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## I-95 night closures continue through November

### FULL ROADWAY CLOSURE SEPT. 21, 22

Motorists can expect multiple lane closures at night on Interstate 95 this fall while the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) adds a fourth lane in Fairfax and Prince William Counties. I-95 is being widened for six-miles from the Fairfax County Parkway to Route 123. The entire project is on schedule for completion in fall 2011.

Motorists can expect the following lane closures and traffic shifts:

**Tuesday, Sept. 8 until late October.**

**What:** Milling and paving on northbound I-95 between Route 1 to Lorton Road.

**Impact:** One or more lanes closed, Sundays through Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Expect 30-minute delays.

**Monday, Sept. 21 and Tuesday, Sept. 22.**

**What:** Replacement of overhead sign between Route 1 and Lorton Road.

**Impact:** On both nights, two of three lanes will close at 10:30 p.m., and all lanes will be stopped for up to 30 minutes after midnight and again between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Expect 45 minute delays.

In addition, motorists can expect single lane closures on I-95 North and South, weekdays throughout the fall. For up-to-date lane closure, visit [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com).

**Crews place concrete to widen the bridge over Pohick Creek along southbound I-95 in Lorton.**



Paving crews lay down asphalt for the fourth lane of I-95.  
Photos by Mike Salmon, Virginia Megaprojects

### Fairfax County Parkway detour nears FULLERTON INTERSECTION WILL CLOSE FOR A YEAR

Starting in early October, VDOT will close a portion of Fullerton Road in Newington for construction of the final piece of the Fairfax County Parkway.

Motorists on Fullerton Road will be detoured around its intersection with the Fairfax County Parkway as construction crews build an overpass that will carry the parkway over Fullerton Road. Motorists on Backlick Road will use Boudinot Drive. Motorists heading northbound on the parkway heading into Springfield will have follow the detour to Fullerton Road and either take the first left on Boudinot, and left on Backlick, or continue on Fullerton to Rolling Road.

This detour will begin in October and will be in place for one year. Details of this detour will be discussed at a public information meeting on Sept. 15. For details, see Page 2.

# Law firm takes advantage of telework program

General Counsel P.C. founder, Merritt J. Green, believes two primary attributes are necessary for the success of his business: an experienced, intelligent and creative legal team and commitment to customer service. General Counsel, located in McLean, is surrounded by the construction of both the I-495 HOT Lanes and the Dulles Metrorail projects.

For help in reducing hours lost in traffic, Green contacted the Virginia Megaprojects Employer Solutions team. They found that Telework!VA

provided the flexibility to help employees navigate the construction in Tysons Corner — and maintain good customer service.

General Counsel upgraded their server providing remote access to the staff.

“Telework is a solution that works. You can just as effectively work from home as your office”, said Green. “Telework empowers people to be in more control of their work day and affords more quality time with their families.”

General Counsel was the first company to take advantage of the program and its incentive since the Employer Solution team began its employer outreach. The Employer Solutions team, provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, helps companies develop a customized strategy for its employees in Northern Virginia.

To learn more about Employer solutions, call 877-9595-222 or email [employersolutions@vamegaprojects.com](mailto:employersolutions@vamegaprojects.com).

# Fullerton Road detour focus of Fairfax County Parkway meeting



Looking north, the traffic signal will be eliminated and the Fairfax County Parkway will ride over Fullerton Road, as shown in this artist rendering.

## Fullerton Road Information Meeting Sept. 15

Find out more about the final link of the Fairfax County Parkway and the upcoming detour at an informational meeting at West Springfield High School.

What: Citizens Information Meeting  
 When: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15  
 Where: West Springfield High School  
 6100 Rolling Road  
 Springfield, Virginia 22152

The map shows detours to and from Backlick Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. This detour begins in early October 2009 and will be in place for one year. For more information, visit [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com)




## Shopping around for real-time traffic info

Shoppers perusing the Tysons Corner Center will soon be able to check road construction updates, traffic conditions and transit options on television screens strategically placed throughout the mall. These Tysons Corner Center Traveler Information Displays are a new way that Virginia Megaprojects is helping people arrive to their destinations.

"We thought this way was good to get real-time travel information out to people," said JD Schneeberger, in VDOT's operations planning and programming office. "The key word here is multi-modal," he added.

Starting this fall, information will be constantly flashed on five 50-inch television screens strategically placed throughout the mall. There are four screens on the first floor and one on the third level, near the theater. Two of the first floor screens are near the seating area outside Macy's.

