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New Idylwood Road bridge completed a year and a half ahead of schedule

A success story of project and community leaders working together

The new Idylwood Road bridge construction was scheduled to take two years to rebuild

After the nearby Oak Street bridge was rebuilt and open for motorists, the original construction plan entailed closing one lane of the Idylwood Road Bridge and installing temporary traffic signals to alternate one-way traffic across the bridge while the other side was rebuilt. Each side of the bridge would have taken a year to complete for a total duration of two years.

A new plan was developed to rebuild it in about six months

While the Oak Street bridge was under construction, Fluor-Lane, the design/builder of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, developed an alternate construction plan for Idylwood Road Bridge. After the new Oak Street bridge opened to motorists, the alternate plan would close Idylwood Road Bridge completely for six months to allow construction crews to rebuild the entire bridge simultaneously to shorten the construction duration.



Presenting the new plan to the public

The Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project Team held a public information session on the two plans for the Idylwood Road Bridge and sent out 5,000 direct mail invitations with information on the two plans. The direct mail provided information for residents to submit comments if they couldn't make the information session. Ninety-one percent of the comments submitted by nearby residents were in support of the alternate six month plan. Project leaders worked with elected officials and community leaders to improve detours and signage for construction of the new bridge.



Rebuilding the bridge: Delivering on our commitment

To ensure the bridge was completed on time, Fluor-Lane self performed construction of the new bridge. Here is the timeline on the bridge reconstruction:

