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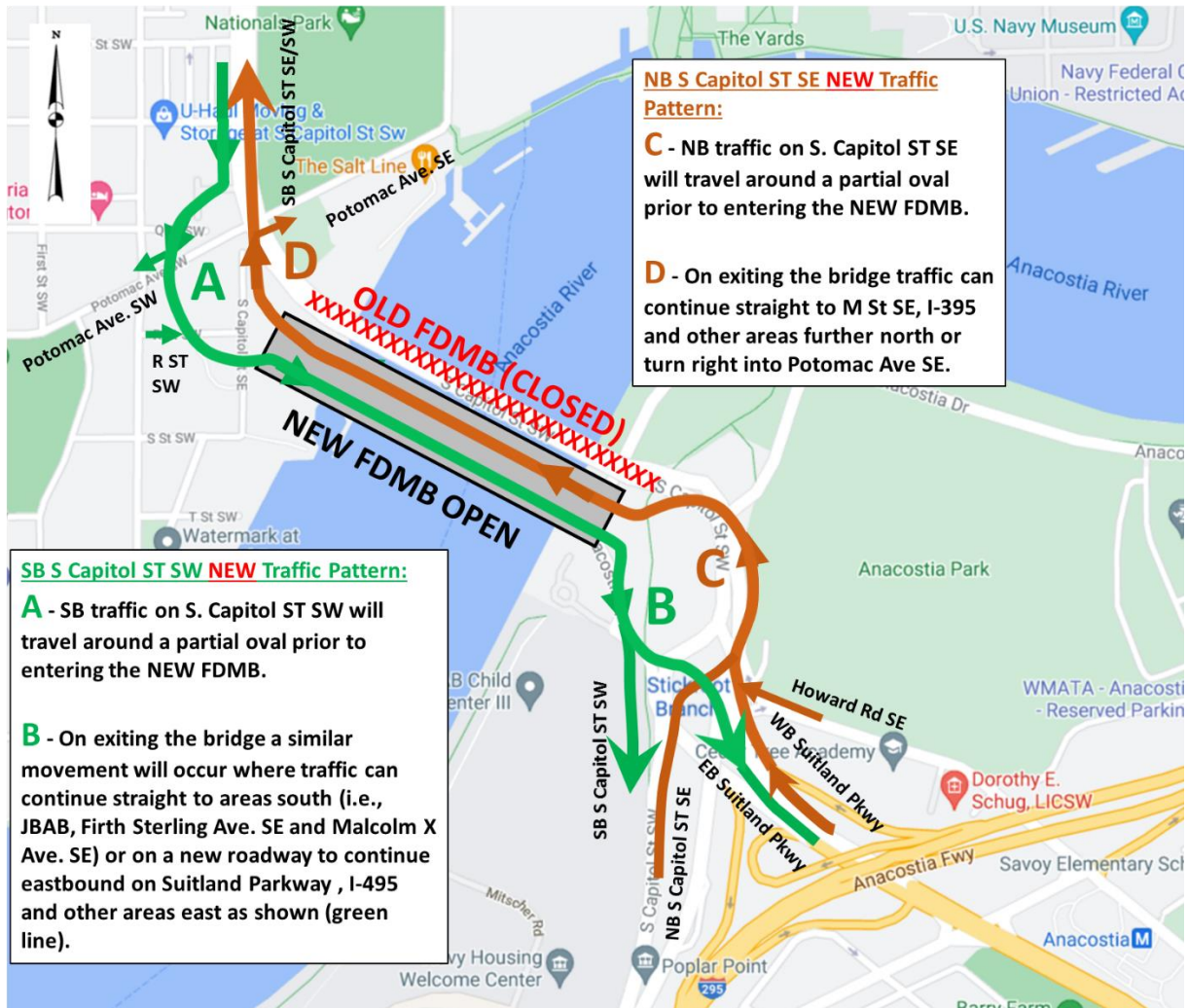
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Opening of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge September 10-12, 2021

(Washington, DC) - The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will open the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge to traffic on Friday night, September 10. One lane of southbound traffic on South Capitol Street will be shifted onto the new bridge, while final striping is installed approaching the bridge. On Sunday, September 12, northbound traffic on South Capitol Street will be shifted onto the new bridge. All travel lanes will be open in both directions by Sunday morning. The old Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge will be closed permanently once all traffic has been shifted.

Pedestrians and bicyclists are advised that only the sidewalk on the west side of the new bridge will be open at this time, providing access to both sides of the Anacostia River. The sidewalk on the east side of the new bridge will open at a later date.

Traffic Patterns on New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge



Please observe the posted speed limit and proceed through the construction area with caution. Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to stay alert and follow signage when traveling through this area. These closures are necessary for construction activities associated with the South Capitol Street Corridor Project which includes construction of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and the reconstruction of the I-295/ Suitland Parkway interchange.

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