

Dulles Metro is Coming

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Visible Construction to Take Place Along Corridor



Retaining walls on Route 7, necessary to build up the service roads to the same grade as Route 7 for lane shifting. Photo by Stephen Barna, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Major Rail Construction About to Take Place Along the Mile-Long Stretch of Route 7 Between Route 123 and the Dulles Toll Road

Residents and commuters must be constantly alert for changing traffic patterns and construction equipment.

Most of the service roads that had been on both sides of Route 7 have been closed. Most of the mid-block left turns have been or will soon be eliminated.

By the end of summer, both the Tysons Central 7 and the Tysons West Metrorail stations will be under construction.

Route 7 will be widened to accommodate those stations in its median.

Along portions of the eastbound lanes, crews are building retaining walls to support the elevations of the old service roads to the same levels as Route 7. This will create space to push those lanes to make room not only for the major shift in traffic lanes but to create construction staging areas for those stations. Rail officials have been working with owners of all affected properties for many months.

Construction of the westbound end of the tunnel that will carry trains from Route 123 to Route 7 is well under way next to Route 123 and on the north side of Route 7 near the landmark water and communications towers.

Throughout construction, entrances to all businesses will be maintained.

Rail project officials will continue to work with businesses to keep them informed as construction ramps up.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY SIGN UP

Keep up-to-date on construction. Please visit www.dullesmetro.com/info/signup.cfm to sign up for our traffic advisory/construction notification email blasts.

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.



Route 7 retaining wall construction under way near the future Tysons Central 7 Metro Station. Photo by Stephen Barna, 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.

Truss Moving Into Place for Erection of Aerial Guideway Spans Along Dulles Connector Road

Drivers in Tysons Corner will soon be looking up and seeing big equipment in the sky when crews begin construction of the aerial guideway that will carry Metrorail trains along portions of Routes 123 and 7 and the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267).

Huge pieces of equipment, known as trusses, will be used to lift large concrete segments into the air to create several miles of the aerial guideway spans in Tysons Corner.

The first truss is being put into place along the Dulles Connector Road overpass of Chain Bridge Road where the first part of the aerial system will be built. Not only will this work be eye-catching and create gawking, it requires closing one lane of Chain Bridge Road from time to time. Flagmen will be at the site to direct traffic. Drivers and pedestrians are encouraged to use extreme caution in this area during the coming months.

Aerial construction will soon take place at other locations along Routes 123 and 7.



The first guideway span erection, taking place on the Dulles Connector Road at the Chain Bridge Road overpass. Photo by Stephen Barna, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Wiehle Avenue Station Construction Begins

The Wiehle Avenue Station is in the median of the Dulles Toll Road and the Dulles International Airport Access Highway on the eastern edge of Reston. The station platform is being built with caissons.

Work will begin soon on the pedestrian bridges from the station to the north and south sides of the Dulles Toll Road.

Free Mid-Day Shuttle Buses Provide Easy Way to Move In and Around Tysons

The weather outside is delightful for taking a bus ride! Especially if the ride is free and gets you through mid-day traffic without having to drive.



Free buses run every 10 minutes in the core of Tysons during mid-day hours. Photo courtesy of Fairfax County DOT

The Tysons Connector buses, clad in orange and blue, provide that opportunity to those who work and live in the core of Tysons Corner on weekdays.

Funded by the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and operated by

the Fairfax County Connector, the free buses run every 10 minutes weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and stop at key locations throughout the heart of Tysons Corner, including Tysons Corner Center and Tysons Galleria. For information about stops, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/tysonsconnector.htm.

In addition, in June, the Rail Project is paying for new express buses from Loudoun County to several locations near major businesses in Tysons Corner. Details can be found at www.loudoun.gov/bus-tysons.

These services are part of the Rail Project's efforts to ease congestion in Tysons Corner not only during the morning and evening rush hours but mid-day as well.



The Tysons Central 123 Metrorail Station construction is beginning, at the Route 123 and Tysons Boulevard intersection. Photo by Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

Tysons Central 123 Station Under Construction

Foundations are now being built for the Tysons Central 123 Station. It will serve Tysons Corner Center and Tysons Galleria. This will be the busiest station in Phase 1 of the project.

The left-turn lane from northbound Route 123 to westbound Tysons Boulevard will be closed for

approximately two months starting in the overnight hours of Friday, April 30 for caisson and pier installation. Traffic will be detoured to International and Galleria Drives. Southbound Route 123 traffic will continue to make right turns to Tysons Boulevard.



Caissons under construction for the foundations of the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station site. Photo by Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project