



I-495 EXPRESS LANES NORTHERN EXTENSION (495 NEXT) PROJECT

**Interstate Agreement with Maryland Department of
Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT)
for 495 NEXT work in Maryland**

495 Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project Overview

2.5-mile extension of 495 Express Lanes from Dulles Corridor interchange to George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) near the American Legion Bridge



495 NEXT work in Maryland

- **To complete the 495 NEXT Project certain works will be required to be performed in the State of Maryland, including:**
 - Install six (6) sign structures to support tolling operations
 - Install power and communications to support the signs
 - If necessary, the relocation of utilities to support the sign installation
- **Agreement defines the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of VDOT and MDOT with respect to the design, installation, and maintenance**
- **VDOT, through its Concessionaire (Capital Beltway Express (CBE)), is responsible for financing and constructing all I-495 NEXT work in Maryland**

I-495 NEXT Maryland Works Agreement Components

- **General – Recitals and Part A**
- **Maryland’s American Legion Bridge (ALB) and I-270 Project – Part A, Section 7**
- **Right of Way and Access – Part B**
- **Design and Construction – Part C**
- **Periodic Inspections and Maintenance – Part D**
- **Costs of the work to be performed – Part E**
- **Miscellaneous – Part F**

General – Recitals and Part A

- **Description of work to be performed**
- **General obligations of VDOT and MDOT**
- **VDOT responsible for obtaining all environmental/NEPA approvals necessitated by the signage and related costs**

Maryland's American Legion Bridge (ALB) & I-270 Project - Part A, Section 7

- **Acknowledgment of collaboration between the two states to maintain independence in tolling and operations concerning the 495 NEXT and ALB/270 Project**
- **MDOT's retention of rights to relocate utilities when ALB/270 Project is built**
- **Both states to coordinate on the intent to enter into a bi-state agreement at a future date**

Right of Way and Access – Part B

- **VDOT to perform and fund all right-of-way acquisition work if needed**
- **MDOT to provide access to all ROW and not interfere with VDOT's activities**
- **If necessary, MDOT shall acquire additional right of way through condemnation proceedings at VDOT's (CBE's) cost**

Design and Construction – Part C

- **Coordination between VDOT and MDOT related to design/construction activities**
- **VDOT to obtain and maintain all governmental approvals and any required third-party agreements**
- **VDOT (CBE) to install signs and related infrastructure**

Periodic Inspections and Maintenance – Part D

- **VDOT is responsible for all inspections and maintenance of signage and related infrastructure (except two sign structures)**
- **MDOT has review, inspection, and oversight rights of 495 NEXT work in Maryland**
- **MDOT is responsible for inspection and maintenance of two sign structures for signs not related to 495 Express Lanes**

Costs of the work to be performed (Part E) / Miscellaneous (Part F)

- **VDOT is responsible for the cost of work in Maryland**
- **Estimated cost of the work to be performed in Maryland under the Agreement is approximately \$6.2 million**
- **VDOT (and/or CBE) is obligated to ensure insurance requirements under the 495 NEXT comprehensive agreement are maintained and cover work performed in Maryland**

Next Steps

- **April 2024 – VDOT to recommend CTB approval of proposed Interstate Agreement with MDOT.**
- **If CTB approves, delegate authority to Commissioner to execute the Interstate Agreement with MDOT**