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NewsFlash



Northstar Boulevard Extension Update (Evergreen Mills - Route 50)

The Project Has Officially Begun!

**Interim Safety Measures Requested at
Northstar Blvd and Evergreen Mills Road Intersection**

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Official Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Friday, February 24, I attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Northstar Blvd Extension Project (Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50). Alongside my fellow Supervisors and representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, I was honored to help kick off construction of this very important project.

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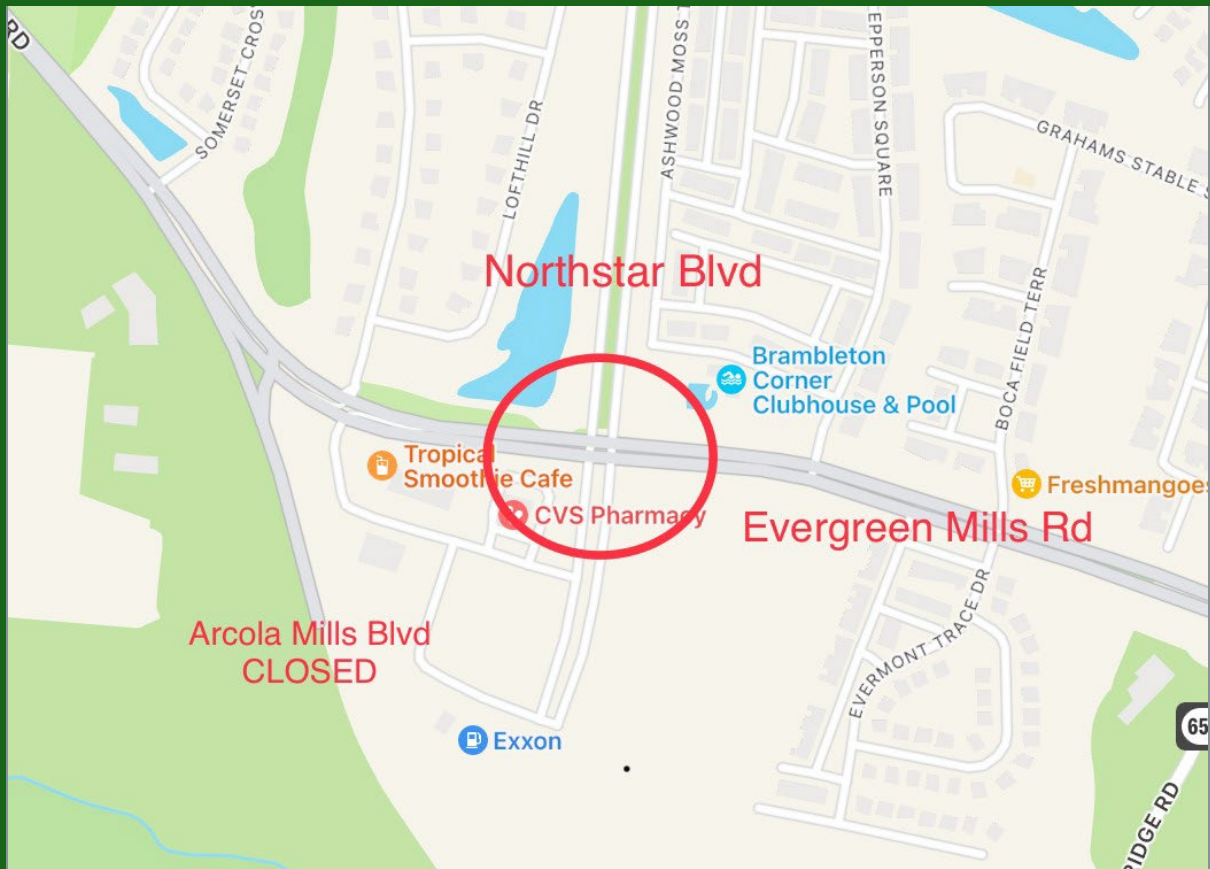
Recently, my office has received increasing reports of traffic accidents at the intersection of Northstar Blvd and Evergreen Mills Road (EMR).

While the Northstar Blvd Extension Project includes construction of a planned traffic signal at the intersection of Northstar Blvd and EMR, the County has no control over the contractor's construction sequencing for the project; therefore, I cannot tell you exactly when the traffic signal will actually be constructed.

As such, I've scheduled an on-site meeting with County staff, the contractor, VDOT and the Brambleton developer to discuss the feasibility of interim safety improvements that could be implemented to improve intersection safety until such time as the planned traffic signal is constructed.

These interim safety measures - if feasible - will either be in-addition-to, or in-replacement-of, current safety measures in place which the Brambleton developer initiated voluntarily at my request (stop signs with flashing red beacons). This pre-traffic signal stop sign with flashing red beacon design has become the standard model throughout Brambleton for major intersections until such time as a traffic signal is approved to be installed by VDOT, and constructed by the developer or County contractor.

As I learn more about the timing of the Northstar Blvd Extension Project and possible interim safety measures that may be able to be implemented at the Northstar and EMR intersection, my office will be sure to keep you informed.



About the Northstar Blvd Extension Project

Loudoun County's Northstar Boulevard project will construct a new four-lane, median divided roadway from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50. In addition, the project will:

- Construct 10' wide shared use pathways on both sides of the new roadway;
- Construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of Northstar Blvd and Route 50;
- Construct a new connection from Northstar Blvd to the segment of Arcola Mills Drive located east of the soon to be constructed section of Northstar Blvd;
- Realign Youngwood Lane from its existing intersection with Racefield Lane to a new connection with Northstar Boulevard (Note: This new connection will become the western end of Loudoun's planned extension of Dulles West Boulevard);

- Reconstruct and widen Racefield Lane (Note: Racefield Lane will become the primary access point to VDOT's Arcola Area Headquarters).

Once constructed, the new 1.6-mile segment of Northstar Boulevard will serve as a minor arterial roadway from Route 50 to Evergreen Mills Road. It is also part of what will be a 14-mile, uninterrupted corridor extending from Route 7 south to the Prince William County line, to provide an alternative north/south connection to Route 50, not only addressing traffic congestion in the corridor, but also improving capacity and safety on existing area roadway networks.

Funding for this \$90 million project includes a \$25 million Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation administered by the Federal Highway Administration. Funding for this project is also provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Regional Revenue Fund and Local Distribution Fund and from Loudoun County.

Construction is expected to be completed by winter of 2025.

More information, including a link to sign up for updates on the project, can be found on the Loudoun County website at loudoun.gov/northstarphase1.



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