



VDOT Announces Opening of Eastbound 3rd Lane on Route 50 This Week

VDOT has announced that the opening of the 3rd eastbound lane on Route 50 will begin overnight tonight and be fully open by Thursday morning. As the project continues, Delegate David Ramadan and I will continue to work with VDOT, Shirley Contracting, and law enforcement to minimize impacts. It should be noted that the initial opening of the lanes will not bring the full benefit of the completed project, since more work will be done on traffic signals and intersections. VDOT's announcement is below:

ROUTE 50 WIDENING PROJECT PROGRESSING

Third lane throughout entire project will gradually open to eastbound traffic starting late tonight

CHANTILLY – By Thursday, August 28, drivers on Route 50 will have three lanes eastbound from Poland Road in Loudoun County to Route 28 in Fairfax County.

The opening of the third lane will be done in two phases. The lane will open from Pleasant Valley Road in Fairfax County to Stonecroft Boulevard by 5 a.m. Wednesday, August 27. It will then open from Poland Road in Loudoun County to Pleasant Valley in Fairfax by 5 a.m. Thursday, August 28. Doing so should provide significant relief to morning rush hour congestion, particularly with local schools starting on September 2. Three lanes have been open to eastbound traffic from Stonecroft to Lee Road since the project began.

Crews plan to open a third lane to westbound traffic from the Cub Run Bridge to Poland Road by the end of this year.

Route 50 is being widened to three lanes in each direction from Poland Road to Route 28. The project also includes traffic signal and turn lane improvements, installing a shared-use path on both sides of the road, providing crosswalks with curb ramps and pedestrian signals, and widening and upgrading bridges. The overall project completion date is November 2015.

Project information: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/route_50_widening.asp

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