

## IMPROVE 95

### PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Relieve congestion in the Fredericksburg region, especially during peak travel times
- Enhance driver safety on I-95
- Improve traffic flow near key I-95 interchanges
- Added capacity with more lanes
- Additional travel route options with Express Lanes

**PROJECT SAFETY:** VDOT, the City of Fredericksburg, Stafford County and Spotsylvania County are committed to work zone safety. Paying close attention to the road and avoiding distractions are key to preventing a crash. Virginia law states it is unlawful to drive a moving motor vehicle while holding a handheld communications device.

The following tips will help you safely navigate the project areas on I-95:

- Follow the posted speed limit
- Pay attention and minimize distractions
- Obey signs and traffic control devices
- Don't tailgate: Unexpected stops may occur in a construction area
- Know before you go: Stay updated on I-95 lane closures by calling 511, visiting [511virginia.org](http://511virginia.org), or downloading Virginia's free 511 mobile app. Learn more about project activities at [Improve95.org](http://Improve95.org).

## I-95 CONSTRUCTION

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to motorists during the Improve 95 construction projects. However, it will be necessary to close travel lanes at various times and locations to complete the project work safely.

- Most lane closures will be scheduled when traffic volumes are lower to reduce impact to motorists; I-95 travel lanes will remain open during peak travel times
- Project work will be suspended during significant holidays
- Travelers can expect to encounter temporary traffic shifts and pavement markings
- Concrete barriers will be installed along the I-95 northbound and southbound shoulders in the work zone
- Slow-moving construction traffic will be entering and exiting I-95 travel lanes at designated work zone entrances

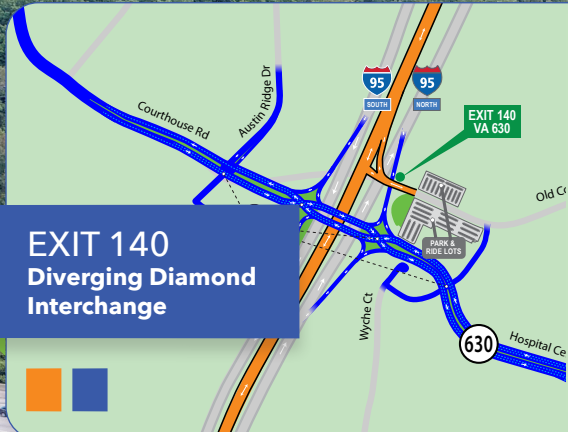


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For up to the minute traffic updates, visit [511virginia.org](http://511virginia.org) or download the 511VA free mobile app or call 511.



### EXIT 140 Diverging Diamond Interchange



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**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Completed in spring 2020

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This project rebuilt the I-95 interchange at Exit 140 (Courthouse Road) in Stafford as a Diverging Diamond Interchange, or DDI. New overpasses carry Courthouse Road traffic over I-95. Also, a portion of Courthouse Road was widened to four lanes. Commuter parking expands to two VDOT Park & Ride lots with a combined 1,100 spaces. These lots will have direct access to the extended 95 Express Lanes when they open in 2023.

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Building a Better Ride

## FACT SHEET



### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Each day, around 150,000 vehicles travel on Interstate 95 in the greater Fredericksburg region, resulting in periods of intense traffic congestion and gridlock. The Virginia Department of Transportation is undertaking **Improve 95: Building a Better Ride** - a series of large-scale road construction projects that, when completed, will improve driving conditions in this area.

More than \$1 billion in state, federal and private investment are being spent on improvements to sections of I-95 between Exit 148 at Marine Corps Base Quantico and Exit 126 at Southpoint Parkway.

Due to the overlapping timetables of the construction projects within this massive interstate improvement initiative, a 16-mile stretch of I-95 will be under construction in various phases through 2024.

### IMPROVE95.ORG

In order to streamline communications for all Improve 95 projects, VDOT has developed a dedicated website, [Improve95.org](http://Improve95.org). Find all the latest information here on I-95 construction projects within the Fredericksburg region, including travel-related impacts such as work zones and lane closures. To stay informed, sign up to receive news and updates about Improve 95.

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Fredericksburg  
Extension

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Rappahannock  
River Crossing  
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Exit 126 Interchange  
and Southpoint  
Parkway Widening

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# IMPROVE 95 PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Below is an overview of five construction projects included in Improve 95. For complete details about all of the construction projects and their schedules and related materials, visit [Improve95.org](https://www.improve95.org).

**I-95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension**  
 Route 610 (Garrisonville Road) in Stafford County to the vicinity of Route 17 (Exit 133). 10 miles in length.

