

Dulles Metro is Coming

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Bridge Construction Moving Soon to Route 7 Near SAIC

As construction continues at peak levels for Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, drivers will continue to see multiple construction activities in the coming weeks from East Falls Church to Reston.

- Work is intensifying at I-66 and the Dulles Connector Road where the Dulles extension will connect with the Metro's existing Orange Line. To facilitate that connection, rail construction will force single-tracking for the Orange Line between the East Falls Church and West Falls Church Metrorail stations intermittently over the coming months. Some closures of those two stations also will be needed, causing service interruptions for transit users. Dates and details will be announced well in advance.
- Pier construction has changed the complexion of the mile-long stretch of Route 7 from Route 123 west to the Dulles Toll Road. The last lane shift of Route 7 will take place in late May when westbound lanes are shifted near the entrance to the eastbound lanes of the Dulles Toll Road toward I-66.
- Construction of the rail bridges along Route 123 is scheduled soon over Scotts Crossing Road/Colshire Drive. The bridges are being built with one of three horizontal cranes that are being used to build bridges in the Route 123 corridor. Once the bridges across Scotts Crossing are complete, the crane will move along the top



APPROACHING TYSONS CENTRAL 123: Construction continues on the bridges across Tysons Boulevard. Photo by Chuck Samuelson, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

of the Tysons East Station and then cross Capital One Drive. This work should be completed by July.

- Another of the blue and yellow horizontal cranes is now working to complete its work near the Tysons Central 123 Metrorail Station at the corner of Route 123 and Tysons Boulevard. When that work is done, the crane will be disassembled and moved to the Route 7 corridor near SAIC.
- For the past several weeks, drivers on the Capital Beltway (I-495) have experienced few lane closures caused by Dulles Rail construction. However, multiple overnight lane closings of the northbound lanes near the Route 123 intersection resume this month. Overnight closings in the southbound lanes will also be scheduled and closings of both north and southbound lanes will continue.
- Some ramps from I-495 to Route 123 also will be closed intermittently overnight as the bridges over I-495 continue.
- Day and night work will continue on all five stations.
- Work on the flyover from Route 7 to the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway is continuing.



AT I-66: Construction continues close to Metro's Orange Line. Photo by Chuck Samuelson, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

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



PROGRESS! PROGRESS!: Work continues on the Tysons East Station along Route 123 at Scotts Crossing. This will be the first stop on the westbound Dulles Rail extension. Photo by Stephen Barna, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Eastbound Dulles Airport Access Highway Detours Closing Intermittently Overnight

The eastbound lanes of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway (DIAAH) are now closed intermittently overnights through the end of July from approximately 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. because of Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project construction.

The closings are necessary because rail construction crews are working on a large concrete structure that will straddle two piers on each side of the eastbound DIAAH. The exit to Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) will remain open.

This Airport Access Highway closure follows the schedule below. All times are approximate:

- 7 p.m. – The left lane of the westbound highway will close near Route 7.
- 7:30 p.m. – The right lane of the eastbound highway will close near Route 7.
- 8 p.m. – All eastbound Airport Access Highway traffic will be diverted on to a single westbound lane. At this time, westbound Airport Access Highway will be two-way.
- Closures will be picked up in reverse order, to be completed at 5 a.m. the following mornings.

Route 123 Ramp to Eastbound DCR Opening Now Delayed Until Mid-July

The reopening of the ramp from southbound Route 123 from the McLean area to the eastbound Dulles Connector Road to I-66 to downtown Washington has been delayed until mid-July. Rail project contractors had expected this ramp to reopen in late May. However, the reopening requires significant repaving. A contract for that work is expected to be set later this month.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To set up a briefing for your homeowners association, civic group, professional or business group, or business, please email outreach@dullesmetro.com or call (703) 448-5550.

CONSTRUCTION HOTLINE

For construction-related emergencies, call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789.



ON TOP OF THE TUNNEL: Cranes frame the view of the Sheraton Hotel in the distance in this photo looking west from the top of the cut-and-cover tunnel area along Route 7, leading to the future Tysons Central 7 Metrorail Station. Photo by Stephen Barna, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Sunset Hills Substation Approved

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project contractors are moving ahead with construction of a traction power substation and train control room along Sunset Hills in Reston near Hunter Mill Road just east of the existing VDOT facility.

The location of this facility was approved by the Fairfax County Planning Commission in late April following a public hearing. It is one of many support facilities being built along the Phase 1 alignment from East Falls Church to Reston.

Traction power substations and train control rooms are necessary to supply electrical power to Metrorail train cars throughout the future rail extension of the Dulles Corridor. They are prefabricated buildings that will be delivered to the construction site after foundation work is complete. The construction is expected to last throughout the end of the year.

Working with residents of the area, the Rail Project officials developed an extensive landscaping plan that will be implemented when construction is completed.

Meanwhile, crews will access the area from the Dulles Toll Road and Sunset Hills Road. All work will be done during daytime hours, in compliance with Fairfax County's noise regulations.



BRIDGES OVER THE BELTWAY: Lane closings on I-495, the Capital Beltway, are resuming as construction for the bridges for the future Dulles Corridor Metrorail line continues. Photo by Chuck Samuelson, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project