

Loudoun County Parkway/Rt 606 Intersection Opens Tomorrow!

Good morning,

Reducing traffic congestion is one of my top priorities. As such I'm happy to announce tomorrow's opening of the much needed Rt 606/Loudoun County Parkway (LCP) intersection along with multiple supportive connections and traffic signals. While progress will continue toward full build out of the intersection, it is my belief that even this initial opening will provide much needed congestion relief to communities north and south of Rt 50.

Many thanks to VDOT, NVTA, MWAA, Shirley Contracting, Dewberry Engineering, the Brambleton & Toll Brother's developers, and County staff for working together to provide these much needed improvements as quickly as possible.

Please see below for additional information regarding tomorrow's opening:

LOUDOUN COUNTY PARKWAY & AREA IMPROVEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

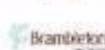
Built by Toll Brothers and opened in 2016, including a new signal at Creighton Road.

Built by Brambleton, along with new signals on Shreveport Drive at Loudoun County Parkway and at Belmont Ridge Road.

Built by VDOT, intersection opening in September 2017. Final paving and other work continues through summer 2018.

In progress, and also part of the VDOT project: Reconstruction and widening Old Ox Road from two to four lanes between Evergreen Mills Road and the Dulles Greenway (about five miles), with new bicycle/pedestrian facilities. Work will be complete in summer 2018.

Key partners involved in the funding and construction of three segments of Loudoun County Parkway include:



Time & Location of Ribbon Cutting:

- 3:00 p.m. On Arcola Boulevard near the intersection of LCP.

What We Are Celebrating:

We are celebrating important milestones of ongoing improvements to a major artery in Arcola, which are significant because a new four-lane, divided, north-south roadway will connect U.S. Route 50 to Route 7. Improvements include:

- The opening of a new intersection at Loudoun County Parkway/Old Ox Road;
- Connection to a new northern segment of Loudoun County Parkway from Route 606 (Old Ox Road) to Creighton Road; and
- Four traffic signals.

Project Background:

- Planning for the widening of the Route 606 corridor between Route 50 and the Dulles Greenway has been ongoing since the early 1990s. The first segment was implemented in 2002-2003 with the reconstruction and widening between Route 50 (John Mosby Highway) and Evergreen Mills Road.
- The Route 606 widening project will implement the "interim condition" as described in Loudoun County's Countywide Transportation Plan. This plan calls for Route 606 to be a controlled-access, median-divided urban collector. The ultimate condition as described in the Countywide Transportation Plan calls for a limited-access, median-divided urban arterial. The proposed design implements the interim condition while enabling a future conversion to its ultimate condition.
- The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA), Loudoun County, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) are jointly funding the project, which is being developed by VDOT.

Project Significance:

The intersection opening is significant because it completes Loudoun County Parkway as a major county north-south highway and will connect drivers from Route 50 all the way to Route 7, which is critical for motorists who are traveling from points west accessing Leesburg, Ashburn, Sterling and Herndon. The interim intersection improvement is part of a larger effort to reconstruct and widen Old Ox Road.

- In 2015, Route 606 handled three times the volume of traffic considered acceptable.
- Traffic counts in 2011 were 21,500 a day and are expected to grow to 35,250 a day by 2036.
- From 2007 to the end of 2010, 158 accidents were reported on Route 606 between Evergreen Mills Road and the Dulles Greenway. That number had increased by 49 percent in 2010, indicating that road conditions on Route 606 are not designed for the high volume of traffic.

Scope of Project:

The milestones are part of a larger effort to complete the Loudoun County Parkway and reconstruct and widen Old Ox Road:

- VDOT constructed the Loudoun County/Old Ox intersection, along with a mile-long section of Loudoun County Parkway south to Dulles West Boulevard, and a short segment (800 feet) of Loudoun County Parkway to the north approaching Broad Run.
- VDOT, MWAA and Loudoun County collaborated on the widening of Route 606 from the Dulles Greenway to south of Evergreen Mills Road (this work continues through summer 2018).
- Brambleton constructed the adjacent portion of Loudoun County Parkway to the north from Broad Run to Creighton Road, including a new signal at Shreveport Drive. In addition, Brambleton has also completed construction of Shreveport Drive between Loudoun County Parkway and Belmont Ridge Road.
- Toll Brothers opened the next segment of Loudoun County Parkway to the north in 2016 and has installed a new signal at the intersection with Creighton Road and Evergreen Ridge Drive.
- NVTA-funded improvements include construction of the Loudoun County Parkway/Old Ox Road intersection and additional improvements to the Loudoun County Parkway from Dulles West Boulevard to Broad Run.

VDOT's project also includes reconstructing and widening the remaining five-mile, two-lane rural section of Old Ox Road to four lanes between Evergreen Mills Road and the Dulles Greenway, and building facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. These improvements, including all final paving of the intersection, will be complete in summer 2018.

Future Improvements:

- An additional interim improvement scheduled in December 2017 will further improve the intersection of Route 606 and Loudoun County Parkway.

- Completion of the Shreveport Drive connection to Evergreen Mills Road by Brambleton will provide connectivity between Loudoun County Parkway and Evergreen Mills Road.

All my best,



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