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Reminder: Loudoun County Pkwy and Center St. Intersection Changes Coming Tomorrow

I wanted to share one final reminder that changes are coming to the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway and Center Street in South Riding. Starting tomorrow (August 22), a new traffic configuration will be installed.

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

In case you missed my previous emails, 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, a trial solution emerged 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, both of which are being administered by the County's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (TCI). The initial study period has been completed and the design has been accepted and scheduled for installation 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. County transportation staff and VDOT will review the results and assess whether the 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 these changes may be inconvenient for some. However, safety must 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 needed 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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