



Rt. 50 Signal Timing Issues Causing Delays

Signal Contractors Working on Repairs

Many of you have contacted me over the past two days regarding the particularly bad commute on Route 50. As you know, work was done this weekend to install a temporary signal at Lee Road, which was necessary for the widening project. However, commuters have been experiencing unexpected delays yesterday and today.

I have been working with VDOT to identify and resolve these issues. During the day today, VDOT has performed an analysis of the timing of all signals in the 50 corridor and found several malfunctions with the equipment used to monitor traffic and trigger signal changes at some intersections.

Problems were identified and repairs have been made at the **Lee Road** and **Pleasant Valley (Fairfax)** intersections. However, an issue remains at the **Avion Parkway** signal. VDOT is working on a solution and likely will have a signal contractor working on it tomorrow evening (the type of work needed at this signal cannot be done during the day).

Therefore, while things should be better tomorrow than they were today, you should still expect some delays at least until Thursday.

Finally, I have some good news to report for those that use the **Pleasant Valley (Loudoun)** intersection. At my request, VDOT evaluated the timing of the light signal and will be adjusting it to allow more time for vehicles entering from the Pleasant Valley side. Also, a new sign will be installed indicating that there are no turns permitted from the center lane. The sign that was installed gives the impression that right turns are allowed on green, but they are not due to the width of lanes at the intersection. VDOT has design standards to ensure safe movement of vehicles, and there is not enough space for two lanes to turn right at this intersection. VDOT will evaluate the intersection following the conclusion of the Route 50 project to see if configuration changes need to be made. I expect both the light and sign changes to be in place by Thursday morning, and this intersection is still at the top of the list for enforcement by the Sheriff's Office.

I'm sorry that the commute has been particularly bad this week, and I will do what I can to continue to address issues such as these and make sure that you at least have information about what is happening.

Finally, this seems like a good time to remind you that my next Dulles Direct Town Hall meeting will feature a **comprehensive update on the Route 50 construction project**. The meeting will be held on May 22 at 7 pm at Lunsford Middle School. Also, I will have a booth at the **South Riding Business Expo** this Saturday from 8 am- 12 pm, so feel free to stop by and ask questions or say hello.

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