

Last Chance to Provide Comments on Dulles Access Road

Today is the last day to submit your comments on VDOT's proposed alternatives for the Dulles Access Road. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to read my e-mail notification, visit the VDOT project page and e-mail your comments to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov and bos@loudoun.gov. Make sure to put Improving Access to Dulles Airport in the subject line. Please note that the e-mail for VDOT provided in my newsletter last week was incorrect, I have corrected it above.

As I shared last month, several routes have been identified and VDOT has selected Alternative 3C, which would put express lanes in the median of Route 50, as its preferred option. Another option, Alternative 2, would build a new road to the north of 50 and not disrupt commuters. The VDOT recommendation will have major implications for the Route 50 corridor in Loudoun County and Dulles South residents need to be active participants in this process.

Community Information Meeting on Changes to the Gum Spring Road and Route 50 Intersection

On Thursday, May 15 at Mercer Middle School beginning at 7 pm, I will be hosting a community information meeting to discuss the opening of the new intersection of Gum Spring Road and Route 50.

The new intersection is set to open on May 21. At that time, the existing portion of Gum Spring Road will be closed just before the intersection with Tall Cedars Parkway. This will close permanently with a cul-de-sac to be constructed. Access will still be provided at Route 50 for the

Gum Spring Village Center. However, any through traffic for Gum Spring south of the Gum Spring Village Center will want to use the new portion of Gum Spring at the new signal located just to the east of the Gum Spring Village Center.

The section of Tall Cedars Parkway between Gum Spring Road and Millstream Drive will also close for 60-90 days to allow a reconstruction of the Tall Cedars and Gum Spring intersection to fix elevation issues and install turn lanes. There will be a detour route established during this time using Greenstone Drive to Stone Springs Boulevard. Following completion of this intersection, work will begin on a new turn lane for Providence Ridge.

At the meeting, we will have visuals to show the work and the detours, and also discuss the next phase of changes beyond this which will also impact Gum Spring Road.