

TRAFFIC ALERT

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Intermittent Delays and Overnight Closure on Route 28 North Ramp to Dulles Airport

Intermittent Delays: Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on both days Overnight Closure: Friday, March 30 from 8 p.m. to Saturday, March 31 at 8 a.m.

Passengers Urged to Allow Extra Time When Driving to Airport

The entrance ramp to Washington Dulles International Airport from Route 28 North will be **closed overnight** from <u>8 p.m. on Friday, March 30 to 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.</u> This ramp closure will affect drivers traveling north on Route 28 to the Airport from the Chantilly, Centreville and Manassas areas.

Drivers should follow signs directing them to detour:

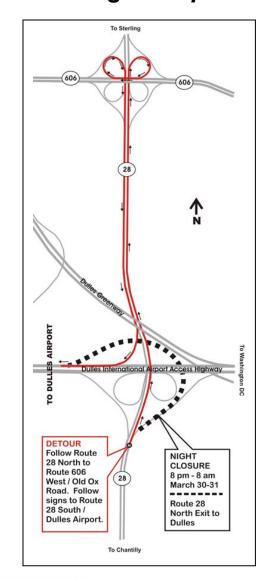
- -- Continue about 1.5 miles on Route 28 North past the Airport
- -- Exit onto Route 606 West (towards Old Ox Road) briefly
- -- Merge back onto Route 28 South towards Dulles Airport

In addition, the same entrance ramp will experience **intermittent traffic delays** on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 20 and Wednesday</u>, <u>March 21 between the hours of 10 a.m.</u> to 12 noon on both days. During these hours, the ramp will be blocked in several 15-minute increments to allow for the delivery of construction materials.

The entrance ramps for drivers traveling to the Airport on Route 28 South from the Sterling area or those arriving via the Dulles Airport Access Highway or the Dulles Greenway will remain open at all times. The entrance ramp from Route 28 North to Route 267 (Dulles Toll Road) will also remain open at all times.

Drivers are urged to allow extra time to travel to Dulles Airport on these dates, especially passengers arriving for early morning flights on Saturday, March 31.

The overnight ramp closure is necessary to erect steel girders to support a new overpass which will carry drivers from both directions of Route 28 directly to the Airport's economy parking lots and rental car facilities. This \$56 million roadway improvement project concentrates on the north area of Dulles where vehicles enter and exit the Airport via the Dulles Airport Access Highway or Route 28. A series of new ramps and secondary roads will allow vehicles to merge more easily, resulting in better traffic flow through this critical area. The roadway improvement project is part of the D2, Dulles Development, program and is expected to be completed in Spring 2008.



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