Dulles Airport Pedestrian Tunnel is Reopening
Passageway Will Also Serve Future Rail Passengers

Remember when you could park at Daily Garage 1 at Washington Dulles International Airport and use a tunnel to get to the terminal?

That tunnel from the garage, which splits and leads to either end of the terminal, has been closed for several years so the tunnel could be upgraded by the Phase 2 Dulles Metro construction team to accommodate passengers arriving at the airport on future Silver Line trains.

With Thanksgiving approaching there is good news: the tunnel is about to be re-opened.

Those who park in the garage will be able to take new moving sidewalks to get to the terminal.

And those who prefer to use the shuttle buses that have picked up travelers parking at the garage during the closing will still be able to take those buses but frequency of service will be reduced.

Travelers and other airport users should be on the lookout for press releases and emails that will provide specific dates for the re-opening. Check the rail project website www.dullesmetro.com for updates.

New signs throughout the airport and in the parking garage will direct passengers to the tunnel.

When Phase 2 of the Silver Line opens in 2020, the new tunnel also will serve customers arriving at Dulles via Silver Line trains. The tunnel work is being done by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority as part of its Silver Line construction project.

When complete, Phase 2 will run from the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station to the Ashburn Station being built in eastern Loudoun.

Meanwhile, construction progresses at Innovation Station which remains a contender in the search by Jeff Bezos for an East Coast headquarters for Amazon. And, Fairfax County, which is building the commuter parking garage for that station, says its staff is working to resolve settlement problems.

The county says the garage will still be completed in plenty of time to meet project schedules. In addition, work continues at the south pedestrian pavilion leading to the Reston Station and on the Herndon South Pavilion.
Snapping the Silver Line: Progress in Pictures

Check out the construction on the bus bays and the kiss & ride at Reston Town Center Station’s south pavilion!

The future view for commuters at the Reston Town Center Metrorail Station looking from the south pedestrian bridge.

Following west along Herndon Metrorail Station bounded by the westbound Dulles Airport Access Highway and Dulles Toll Road.

Traveling westbound where the at-grade tracks transition to the aerial guideway leading to the future Dulles Airport Station.

All photos are courtesy of Phil DeLeon, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit.

For information, contact the Dulles Metrorail Project’s Communications and Outreach Office at 703-572-0506 or outreach@dullesmetro.com. To report construction concerns, call the Project Hotline at 1-844-385-7245.

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