



### **Construction Begins Next Week to Improve Poland/Edgewater Intersection**

We are now ready to begin construction on the temporary roundabout at the intersection of Poland Drive and Edgewater Street. While I had hoped to have this improvement complete before school started, VDOT experienced a delay in receiving the materials, and I had concerns about changing the traffic pattern at the same time that traffic volumes sharply increased in early September.

Installation work will begin **Tuesday, September 17** and be finished by **Tuesday, September 24** assuming that there are not significant weather-related delays. All work is scheduled during off-peak hours (in between rush hours) and no night work is anticipated. However, during work periods, the intersection itself may be closed to traffic for 15 minute intervals when work on the center circle is being done. Watch for flaggers and lane closures in the general area. At this point, it is not possible to tell you exactly when those times will be, so I would recommend that motorists use alternate routes when possible if they are traveling during construction times. To help motorists understand the changes coming to the intersection, electronic message boards will be posted in the area in advance and during construction.

As a reminder, VDOT will be installing rubberized pylons at the intersection to create a roundabout. Changes to the lane configurations on both Edgewater and Poland will be made so that vehicles will enter the roundabout slowly. VDOT's analysis shows that the new configuration will significantly improve traffic safety and will move vehicles on Edgewater much better, reducing delays. The mini-roundabout is intended to be a temporary solution, at least until the Route 50 project is complete and traffic configurations at most intersections will be reevaluated.

Finally, I will be sending out another email update in the next few days regarding developments with the Braddock/Pleasant Valley intersection, and my next Dulles Direct Town Hall meeting, which will be during the first week of October. As always, if you have any questions, email me at [matt.letourneau@loudoun.gov](mailto:matt.letourneau@loudoun.gov)

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