



Tall Cedars Parkway/Stone Springs Boulevard Signal Project Update

At long last, we are in the final stages of the installation of the traffic signal at Stone Springs Boulevard and Tall Cedars Parkway in Stone Ridge.

The County's contractor plans to install traffic signal mast arms at the intersection on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27. During the hours of 9:30am to 3:00pm each day, drivers can expect traffic delays while crews are working overhead to complete the installation. Traffic stoppages of as long as 15 minutes at a time are expected and it is recommended that drivers seek an alternate route during this time. This is being coordinated with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and they will be directing traffic in the intersection while crews are working.

Installation of the mast arms marks an important milestone in the project as we work towards completion. It will take approximately 30-45 days to pull wiring, connect signal controls and communications, complete testing and inspections, and load signal timings. The signal will then go into a 72 hour flash mode before VDOT will approve it for operation. The estimate from project staff is that this could all be complete in the late November/early December timeframe.

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There have been some questions about why the Stone Springs lanes are no longer both marked for through traffic. This configuration was in response to a specific request from VDOT based on their experience at other signalized intersections in Northern Virginia that had two through lanes, each shared with turn movements. In similar locations, VDOT indicated there were many angle crashes due to driver confusion regarding from which lane the opposing through vehicles were approaching. This configuration is based on a VDOT qualitative safety concern. The County's signal designer then analyzed the optimal signal phasing for this lane use. The proposed signal phasing and lane configuration is projected to operate at acceptable levels of service and the configuration is the same as Millstream Drive at the Stone Springs intersection.

I will work with project staff on providing some additional signage as drivers are becoming familiar with the new configuration and make sure the Sheriff's Office is aware of the issue.

Tall Cedars Parkway Paving- Planting Field Drive to Route 50

VDOT has informed me that their contractor will be returning for additional paving work on Tall Cedars Parkway in South Riding next week.

Beginning Monday, their contractor will be repaving Tall Cedars Parkway between Planting Field Drive and Route 50. The work hours are 8:00am - 5:00pm and the length of the project will be weather dependent. Based on the prior work this summer, it is likely to be ongoing over the next couple of weeks. Use caution in the area as there may be periods of time that pavement markings are not present.

Commuter Bus and Metro Connection Service Changes Begin November 2

Loudoun County Transit will modify Commuter Bus and Metro Connection Bus services beginning Monday, November 2, 2020. Due to changes in passenger demands, the number of trips on some existing routes will be reduced, while new Commuter Bus routes will be added to include stops at Dulles

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South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park and Ride lots. Details on the service adjustments are available online at loudoun.gov/buschanges and below:

New Routes

- New Commuter Bus routes stopping at the Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park and Ride lots will be added as follows:
 - Route 281: two trips in the morning from Loudoun to Washington, D.C.
 - Route 282: two trips in the morning from Loudoun to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Crystal City.
 - Route 681: two trips in the afternoon from Washington, D.C. to Loudoun
 - Route 682: two trips in the afternoon from Crystal City, the Pentagon and Rosslyn to Loudoun.

Reduced Routes

- Commuter Bus routes stopping at the Leesburg Park and Ride lot and Dulles North Transit Center will be reduced as follows:
 - Route 481: from nine to five trips in the morning from Loudoun to Washington, D.C. at newly scheduled times.
 - Route 482: from nine to five trips in the morning from Loudoun to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Crystal City.
 - Route 881: from nine to five trips in the afternoon from Washington, D.C. to Loudoun at newly scheduled times.
 - Route 882: from nine to six trips in the afternoon from Crystal City, the Pentagon and Rosslyn to Loudoun.
- Metro Connection Bus routes stopping at the Purcellville Park and Ride lot and the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station will be reduced as follows:
 - Route 931: from nine to three trips in the morning, and from six to two trips in the afternoon at newly scheduled times.
 - Routes 932: from six to two trips in the morning, and from nine to three trips in

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the afternoon at newly scheduled times.

Service Resuming

- Metro Connection Bus Routes 901 and 902 will resume service to and from the West Falls Church Metrorail station at newly scheduled times. Routes 901 and 902 will no longer service Ballston Metrorail Station as this stop was provided temporarily to accommodate the recently completed Metrorail Platform Improvement project.

Loudoun County Transit has made operational changes following the guidance of local, state and national health authorities to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure on the system's buses. These changes include face coverings and physical distancing requirements and more frequent bus cleanings. To allow for physical distancing on buses, seating capacity has been reduced to 50%. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/covid19transit.

To further reduce the risk of exposure, Loudoun Transit recommends that riders follow the CDC guidelines to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, such as avoiding close contact with people who are sick, staying home when sick, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and properly washing your hands frequently. Visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus for additional information and resources.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Details on service changes as well as current schedules may be found at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

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