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Church Street Segment to Close; Access to Pennington Lot/Garage Changes May 1

Beginning May 1, 2023, a segment of Church Street, NE, from North Street to the Pennington Lot in Leesburg, will temporarily close while improvements along the road are constructed. As a result, vehicle and pedestrian access to the Pennington Lot and Pennington Garage will temporarily relocate to a different access point approximately 500 feet east at the corner of North and Harrison Streets, NE. The Pennington Garage is the primary parking site for the Loudoun County Courthouse Complex.

Vehicles will access the Pennington Garage through a temporary entrance/exit located on the second floor of the garage. Pedestrians will enter and exit the garage at the same location using a pedestrian walkway. All motorists and pedestrians who use the Pennington Garage should follow all directional signage and are encouraged to use extra caution when entering and exiting the garage. The temporary street closure is expected to last approximately 4 to 6 weeks, weather permitting.

In addition, Rotary Park, which is located adjacent to the project at the corner of North and Church Streets, NE, will be closed until work has been completed.

The pending construction is considered part of the Loudoun County's Courthouse Complex Expansion project. Construction along the short segment of Church Street will improve the road, stormwater management systems and sidewalks.

Shuttle Service

Due the closure of Church Street, the pick-up and drop-off location for the shuttle that runs between the Pennington Lot and the courthouse will also temporarily move to the corner of North and Harrison Streets, NE, at the end of the pedestrian walkway leading to and from the garage.

Complimentary shuttle service between the Pennington Garage and the courthouse will continue to run approximately every 10 minutes, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Planning Your Trip to the Courthouse

Visitors to the Loudoun County Courthouse will continue to have access to free parking for standard size vehicles (vehicles under 8'2") throughout the duration of the Church Street project. The Pennington Garage is located approximately three blocks from the courthouse. More information about planning your visit to the Loudoun County Courthouse Complex is posted at loudoun.gov/courthouse.

Wayfinding signage will be provided on-site to assist drivers and pedestrians with locating the access road and path.

• View parking details and a map of the shuttle route and walking path in this flyer (PDF).

About the Courthouse Construction Project

The Loudoun County Courthouse Complex expansion project includes the design and construction of the new 92,000-square-foot Loudoun County District Courthouse, renovation of existing courts facilities, and new parking facilities.

Significant progress on the new courthouse has been made in recent months. Installation of interior drywall, door frames and window glazing is complete on all levels. Permanent power for the new building has been established, and crews have installed the elevators and are painting interior walls. Construction of the new courthouse is expected to be complete this summer with the building opening to the public in the fall of 2023.

For more information about the new courthouse construction project, including contact information, and to sign up for email and text updates on the project, visit <u>loudoun.gov/courts-expansion</u>.