Construction Speeds Up in Tysons, Reston

Tunnel, Station Foundation Work Beginning Along Route 123

Construction continues on Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project with the major focus now on the Tysons Corner area.

Cranes and other large pieces of construction equipment can be seen on the northwest side of Route 123 from Route 267 (Dulles Connector Road) to Route 7 and on both sides of Route 7 from Route 123 west to the Dulles Toll Road interchange.

Dulles Transit Partners, the Phase 1 design-build contractor, has set up a major construction operations center in a large block bordered by Route 123, International Drive, Galleria Drive and Tysons Boulevard.

In this area, you will see:
- Near International Drive, construction of a short tunnel that will connect the rail line from Route 123 to Route 7.
- At Tysons Boulevard, construction beginning for the foundations of the Tysons Central 123 station.

Soon there will be signs of construction all along the 11-mile corridor from the junction of Routes 267 and I-66 west to Wiehle Avenue in the Dulles Connector Road and the Dulles Airport Access Road including:
- Clearing, site prep in the medians.
- Site access development near the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station.

21 Utilities Going Underground; Sidewalks Coming on Leesburg Pike

While it’s becoming difficult for residents to differentiate between rail construction and utility relocation work, contractors have completed more than 40 percent of the necessary utility relocation work.

As part of moving 21 different utilities along both sides of Route 7 to either side of the roadway, utilities are being placed underground prior to the widening of Route 7 from three to four lanes in each direction. Eventually, the rail project will build sidewalks on both sides of Route 7.

Project Basics

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a 23-mile extension of Metro’s existing Orange Line. The new line will connect with the Orange Line just east of the West Falls Church Metro Station, right where the Dulles Connector Road and Interstate 66 merge. It is being built in two phases.

Phase 1 will run from the East Falls Church Metro Station to Wiehle Avenue in Reston and will have four stops in Tysons Corner – Tysons East, Tysons Central 123, Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West. The completion date is 2013.

Phase 2 will run from the Wiehle Avenue Station in Reston to Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County. Stations are planned at Reston Parkway, Herndon Monroe, Route 28 near the Center for Innovative Technology, Washington Dulles International Airport, Route 606 and Route 772 (Ashburn).

For general information on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, please visit our website at www.dullesmetro.com or call (703) 572-0506.