



Intersection Improvements for Northstar and Belmont Ridge Road

As a result of a serious traffic accident on May 9th at the **intersection of Northstar and Belmont Ridge Road**, I wanted to let you know the current status of the previously initiated safety improvement plan.

The intersection improvements have been divided into two phases in order to resolve the issue faster.

Phase 1 includes pavement markings and signage to channelize traffic and improve safety. Phase 2 will complete the installation of a traffic signal.

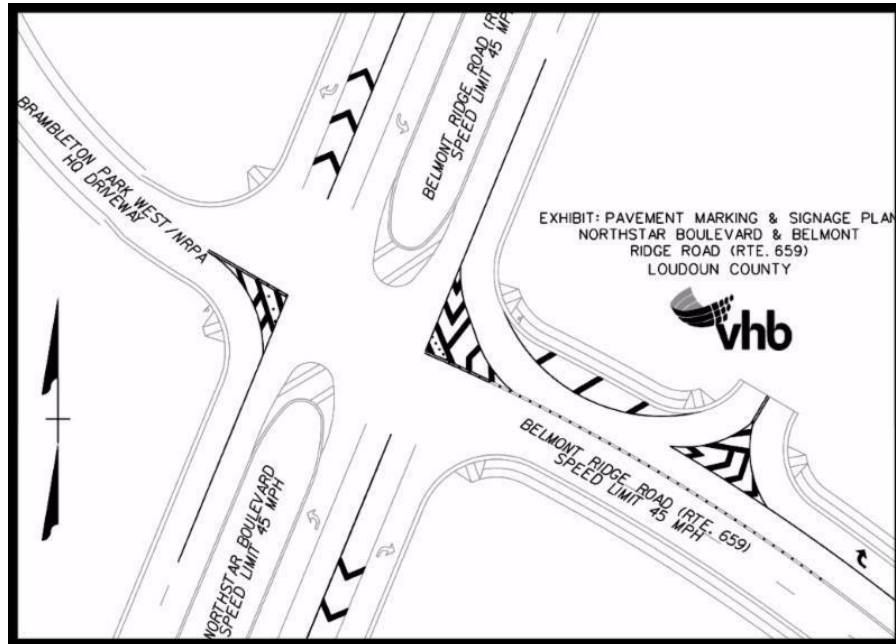
The status of each phase is as follows:

Phase 1 - Status of Temporary Improvements:

- The striping plan has been approved by VDOT.
- The plan for maintenance of traffic is complete and currently being reviewed by VDOT.
- Upon receiving approval from VDOT for the MOT plan, they will proceed immediately to implement the temporary work.
- The county plans to use a Job Order Contract (JOC) to complete the work using any remaining available funds. (Approximately \$100,000 remains from prior Board approvals. Provided the JOC pricing comes back less than \$100,000, the county will be able to proceed.)

- The estimated schedule to complete this temporary work is **August 1, 2016**, pending weather conditions.

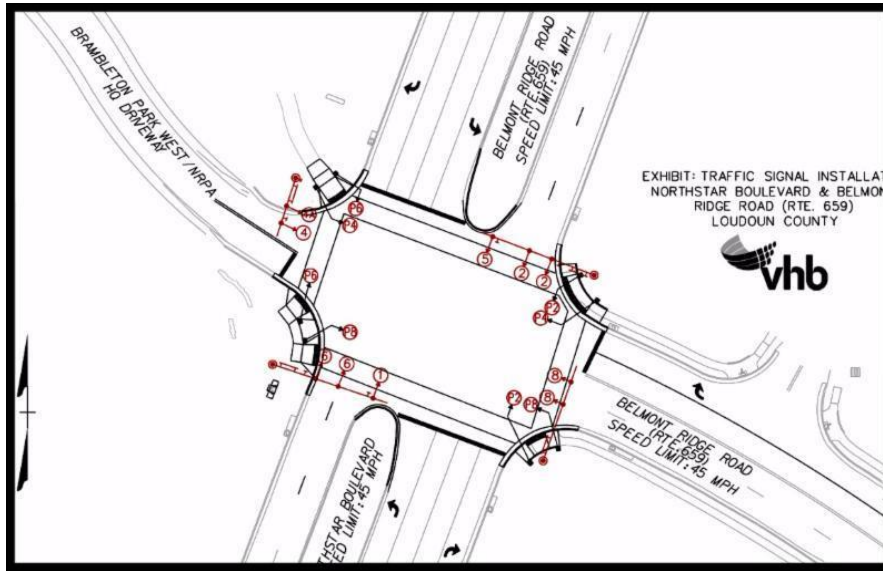
Note: Phase 1 may result in increased waiting times at the intersection, however, this temporary change (8-9 months) is needed in order to improve safety, at what has proven to be a dangerous intersection.



Pavement Marking and Signage Plan

Phase 2 - Status of Traffic Signal Installation:

- Funding for this portion of the project becomes available July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$510,000 through the Capital budget.
- The consultant has been selected and has completed the plan for the traffic signal. The plan is at the VDOT office for first review.
- There are three "easements" that will be needed to complete this installation. One from the County, one from the Loudoun County Public Schools, and one from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.
- Plats are currently being prepared. Once complete, the deeds will be prepared.
- Anticipated Schedule for the project:
 - Signal plan to be approved by VDOT by July 2016.
 - Plats and deeds to be complete by September 2016.
 - Project to be advertised for competitive bids in October 2016.
 - Notice to proceed to be issued to the contractor in November since the county expects the project to be below the level of staff award authority.
- **Construction should be complete by April 2017.**



Traffic Signal Installation Plan

All my best,

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