Get an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex:** E-ZPass transponders can be obtained in Virginia at <http://www.ezpassva.com/>, by calling 877-762-7824, or visiting your nearest E-ZPass Service Center or select retail locations.
- **Plan ahead and know your travel options:** I-66 drivers are advised to plan ahead for their commutes in the coming weeks, as the region adjusts to new rules of the road. Visit Commuter

Connections for information on all local commuting options, as well as I-66 Commuter Choice to learn about new multimodal options in the I-66 Corridor.

- **Beginning this weekend, download the free 66ExpressLanes mobile app. or access via 66ExpressLanes.org to get current toll price estimates and historical toll rates to better plan their commute and decide** whether to use the Express Lanes.

Visit 66ExpressLanes.org for more information.

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