

2015 Papal Visit: US Capitol Closures and Alternate Routes – September 24th, 2015



Internal Closure Boundaries

- Road Closures will be in effect throughout the AM Rush in the vicinity of the US Capitol
 - o Closures surrounding the US Capitol will extend from 3rd Street SW/NW to 2nd Street SE/NE between D Street NE/NW and D Street SE/SW.
 - o 3rd Street NW/SW will be closed.
 - o D Street SE/SW will remain open; D Street NW west of New Jersey Avenue will remain open.
- Motorists reaching closures around the US Capitol will be directed away from the closure by DDOT or MPD forces.

Major Entry Point Closures

- Independence Avenue will be closed from 3rd Street SW to 2nd Street SE
 - o Westbound Traffic from Pennsylvania Avenue should access I-695/Southeast/Southwest Freeway at Barney Circle to bypass the closure.
 - Traffic to Downtown destinations north or west of the Capitol may utilize freeway exits to the 3rd Street Tunnel, 7th Street, or the 12th Street Expressway OR continue to via Maine Avenue Independence Avenue to northbound 15th Street or 17th Street.
 - Eastbound Traffic may continue along Independence Avenue until 3rd Street SW or divert onto the Southeast/Southwest Freeway to bypass the closure.
 - Traffic to Capitol Hill destinations should use the Southeast/Southwest Freeway to access exits at 6th Street SE and 11th Street SE to go northbound into Capitol Hill.
- Constitution Avenue will be closed from 3rd Street NW to 2nd Street NE
 - o Westbound traffic should use Massachusetts Avenue by way of Columbus Circle to reach Downtown destinations.
 - Eastbound Traffic may continue along Constitution Avenue until 3rd Street NW or divert onto 6th Street northbound to H Street to access eastbound Massachusetts Avenue in order to reach Capitol Hill, NOMA or points east.