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Major Road Shift of Eastbound Route 7 in Tysons Scheduled for Thursday night, Sept. 2

Drivers, pedestrians and business owners on Thursday night, Sept. 2nd, will experience the next major shift of traffic lanes along Route 7 in Tysons Corner since summer began.

The eastbound lanes of Leesburg Pike (Route 7) between the Sheraton Premiere Hotel/Dulles Toll Road area and Best Buy are scheduled to be shifted to the right during the overnight hours of Thursday, Sept. 2nd. The shift will require staggered lane closings for final paving and re-striping beginning at 9:30 p.m. Thursday night.

The shift will be completed by 5 a.m. Friday before the morning rush hour begins.

When eastbound motorists enter Tysons Corner from the west, they will experience significant lane shifts. Lanes are being moved south into areas that had been used as service roads for decades in this stretch of highway.

This road shift — approximately 40 to 60 feet to the right — will make room for construction of the future Tysons West Metrorail Station in the median of Route 7 between Spring Hill Road and Tyco Road/Westwood Center Drive. This 50-plus-foot-wide work zone will be in place for the next three years while the station is built.

In the immediate future, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews will continue to complete utility work in the area, causing some lane closings.

Shifts of the westbound lanes around the Tysons West Station will follow, beginning approximately two weeks after the completion of the eastbound shift.



When these lane shifts are completed, crews will begin construction of the foundations for the Tysons West Metrorail Station. That will mean that all five of the rail stations in Phase 1 of the rail project will be under construction.

This lane shift is similar to the lane shift of eastbound Route 7 in May between Gosnell Road and Route 123. That shift created room for the Tysons Central 7 Metrorail Station and the construction zone around it. Cranes, materials and other construction equipment are visible, and daytime pile driving soon will be underway.

When the latest widening and shifts are completed, all of the old service roads that paralleled the eastbound and westbound lanes of Route 7 will have been closed, and all mid-block U-turns will be eliminated. This includes the closing of the last remaining mid-block left turn area near McDonald's and Ruth's Chris Steak House.

When this shift is completed, drivers will be allowed to make **left turns and U-turns** only at the existing signalized intersections along Route 7: Tyco Road/Westwood Center Drive, Spring Hill Road and Gosnell/Westpark Drive.

All work is weather pending and subject to change. Project management is tracking the path of Hurricane Earl in the Atlantic. Should the area be impacted by this storm Thursday and into Friday morning, dates for these road shifts will be changed.

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a 23-mile extension of Metro's existing Orange Line. The project is managed and owned by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. The design-build construction contractor is Dulles Transit Partners. For information on the project, visit the project website at www.dullesmetro.com or call 703-572-0506.

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