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Loudoun County Parkway and Center Street Intersection Changes Coming August 22

As I've previously discussed, changes are coming to the intersection of Center Street and Loudoun County Parkway. Drivers should be prepared for a new configuration at the intersection beginning on Thursday, August 22. Below is a diagram of the intersection showing the changes. Vehicles traveling on Loudoun County Parkway will still be able to access Center Street from either direction. However, vehicles traveling on Center Street will no longer be able to make a left turn onto Loudoun County Parkway or travel straight across.

Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure

Proposed Safety Improvements - Loudoun County Pkwy & Center St

Flex Posts for Traffic Control

- Temporary measure to divert and guide traffic flow
- Restricts left turns and thru movements from Center St
- Reduces conflict points and risk of crashes

These changes are being made to improve safety at the intersection, which has deteriorated over the years and now sees regular accidents, some of which have been serious. As I've discussed, an extensive review was done by the Loudoun County Transportation Safety Commission. While consideration was given to several other options, none of them could be implemented quickly and efficiently. Ultimately, VDOT recommended a trial solution with traffic control devices, a concept which was supported by the South Riding Proprietary.

The Board of Supervisors is funding this project, along with a traffic study of the area. The initial study period has been completed and the design has been accepted and scheduled for installation by VDOT on August 22. Approximately 90 days after installation, another traffic study will be performed and the results will be compared to review any adverse impacts at other intersections due to the detour. VDOT and County transportation staff will determine at that time whether this change should remain in place.

To help motorists understand the changes, signage near the intersection will encourage drivers to use Nations Street or Elk Lick Road to access Tall Cedars and connect to Loudoun County Parkway.

I realize that these changes may be inconvenient for some. However, safety has to be the top priority for the County. We will be carefully reviewing the data to ensure that other intersections in the area are still performing well, and will take corrective action if we need to after the second 90-day study period. I will continue to be engaged with the South Riding Proprietary and with all of you regarding this intersection and other traffic safety issues.

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