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### Segment of Arcola Mills Drive to Close Permanently February 1

On February 1, 2023, Loudoun County will permanently close a segment of Arcola Mills Drive in Aldie to through traffic between Evergreen Mills Road and Belmont Ridge Road. A 700-foot segment of Arcola Mills Drive will close in advance of the county's project to extend Northstar Boulevard from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50.

Road signs will be posted to establish a new traffic pattern during the week of January 16, 2023. Business entrances and private driveways on the north side of the closed segment of Arcola Mills Drive will remain accessible to vehicles from the Evergreen Mills Road intersection. Entrances and driveways on the south side of the closed segment will remain accessible from the Belmont Ridge Road intersection. Drivers are encouraged to review the [Arcola Mills Traffic Pattern Map](#) for guidance and follow all directions from road crews and signs.

Loudoun County's Northstar Boulevard project will construct a new four-lane, median divided roadway from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50, which will pass through the closed segment of Arcola Mills Drive. The project also includes 10-foot-wide shared use paths on both sides of the new roadway. Once constructed, the new 1.6-mile segment of Northstar Boulevard will serve as a minor arterial roadway from Route 50 to Evergreen Mills Road. It is also part of what will be a 14-mile, uninterrupted corridor extending from Route 7 south to the Prince William County line. When completed, this segment of Northstar Boulevard will provide an alternative north/south connection to Route 50, not only addressing traffic congestion in the corridor, but also improving capacity and safety on existing roadway networks within the Dulles South area.

Funding for this project includes a \$25 million Fiscal Year 2017 [Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery \(TIGER\) discretionary grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Transportation administered by the Federal Highway Administration. Funding for this project is also provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation, [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Regional Revenue Fund \(70% Funds\)](#) and [Local Distribution Fund \(30% Funds\)](#) and Loudoun County. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2024.

The county is also constructing [Northstar Boulevard from Tall Cedars to Route 50](#), which will join this segment.

More information, including a link to sign up for updates on the project, can be found on the Loudoun County website at [loudoun.gov/northstarphase1](http://loudoun.gov/northstarphase1).

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