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**New W&OD Trail Bridge over Capital Beltway Opens
Transurban-Fluor and Virginia Department of Transportation Improve Access for Bikers and Pedestrians**

Alexandria, VA – Today, Transurban-Fluor and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opened the new Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail bridge crossing the Capital Beltway. As part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project, the team replaced the approximately 40-year-old W&OD Trail bridge improving access for bikers, runners and pedestrians and enhancing regional mobility.

This new bridge delivers improvements for all the trail users. Transurban-Fluor is committed to delivering sustainable and efficient transportation solutions for the region, said Tim Steinhilber, Transurban-Fluor's General Manager for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project. The Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project is delivering improved travel options not only to drivers on the Capital Beltway but also to the bikers, runners and pedestrians in the community.

The new bridge is nearly 30 feet longer and 4 feet wider than the former structure allowing bike and pedestrian traffic to travel smoothly and safely over the bridge. The improvements align with the Fairfax County Trails Plan and bring the bridge up to American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. In addition, costs to maintain the old bridge, built in the early 1960s, were rising. The new bridge will incur little to no maintenance costs in the near future.

The new W&OD Trail bridge is just one of the many bike and pedestrian improvements the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project will deliver. The project will provide bike paths and sidewalks on every new Beltway crossing including Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike, Gallows Road, Oak Street Bridge, Idylwood Drive, Lee Highway, Leesburg Pike, Westpark Bridge, Jones Branch Drive, and Lewinsville Road.

The Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project focuses on regional mobility and new travel choices, said Larry Cloyed, VDOT Project Manager for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project. The project will not only benefit drivers, it will provide better access and safety for bikers and pedestrians. The new W&OD Trail bridge and the recently opened Idylwood Drive bridge, which also features improved bike and pedestrian access, demonstrate the project's commitment to providing travel options to the entire community.

Project leaders held a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier today with local elected officials to recognize this project milestone. Transurban-Fluor also presented the Friends of W&OD Trail with a \$2,500 community grant to be used for trail improvements including new benches and tables along the trail.

Construction of the \$2 billion Capital Beltway HOT Lanes is underway along a 14-mile stretch of the Beltway in Virginia from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road. Fluor-Lane is the design/builder for the project which includes the addition of four new Beltway lanes and the replacement of more than \$268 million dollars of aging infrastructure including 58 bridges and overpasses. Every Beltway interchange bridge and overpass must be demolished and rebuilt to accommodate the wider Beltway. New sound walls are going up to triple the noise protection for adjacent communities. HOT Lanes construction is expected to be completed in late 2012.

For more information on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project and how the new HOT Lanes will impact you and your community, visit www.virginiahotlanes.com.

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