■ Slip Ramp EXIT  
 ■ Slip Ramp ENTRANCE  
 ▲ Flyover ENTRANCE  
 ▲ Flyover EXIT

**I-95 Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing**  
 I-95 southbound capacity from three lanes to six lanes between Route 17 & Route 3. An additional bridge over the Rappahannock River & new interstate overpasses over Route 17 will be built as well.

**I-95 Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing**  
 Additional travel lanes for local and through traffic between Exit 130 (Route 3) interchange in Fredericksburg and the Exit 133 (Route 17) interchange.

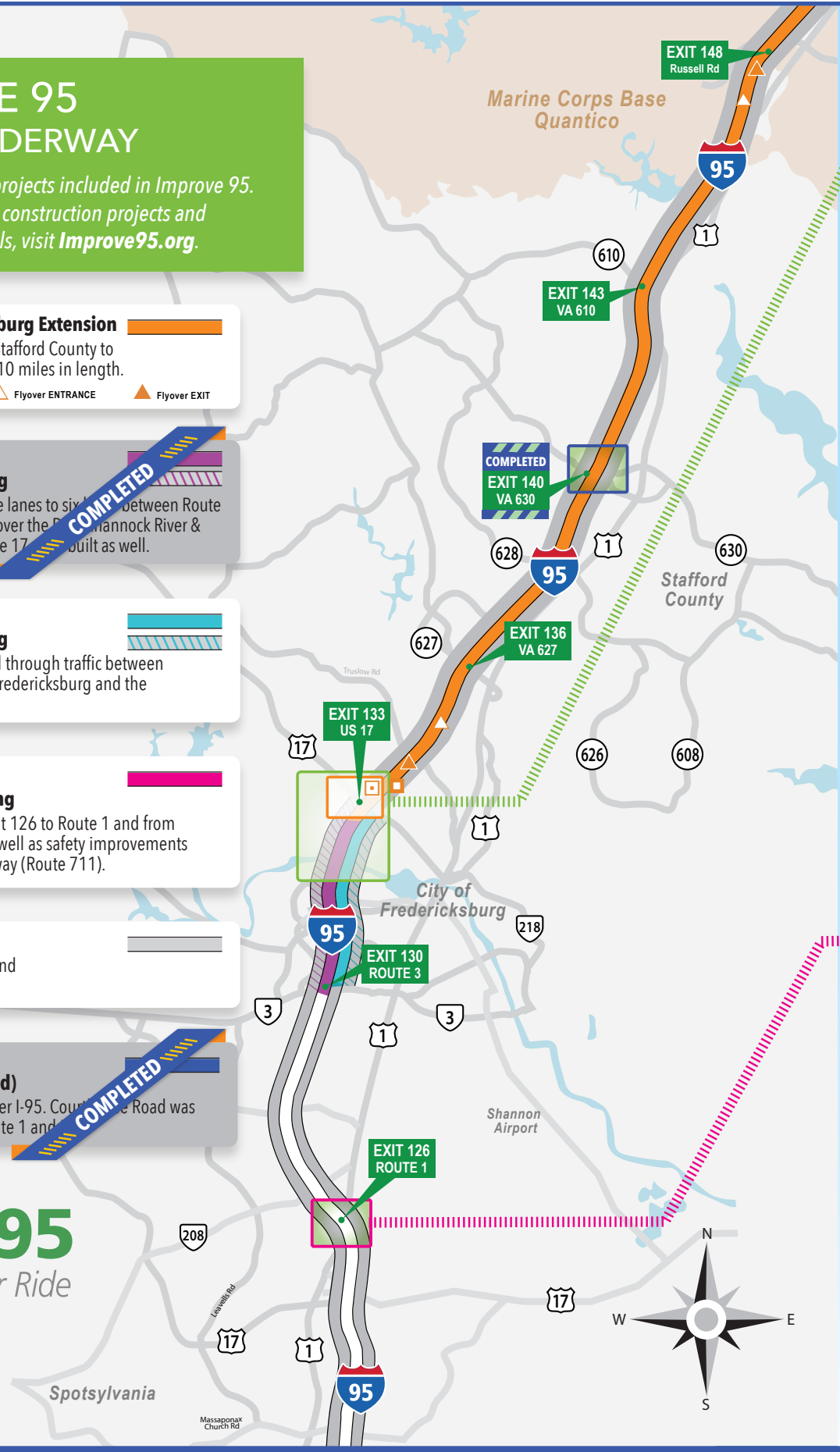
**Exit 126 Interchange and Southpoint Parkway Widening**  
 Additional right turn lanes from Exit 126 to Route 1 and from Route 1 to Southpoint Parkway, as well as safety improvements and widening on Southpoint Parkway (Route 711).

**I-95 General Purpose Lanes**  
 Existing roadway for I-95 northbound & I-95 southbound lanes.

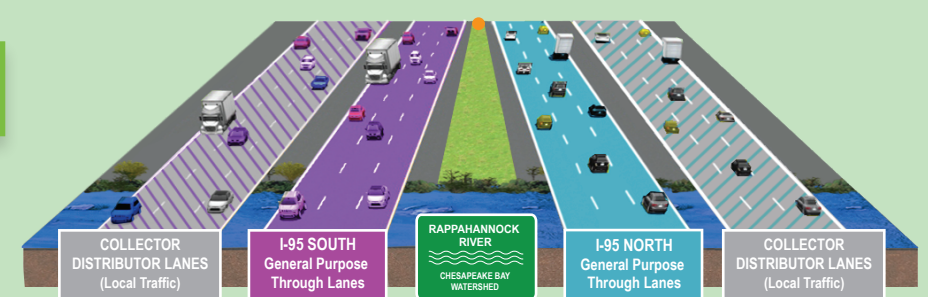
**Exit 140 Diverging Diamond Interchange (Courthouse Road)**  
 New overpasses now carry traffic over I-95. Courthouse Road was widened to four lanes between Route 1 and Route 3.

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## 3-D VIEW Future I-95 Lanes



**I-95 South travelers approaching the Route 17 interchange from the General Purpose Lanes have the following choices:**

- Exit to the Route 17 interchange
- Enter the I-95 southbound lanes for local traffic, which will allow travelers to access the Route 3 interchange and the Safety Rest Area and Welcome Center
- Enter the I-95 southbound lanes for through traffic in the median, bypassing the Route 17 and Route 3 interchanges, and the Safety Rest Area and Welcome Center

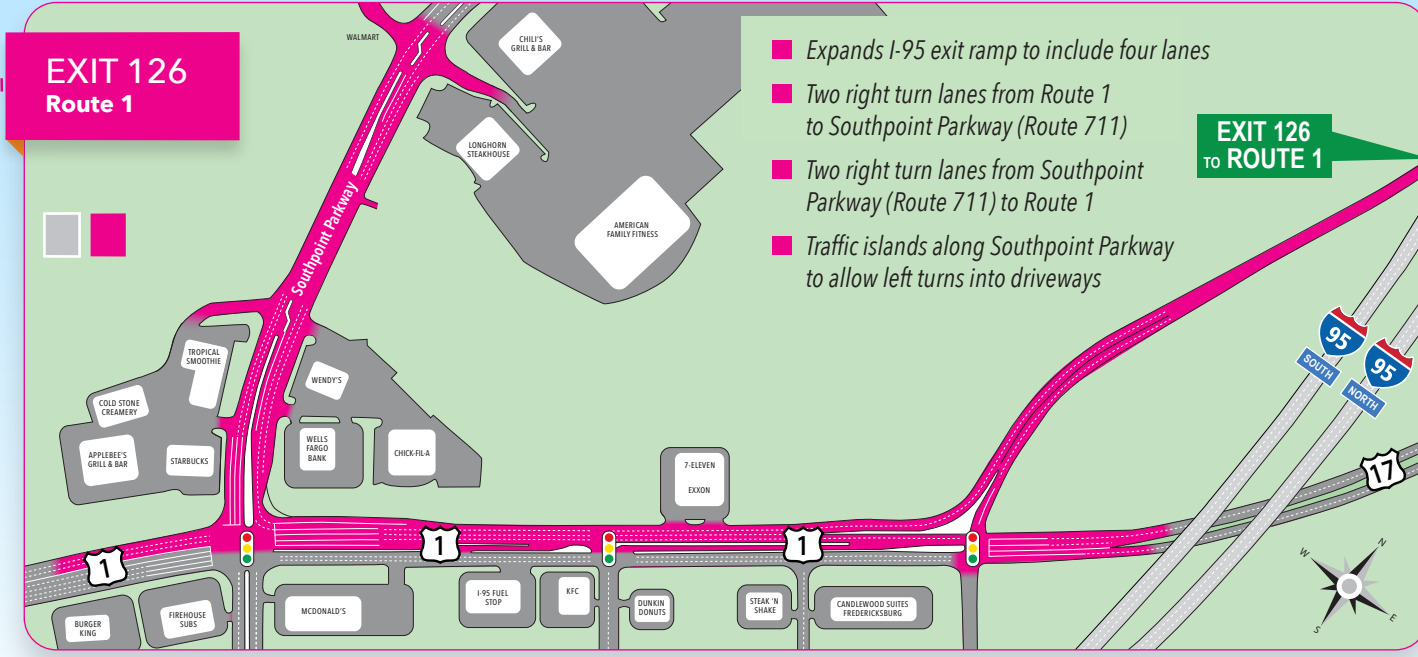
**Once construction is complete, I-95 South Express Lanes traffic approaching the Express Lanes southern terminus near Route 17 will have the following Decision Point choices:**

