

Labor Day Lane Closures Lifted

The Virginia Department of Transportation is suspending closures starting noon Friday, August 31, until noon Tuesday September 4, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday weekend. VDOT reminds motorists to be alert and share the road as more visitors and residents use Virginia roadways to reach their destinations during the long weekend. [Click here](#) to watch a video that shows tools to help motorists plan trips and avoid congestion.

New Hybrid Tolling Rules Set for New 495 Express Lanes

When the 495 Express Lanes open later this year, hybrid car owners will have options too. Like other vehicles, they will have the choice to use an EZ-Pass and pay a toll to ride the lanes, or use an EZ-Pass Flex with carpool to use the lanes as HOV and ride free. Under Virginia law, hybrids are not among those vehicles that may use Express Lanes for free. This rule for hybrids will also apply to the 95 Express Lanes when they open in 2014. For information on how to obtain an EZ-Pass or EZ-Pass Flex [click here](#).



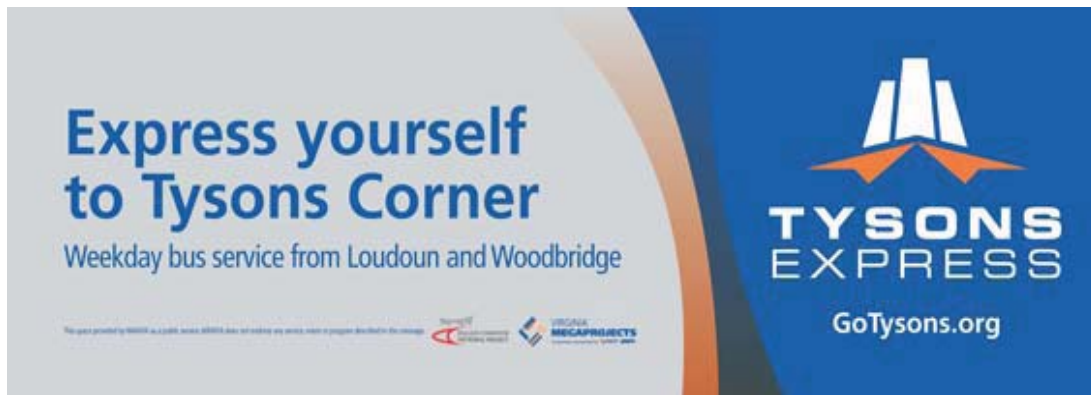
Car Free Day, September 22

Commuter connections, a regional commuter transportation network, welcomes divers to pledge to go Car Free or Car-lite on Saturday, September 22. Nearly 12,000 area residents made the pledge last year and registration is open now for 2012. Car Free day encourages people to explore alternative transportation methods or more efficient uses of their cars like carpooling to their weekend events. In fact, [Commuter Connections](#) has made it possible to set up a free account to help people find a ridematch to local events. As an added benefit, pledgers will become eligible to win prizes like an iPad, a bicycle, SmarTrip Cards and more. Pledging is easy and free at [www.carfreemetrodcc.org](http://www.carfreemetrodcc.org).



## Fairfax County Plans News Express Buses

On Wednesday, August 22, Fairfax County transportation officials held the first of three meetings highlighting possible bus lines that would take advantage of the new 495 Express Lanes scheduled to open later this year. These lines are proposed to originate in Burke, Lorton and Springfield. To find learn about the proposed lines, [click here](#).



### Sign up for [Nuride](#)

Earn rewards every time you telework, vanpool, carpool, bus, bike or walk. *Nuriders* also get a chance to win \$100 worth of groceries from SHOPPERS Food if they work in Tysons Corner or along the 495 Express Lanes Project work zone in Northern Virginia. The incentives are an effort to reduce solo car trips during transportation construction. Visit [gotysons.org](http://gotysons.org) for more information on all commuting options available to and around Tysons Corner.

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