

## Ramadan, Letourneau Announce Final Hurdle Cleared for Braddock/Pleasant Valley Roundabout

\$4.178 Million Contract Awarded for Construction of Roundabout

**Richmond, VA | June 18th, 2014** – Delegate David Ramadan (R-87th District) and Supervisor Matt Letourneau (R-Dulles) announced that the final hurdle has been cleared for construction of a much-anticipated roundabout at the intersection of Braddock Road and Pleasant Valley Road just east of the Loudoun County line.

Earlier today, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) voted to award a \$4.178 million contract to Fort Myer Construction Corporation, despite a final push by roundabout opponents to kill the project. In addition over one million dollars has been allocated for design, engineering and continegency purposes. Delegate Ramadan drove to Richmond to personally appeal to the CTB, while Supervisor Letourneau was represented at the meeting by staff from the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and by the County's Richmond representatives.

"Today's decision by the CTB is a victory for Loudoun's Dulles South & western Prince William commuters and for putting good, commonsense decision making ahead of politics," said Delegate Ramadan. "This has been one of the most challenging issues I've worked on, but it will be rewarding to see a solution finally move forward for one of the worst intersections in Northern Virginia. I appreciate all the work that Supervisor Letourneau did to obtain funding from Loudoun County, the efforts of both the current and previous Secretaries of Transportation who cooperated with me to secure state and federal funding as well as VDOT officials who supported this project." "Fixing the Braddock and Pleasant Valley intersection has been one of my top priorities, and I'm so glad we can now announce with confidence that the project will be moving forward," said Supervisor Letourneau. "Loudoun County made an unprecedented decision to fund a project outside of our County line because this intersection impacts so many Dulles South commuters. Bringing this to fruition was a team effort, but we owe a special debt of gratitude to Delegate Ramadan who fought back a major legislative threat in an attempt to defund the project."

Earlier this year, there was an amendment introduced to the State budget that would have prohibited any funds from being expended for the project. Delegate Ramadan and Supervisor Letourneau worked together to defeat that amendment. While Delegate Ramadan worked one on one with his House colleagues, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors Loudoun County representatives met with every member of the House Appropriations Committee to educate them about the need for this project. Both Delegate Ramadan and Supervisor Letourneau had personal meetings with Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne to ensure that the new Administration would maintain support, which they did.

After successfully keeping the budget amendment from the budget, last month Ramadan and Letourneau worked with Secretary Layne and VDOT to obtain additional funding for the project to meet updated engineering estimates.

Construction is expected to begin on the roundabout this fall, and be completed by May of 2016. As final design work is completed, Ramadan and Letourneau will communicate specific information to constituents.

To receive updates from Delegate Ramadan and Supervisor Letourneau, visit <u>www.DavidRamadan.com</u> and <u>www.Loudoun.gov/Dulles</u>