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### **VDOT KEEPS TYSONS CORNER MOVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS** *VAmegaprojects.com offers solutions and updates for commuters and businesses*

TYSONS CORNER, Va. - With construction on the Beltway, Routes 7 and 123 ramping up, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is committed to keep traffic moving through Tysons Corner during the busy holiday season by retiming traffic signals, communicating lane closures in advance and ensuring that access to businesses and neighborhoods is not impeded.

“Making major transportation improvements in congested areas such as Tysons is akin to remodeling your kitchen during a holiday party,” said Ronaldo T. “Nick” Nicholson, director of VDOT’s Regional Transportation Program. “VDOT is working to keep businesses, retail centers and residential areas accessible during the holidays and beyond through careful planning, coordination and continual communications with the public. While there will be some short-term pain, the ultimate improvements will be worth the effort.”

To minimize delays, VDOT has set these year-round ground rules:

- No lane closures on holidays
- No lanes closures weekdays from 5 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Lane closure and construction activity information will be communicated well in advance at [www.VAmegaprojects.com](http://www.VAmegaprojects.com)
- Entrances to businesses and residential communities will remain accessible

From Thanksgiving through New Year’s, traffic signals around Tysons Corner Center (as well as a dozen other Northern Virginia shopping centers) are retimed to give motorists enough time to enter and exit the shopping center without waiting in long queues. The signals are also timed to keep traffic moving on Routes 7 and 123.

VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation encourage commuters, residents and businesses to:

- Learn about commuting alternatives such as telework, buses, carpools and vanpools at [www.VAmegaprojects.com](http://www.VAmegaprojects.com)

- Sign up for project updates at [www.VAmegaprojects.com](http://www.VAmegaprojects.com) and learn more about the projects and commuting alternatives and the many employer-employee services that VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) provide to ease commuting stress.
- Contact the Megaprojects team to arrange a presentation to your group to learn more about the I-495 HOT Lanes project as well as programs geared to assist motorists and businesses at [Steven.Titunik@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Steven.Titunik@VDOT.Virginia.gov)
- Call 511 or visit [511northernvirginia.org](http://511northernvirginia.org) to get the most current traffic and travel information.

Major construction on the **I-495 HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes Project** will be completed in 2013. The opening of HOT Lanes will bring improved modes of transportation to the Capital Beltway from I-95/395 to just north of the Dulles Toll Road. Ridesharing will become a viable option for motorists traveling to the Tysons Corner area on a new highway network that's free for carpools and buses. For the Tysons area, employees, residents and shoppers will have increased and improved travel choices including three new direct access points to the HOT Lanes. This project includes new sidewalks and bike paths to the Tysons community.

The **Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project**, also slated for completion in 2013, will add a 23-mile rail line to the existing Metro system, extending service from the Orange Line at East Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County.

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