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Short-Term Road Improvements Scheduled on Evergreen Mills and Watson Roads; Construction Expected to Begin in Mid-October

In coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation, construction crews are expected to begin roadway improvements by mid-October on Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road, with the work lasting over the next 12 months. The corridor road safety audits of Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road completed by Loudoun County in March 2019 identified short-term improvements to improve roadway safety at locations that have higher risk for potential crashes.

Throughout the next year, construction crews will begin the following improvements:

- Signs and pavement markings.
- Advance-warning flashing beacons.
- Traffic signal operations and timing improvements.
- Delineators (above-ground retroreflective devices along the outside roadway edge, to better indicate the edge of the road).
- Vegetation trimming to improve sight distance.

Construction work will begin during daytime hours. During construction, travelers can anticipate traffic stoppages, lane closures and flagging operations with little advanced notice. Drivers should use extra caution and plan ahead when traveling through this area and follow all directions from the posted signs and road crews. Members of the public will be informed about upcoming construction through the county's communication channels, including the <u>project page on the Loudoun County website</u>, news <u>alerts</u> and the county's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> sites.

More information about the Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road short-term improvements, including a link to sign up for updates, may be found at loudoun.gov/evergreenmillswatson.