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15-Minute Closures of Westbound I-66 Inside the Beltway from Midnight to 4 a.m., February 14-16 for Toll Gantry Installations *Closures required for public safety as toll gantries are lifted over the highway*

ARLINGTON - Westbound Interstate 66 inside the Beltway will be closed for one or two 15-minute periods from 12 midnight to 4 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16. Starting at 9 p.m. each night of the closures, the right lane of the highway will be closed to mobilize the crane that will lift the gantries; the right lane will reopen by 5 a.m.

To ensure the public's safety, Virginia State Police troopers will stop and hold westbound traffic ahead of the gantry-lifting operation. Traffic will be released after the 15-minute operations are completed.

The closures will occur between mile markers 66 and 71 on I-66 in these specific locations:

- Tuesday, February 14 (overnight Monday). Mile marker 71, west of where I-66 crosses Harrison St., east of where I-66 crosses Patrick Henry Dr.
- Wednesday, February 15 (overnight Tuesday): Mile marker 68, west of where I-66 crosses West St., east of where I-66 crosses Great Falls St.
- Thursday, February 16 (overnight Wednesday): Mile marker 66, west of the Route 7 Interchange, east of where I-66 crosses Virginia Ln.

The gantries support electronic tolling equipment that reads the E-ZPass and E-ZPass Flex transponders, which will be required in all vehicles traveling on the future Rush Hour Toll Lanes. Last year, VDOT awarded the tolling construction contract to Fort Myer Construction, which also includes installing approximately 125 electronic and static signs. A separate contractor, TransCore, is responsible for developing and operating the tolling system on behalf of VDOT.

More information is available at Transform66.org.

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