- Exit Express Lanes directly to the Route 17 interchange
- Exit Express Lanes to enter the I-95 southbound lanes for local traffic, and travel south to access the Safety Rest Area and Welcome Center or Route 3 interchange
- Proceed straight to enter the I-95 southbound lanes for general purpose traffic, which will continue past the Route 3 interchange, where all I-95 lanes merge together again

**Once construction is complete, northbound I-95 travelers in the General Purpose Lanes approaching Route 3 will have the following choices:**

- Exit to the Route 3 interchange
- Remain in the I-95 northbound lanes for through traffic and bypass the Route 17 interchange
- Enter the I-95 northbound lanes for local traffic (north of the Fall Hill Avenue overpass), which will allow travelers to access the Route 17 interchange
- North of the Rappahannock River, travelers can enter Express Lanes near the Route 17 interchange when Express Lanes are operating in a northbound direction

## EXIT 126 Route 1



- Expands I-95 exit ramp to include four lanes
- Two right turn lanes from Route 1 to Southpoint Parkway (Route 711)
- Two right turn lanes from Southpoint Parkway (Route 711) to Route 1
- Traffic islands along Southpoint Parkway to allow left turns into driveways

## I-95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Construction began in spring 2019 | Targeted completion in late 2023

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This project will extend I-95 Express Lanes approximately 10 miles south of Route 610 (Garrisonville Road) to the vicinity of Route 17 (Exit 133) in Stafford County. Two reversible high-occupancy toll lanes will be built in the existing median of I-95. Reversible lanes flow one way during peak congestion periods. New access to the Express Lanes will be available near the I-95 interchanges at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Courthouse Road, and Route 17.

Travelers will use an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex to travel in the Express Lanes. Vehicles carrying one or two people will pay to use the lanes with an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex set to non-HOV mode. Buses, vans and passenger vehicles with three or more people, and an E-ZPass Flex set to HOV mode, will travel for free. Motorcycles can travel toll-free without an E-ZPass.

## I-95 Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Construction began in summer 2018 | Completed December 2022

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This project has doubled I-95 southbound capacity from three lanes to six lanes between Route 17 and Route 3. Local traffic now has an additional route to travel without merging into I-95's general purpose through lanes. The three existing northbound lanes between these interchanges have been converted to three southbound lanes for local traffic serving the Route 17 and Route 3 interchanges and the Safety Rest Area and Welcome Center.

New I-95 southbound lanes were built in the current I-95 median to carry through traffic. Southbound traffic enters these lanes before the Route 17 interchange. The median lanes merge together with the local traffic lanes south of the Route 3 interchange.

An additional bridge was built over the Rappahannock River to carry the new lanes in the median. The northbound and southbound overpasses over Route 17 have been replaced, raising their vertical height and improving the structures. All lanes of I-95 built through the I-95 Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing project are untolled and open to all traffic.

## I-95 Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Construction began late 2020 | Targeted completion in 2024

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This project seeks to reduce northbound I-95 congestion between the Exit 130 interchange in the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County and the Exit 133 interchange in Stafford by building additional travel lanes for local and through traffic. The project will build three new travel lanes for through traffic over a new span of the Rappahannock River Bridge, create a new off-ramp for I-95 northbound traffic at exit 133 and replaces the collector-distributor lane overpass crossing Route 17.

## Exit 126 Interchange and Southpoint Parkway Widening

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Construction started in spring 2023 | Targeted completion in summer 2025.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** This project will provide right turn lanes on the Exit 126 off-ramp from Interstate 95 southbound to Route 1 southbound, and two right turn lanes will be available for traffic on Route 1 southbound to turn onto Southpoint Parkway. Southpoint Parkway will also be widened to the existing turn lane at the Longhorn Steakhouse. This will reduce the stacking of exiting traffic that backs up onto I-95 and existing congestion along the Route 1 corridor.

The Southpoint Parkway (Route 711) safety improvements will add traffic islands along Route 711 that will allow left turns into driveways, and will prohibit left turns from traffic emerging from side streets. New pavement markings and signage will also be required at these locations. An additional right turn lane will be added to the eastbound Route 711 approach to the intersection at Route 1.

Pedestrian accommodations will also be included with these projects.