

## Ramadan, Letourneau Announce VDOT Funding Agreement for Braddock-Pleasant Valley Roundabout; Additional \$1.5 million allocated to fully fund the project

In advance of a community meeting on the project later this week, Delegate David Ramadan (87<sup>th</sup>) and Supervisor Matt Letourneau (Dulles) today announced that VDOT has allocated additional funding to the Braddock-Pleasant Valley roundabout project to close a shortfall that was identified last month.

VDOT has committed \$1.5 million in additional funding for the project, in addition to \$1.5 million previously allocated by VDOT and \$1.2 million by Loudoun County. The Braddock-Pleasant Valley intersection is located just east of the Loudoun/Fairfax boundary and currently experiences extreme delays during AM and PM rush hour.

"I have fought hard to obtain funding for the Braddock/Pleasant Valley intersection, and was distressed to learn that despite previous commitments, increases in cost estimates would leave the project short of what was needed," said Ramadan. "After consulting with Supervisor Letourneau, I have spent the last couple weeks working with VDOT leadership in Richmond and Northern Virginia to obtain the funds needed to close the shortfall and allow the project to move forward as scheduled. I'm thankful to the Secretary of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Board and VDOT leadership for their support of this project."

"The Braddock/Pleasant Valley intersection is the single worst chokepoint in the Dulles South area and a constant source of frustration for Loudoun commuters, which is why the Loudoun Board of Supervisors took the unprecedented step of funding an improvement not actually within our borders" said Letourneau. "I am extremely grateful to Delegate Ramadan for his tireless advocacy for this project and for his extraordinary efforts to secure additional funding at this critical juncture."

The roundabout project was endorsed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and has the support of Supervisor Michael Frey (Sully) and Delegate Jim LeMunyon (67<sup>th</sup> District). The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors appropriated for the project \$1.2 million in FY14, and the

project was approved for state funding by the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board in June after receiving support from Ramadan and LeMunyon.

Supervisor Letourneau will be holding a community information meeting on the project on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at Little River Elementary School in South Riding. Last week, VDOT held a public hearing on the project in Fairfax County.

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