



BRIDGE DEMOLITION UPDATE

January 15, 2007

What's Happening:

Detonation of the drawbridge portion of the old bridge will occur over the next two weeks. The first two detonations on December 3rd and 9th, respectively, were a success. The contractor was able to demolish the all counterweight boxes with minimal public disruption.

Three remaining detonations:

Shot #3: January 17, 2007 2:30am (1/18 back up date) tentatively planned, west pier

Shot #4: January 19, 2007 2:30am (1/20 back up date) tentatively planned, west bascule pier

Shot #5: January 25, 2007 2:30am (1/26 back up date) tentatively planned, west pier and east bascule pier

The last three detonations will demolish the three piers just west and pier just east of the navigation channel. The detonations will be mostly below the water-line. Seismographs will be in place on the VA shoreline to measure vibration levels. All of the demolition will take place on the Potomac River. Residents may hear a series of booms between 2:15-3:00am, similar to the events on December 3rd and 9th.

The next detonations will also being carried out after midnight for safety reasons, including:

- A 30-minute total closure of I-95 (the Capital Beltway's Inner and Outer Loops);
- A 90-minute no-fly period for aircraft;
- A 60-minute closure of the Potomac River navigation channels (Federal and auxiliary);
- Closure of Jones Point Park.

The minimum 500 foot safety zone on the Potomac River will be implemented 30 minutes prior to the event. Jones Point Park will be closed at dark and will be off-limits to the public, for safety reasons. Appropriate resources will be in place to secure the restricted zone.

The contractor and the Project have coordinated with the appropriate agencies including U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration, District of Columbia government (work area is in the District of Columbia), the City of Alexandria, and others.

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