Each screen will have updated travel information and a Web site where more in-depth information is available. For those looking for more information, a pamphlet with each individual Web site and public transportation schedules is also available at the concierge desk outside Macy's. 

### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Sign up at [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com) to get more information on the projects and their construction progress. If you have any suggestions, ideas or comments, please call 1-877-9595-222 or e-mail [info@VAmegaprojects.com](mailto:info@VAmegaprojects.com). We want to hear what you have to say.


## Gainesville traffic getting relief

### OVERPASSES WILL ELIMINATE STOPS AT RAILROAD TRACKS AND LINTON HALL ROAD

Over the summer, construction increased on Route 29 south in Gainesville as VDOT moved forward with the Linton Hall Road/Route 29 interchange project.

The centerpiece of this \$224 million project is a pair of overpasses: one carrying Route 29 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and one carrying Linton Hall and Gallerher roads over the railroad and Route 29. To further improve traffic flow, crews will also widen Route 29 to six lanes and eliminate driveway entrances and two traffic signals between I-66 and Virginia Oaks Drive.

Major work is ongoing, relocating utilities and demolishing 38 buildings. By the end of this summer, the work north of Linton Hall Road will be complete and crews will begin work on the south side. The whole project will take four years to complete.

Before construction of the new interchange starts, crews will construct two temporary detour roads. These roads will carry both Route 29 and Linton Hall Road traffic around the interchange for the duration of the project. A video rendering is available at [www.gainesvilleimprovements.org](http://www.gainesvilleimprovements.org). 

## "EcoDriving" reduces emissions and saves fuel


Governor Timothy M. Kaine recently highlighted the benefits of a program called EcoDriving — a comprehensive, nationwide effort to save consumers money at the gas pump, reduce fuel use and cut carbon dioxide emissions.

"The EcoDriving program presents Virginians with a unique opportunity to make a difference in the environment of the Commonwealth," Governor Kaine said. "I hope that Virginia drivers will use these simple EcoDriving practices for driving and maintenance to save money, improve mileage, reduce emissions."

The program, developed by the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, could increase fuel economy by 15 percent and save Virginians 616 million gallons of fuel a year by following some of the following tips:

- Plan your trips to find the shortest distance

- Accelerate and brake gently to save up to \$1 per gallon
- Drive the speed limit and take advantage of synchronized traffic lights

To learn more about the Alliance's EcoDriving campaign visit their website, [www.EcoDrivingUSA.com](http://www.EcoDrivingUSA.com). 

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# Dulles Metrorail milestones emerging in Tysons Corner

*By winter, left turns across Route 7 will only occur at signalized intersections*

Traffic pattern changes, median closings and detours are on tap for Route 7 in Tysons Corner as construction of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail continues.

The break in the Route 7 median in front of Marshall's Drive is closed, eliminating left turns into the Marshall's shopping center. There crews are preparing to build the Tysons Central 7 Metrorail Station.

This is the first of several traffic pattern changes eliminating mid-block left turns along this stretch of Route 7 from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 123.

By winter, left-turns will only be allowed at signalized intersections: Tyco Road, Spring Hill Road and Gosnell/Westpark Drive.

On the northwest corner of Route 7 and 123, crews continue to prepare to build a 2,400 foot tunnel that will carry

the rail from Route 123 to Route 7.

Meanwhile, drivers can see rail construction in two highly visible places: the Dulles Connector Toll Road

and the Dulles Airport Access Highway between Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway. For lane closure schedules, visit [VAMegaprojects.com](http://VAMegaprojects.com).



**A worker sprays water to control dust at the old Merchant Tire, near the future location of Tysons Central 7 Station in Tysons Corner.**  
Photo by Shea Daugherty, Dulles Transit Partners

## I-495 HOT LANES INTERCHANGE PROGRESS REPORT

### Springfield Interchange

Bridge piers under construction for one of seven new bridges that will connect existing HOV lanes to the HOT lanes.

### Little River Turnpike

Steel beams going up this summer. Expect nighttime closures.

### Route 50 (Arlington Blvd)

Piers and concrete in place; concrete to be poured in September.

### Route 123 in Tysons Corner

Left lanes closed in each direction at I-495 through November, will reopen for holiday shopping season and close in early 2010 for 18 to 24 months. Steel beams for new southbound bridge going up in early September. Expect nighttime closures.

### Oak Street

Bridge crossing I-495 has been demolished. New bridge scheduled to be rebuilt by spring 2010.

### I-66 westbound

Lanes shifted at I-495. Steel beams going up this summer — this will close the Beltway overnight. Traffic will detour to Nutley Street.