

2015 Papal Visit: Nunciature Closures and Alternate Routes – September 22nd – 24th, 2015







- Closures will be in effect surrounding the Nunciature (aka Vatican Embassy) between September 22nd and September 24th.
 - o Full closures will extend along the northbound lanes of Massachusetts Avenue between Waterside Drive and Garfield Street.
 - Southbound lanes in this area will remain open to local traffic and buses only; intermittent full closures will be implemented, as required.
 - No trucks will be permitted southbound and all vehicles will be subject to screening.
 - o 34th Street will be closed between Massachusetts Avenue and Garfield Street.
 - o Fulton Street will be closed from 34th Street to Normanstone Drive.
 - o The following streets will be open to residential traffic only, and will be subject to intermittent full closures:
 - Observatory Circle from 36th Street to Massachusetts Avenue.
 - Davis Street from 36th Street to Observatory Circle.
 - Edmonds Street from 36th Street to Massachusetts Avenue.
 - Fulton Street between 36th Street and 34th Street.
 - 35th Street between Fulton Street and Massachusetts Avenue
 - o Local traffic reaching closures surrounding the Nunciature will be directed away from the closure by DDOT or MPD forces.
- Intermittent full closures along Massachusetts Avenue will require traffic to utilize alternate routes. The following will be in effect during full closures:
 - Southbound Massachusetts Avenue traffic will not be permitted beyond Garfield Street.
 - Traffic may divert to Nebraska Avenue at Ward Circle to reach Connecticut Avenue or Military Road to 16th Street.
 - Southbound traffic beyond Nebraska Avenue will be required to go southbound at Wisconsin Avenue toward Georgetown or eastbound along Garfield Avenue to Connecticut Avenue via Cleveland Avenue and Calvert Street.
 - o Northbound Massachusetts Ave. traffic will not be permitted beyond Waterside Dr; Truck traffic will not be permitted beyond Sheridan Circle.
 - During the AM Rush from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM, northbound traffic will turn right at Florida Avenue to access Connecticut Avenue.
 - Left turns can be made at either Calvert Street or Woodley Street to rejoin Mass Ave via Cleveland Ave and/or Garfield Ave.
 - During all other times of day, northbound traffic may utilize Waterside Drive to access northbound Rock Creek Parkway.
 - Non-Truck Traffic may continue along northbound Rock Creek Parkway to points north or exit at Shoreham Drive to access Calvert Street and follow Calvert Street to Cleveland Avenue to Garfield Street and rejoin northbound Massachusetts Avenue.
 - All northbound truck traffic will be diverted onto Q Street via Sheridan Circle during full closures of Massachusetts Avenue.