



Major Disruptions Coming to Poland/Edgewater as Roundabout Construction Begins

Community Meeting Tonight

The long awaited project to construct a permanent roundabout at Poland Road and Edgewater Street in South Riding will officially begin tomorrow (weather permitting). At my request, VDOT is holding a "Pardon Our Dust" construction meeting tonight, beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting is being held at the Ridings at Blue Springs Clubhouse (43919 Edgewater Street).

This project replaces the existing temporary roundabout with a permanent single lane roundabout, a raised center island, raised splitter islands, curb/gutter along the approaches and additional pedestrian improvements to enhance safety. At the same time, the County will be constructing a pedestrian connection along Edgewater Street between the intersection and Paramount Place. I obtained partial funding for this project from the Board of Supervisors, and VDOT is contributing the rest under a state safety program.

The good news is that the contractor has major incentives to finish the work by the end of the summer.



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The bad news is that in order to do the work, there will be MAJOR disruptions to the intersection. Work will be performed on individual quadrants of the intersection throughout the spring/summer, requiring flagging operations for lane closures and, at times, full closure of the intersection. Work will be restricted to Mondays - Thursdays, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm and 9:30 am - 2:00 pm on Fridays. No weekend or holiday work is expected. It is recommended that drivers utilize alternate routes during construction times if possible. Flagging operations will be occurring at multiple approaches and only one lane of traffic will be able to get through the intersection.

If you travel this intersection, I strongly encourage you to attend the construction meeting to learn specifics and to meet the contractor and VDOT. I will not be able to attend personally, as I have a Board of Supervisors Public Hearing tonight. However, I have been in close contact with VDOT and will be monitoring construction.

For more information on the project, please visit [VDOT's project page](#).

New Traffic Pattern at Belmont Ridge Road and Northstar Boulevard Intersection

Traffic Signal Construction Underway

Work to construct the improvements to complete the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Northstar Boulevard has begun. Changing traffic patterns will be needed due to these construction activities.

These activities include pavement milling, resurfacing, and the installation of new pedestrian curb ramps, crosswalks and pedestrian signal poles at all four corners of the intersection.

The scheduled construction work will involve temporary lane closures, lane shifts and flagging

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operations through Friday, March 30, 2018. Lane closures may occur 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm on Friday. Please watch for signage, lane closures and flagger operations during the construction time period.

Median Closure at Route 50 and Elk Lick Road to Begin Next Week

Route 50 Lane Closures Needed

VDOT has finally scheduled work to place the temporary barriers across the median at Route 50 and Elk Lick Road in South Riding. They expect the contractor to be onsite beginning Wednesday, March 20 and barrier placement to take place Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22.

To provide for the safety of those performing the work, the left lane in both directions on Route 50 will be closed 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.

This is the first phase of a multi-step process. With the closure of the median on Route 50, Elk Lick Road will be converted to a right-in/right-out only. Southbound traffic from Route 50 and westbound traffic currently using Elk Lick Road should utilize South Riding Boulevard to get on and off of Route 50.

Phase 2 will include the reconfiguration of Defender Drive to provide a center turn lane for the length of the section from Elk Lick Road to South Riding Boulevard. That phase will be completed when minimum temperatures are in place this spring to facilitate the application of permanent pavement markings on the roadway.

The permanent median closure project is currently in design, that project is funded and we expect construction to take place late this year or early next year.

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