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I-66 bridge reconstruction project to close Cedar Lane for about six months beginning around May 15

As part of VDOT's Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project, Cedar Lane will be closed between Cottage Street and Hilltop Road for a six-month period beginning around May 15 in order to reconstruct the bridge over I-66.

Completely closing the roadway allows the bridge project to take advantage of planned summer closings of orange line Metro stations and for work to be completed in an expedited time period – six months as opposed to two years. This shorter timeframe will reduce the impact period for I-66 and Cedar Lane travelers as well as residents in the area.

"The full bridge closure means that we will be able to rebuild as quickly as possible and reduce the length of time that the project impacts people's lives," says Nancy Smith, public relations manager with FAM Construction, the design-build contractor for the project. "This will be a short-term inconvenience compared to the longer construction cycle."

Posted detours will route drivers to Gallows Road using either Cottage Street or Hilltop Road and Lee Highway. Pedestrian and bicyclists will use another marked detour, utilizing sidewalks and shared paths.

Fairfax Connector routes 462 and 467 will be adjusted and service expanded beginning May 9. Service on these routes will be free throughout duration of the bridge closure. More information is available at **fairfaxconnector.com**.

The project will include overnight construction activities, which will result in lane closures on I-66. Nearby residents are likely to hear some of those construction activities.

The Cedar Lane bridge is expected to reopen around Thanksgiving. For more information and project updates, visit **outside.transform66.org/CedarLane**.