

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN TYSONS THIS SPRING

On Route 123, Route 7, Dulles Toll Road and the Capital Beltway

"KEEP TYSONS MOVING"

What is happening with traffic in Tysons?

Anyone who passes through Tysons Corner today is keenly aware that the transformation of Tysons Corner from a suburban office park to a vital, vibrant urban center has begun in earnest. Signs of this transformation are everywhere. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) signed the full funding grant agreement to help fund Phase 1 of the Metrorail project through Tysons Corner to Wiehle Avenue. Utility relocation along Route 7 and Route 123 is only the beginning of construction which will continue for the next few years. Phase I will be completed in 2013. Construction of the HOT lanes project is also visible on Routes 123 and 7 and all along I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and I-95. In the

private sector, there are numerous construction projects in various phases of planning and development and the number of these projects will continue to grow with each passing month.

While the long-term opportunities and benefits will be tremendous, all of this work poses short-term challenges for the Tysons Corner community. Everyone must play a part – government, business leaders, and community organizations; as well as employers, employees, and residents. We must work together to alleviate any additional congestion that will be caused as Tysons Corner grows and **KEEP TYSONS MOVING** through the difficult five-year construction period and into the future as well.

What programs are in place and being planned to **KEEP TYSONS MOVING**?

Over the next five years, residents, employees and shoppers should be prepared for ongoing construction work and unavoidable traffic impacts that may occur. To minimize the disruption of this major construction, TYTRAN, VDOT, Virginia

Megaprojects, VDRPT, MWAA and their partners are committed to keeping traffic moving smoothly through the Greater Tysons area, through the following steps.

- No Beltway closures during morning rush (5AM – 9:30AM) or evening rush (3:30PM – 9:30PM, Noon – 9:30pm on Fridays).
- Routes 123 and 7 will remain open during the entire project (*There will be brief closures for erecting steel and some lane closures*).
- Through-traffic is not directed to local streets.
- Businesses and residential communities will remain accessible.
- Scheduled lane closures are communicated in advance.



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How to Stay Informed: Up-to-the-minute, detailed information is available today on the web.

VDOT – Mega Projects

www.vamegaprojects.com – Provides up-to-date lane closure and construction information on the following projects: BRAC, I-495 Hot Lanes, I-95 widening, Dulles Metrorail, I-95/395 Hot Lanes, Fairfax County Parkway and I-95 Telegraph Road.

www.vamegaprojects.com/signup.html -- Sign up today to receive project updates from VDOT and its partners. (877) 495-VDOT (8368) – VDOT Information line.

www.virginiadot.org – Access additional VDOT cameras covering Tysons Corner, Northern Virginia and the State of Virginia.

Dulles Rail

www.dullesmetro.com -- The official website for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project provides history, planning, and construction information on the project that will add a 23-mile extension to the existing Metro system, extending service from the Orange Line at East Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County.

www.dullesmetro.com/info/signup.cfm -- Sign up today to get the latest information on Dulles Rail.

HOT Lanes

www.virginiahotlanes.com – This site provides complete details and construction schedules for the HOT Lanes being constructed on the Capital Beltway from I-95/395 to just north of the Dulles Toll Road. Ridesharing will become a viable option for motorists traveling to the Tysons Corner area on a new highway network that's free for carpools and buses. For the Tysons area, employees, residents and shoppers will have increased and improved travel choices including three new direct access points to the HOT Lanes. This project includes new sidewalks and bike paths to the Tysons community.

www.virginiahotlanes.com/stay-informed.asp -- Sign up today to receive email updates about the Virginia HOT Lanes Project (including daily lane closures).

VDOT's 511 System

www.511northernvirginia.com – “The Commuter's Travel Command Center” – 511 is VDOT's one-stop resource for how to get moving in Northern Virginia. At this web site, you will find everything you need to know from A to Z about getting from A to B. This website — and the toll-free 511 phone service — gives you all the tools you need to take control of your travels throughout Northern Virginia like never before! With real-time traffic conditions, route planning and information about alternative ways to travel without a car, there has never been an easier, more convenient way to find all of the answers to your transportation questions. Sign up for a personalized "My 511 Control Room" and see live traffic cameras along your commuting routes and receive free mobile alerts and lots more!

www.511virginia.org/My511.aspx?r=1 – Customize your own 511 Control Room home page – complete with traffic cameras, weather reports, transportation information and mobile alerts for an unlimited number of personalized destinations. Once you set up your 511 Control Room, it will be your one-stop shop to get immediate, updated information for the route you are about to take – to work, home or anyplace else you choose.



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Tysons-Westpark Transit Station

The Tysons West Park Transit Station is located at the corner of Jones Branch Drive and Spring Hill Road. The Transit Station is designed to provide commuters with a central point to access bus transit services and for car and vanpool formation and/or termination. Access to the Transit Station is provided from Jones Branch Drive, just east of Spring Hill Road where a traffic signal controls ingress and egress to the facility.

In addition to 10 bus bays, the Transit Station has a kiss and ride area with 34 spaces to enable individuals to be dropped off or picked up. Parking regulations permit a vehicle to remain in this area for up to 30 minutes, however, long-term parking is not provided and parking restrictions are enforced.

All transit services are now operating out of the West Park Transit Station, including Fairfax Connector buses, Metro buses, Tysons Shuttle routes and the SmartMover service from Montgomery County to Tysons Corner. The

Transit Station is also a central point for the formation of car/vanpools. In the AM, commuters can form car or vanpools to use the eastbound lanes on the Dulles Toll Road, passengers can disembark at the Transit Station and take on of the shuttles into the employment areas. In the PM, commuters can take a shuttle to the Transit Station to find other commuters to car/vanpool with to meet the HOV 2 requirements on the westbound Dulles Toll Road. The Transit Station has a Commuter Information

The Transit Station is opened to the public from 6:30 AM - 7:45 PM, Monday - Friday. Commuters may utilize the indoor lobby during these hours to wait for buses or kiss-and-ride or car/vanpool pick ups. A Commuter Information station is also part of the Transit Station, and personnel are on hand to answer questions, provide information and sell all transit fare media. The facility also contains information kiosks, schedules and brochures for transit services and other passenger amenities.

And soon there will be more ways to KEEP TYSONS MOVING with information on traffic, construction, and commute alternatives.

- Electronic display signs will be installed in Tysons Center Mall in 2009 and will be available for other locations.
- Additional traffic cameras being installed at locations throughout Tysons to provide better coverage of traffic congestion.
- A shuttle service is being planned for an extended mid-day in Tysons to allow travel without using personal automobiles.
- Additional commuter bus service is being planned from Loudoun County and Prince William County.



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How can you, as a Tysons employer, do your part today to KEEP TYSONS MOVING and help your business and your employees?

Everyone must play a role to help KEEP TYSONS MOVING. While we all know that the transportation infrastructure improvements and redevelopment of Tysons Corner will be a great benefit to Tysons Corner and Fairfax County in the future, we must ensure that business continues to thrive during the construction period as well. Successful implementation of these projects will help to minimize construction impacts on motorists, businesses, employers, employees and shoppers. Implementing the types of

transportation programs listed below, will not only help Tysons Corner as a whole, but the programs are also effective employee recruiting and retention tools, not to mention they are environmentally sustainable practices.

We strongly encourage you to consider the programs listed below and TYTRAN can help! Please contact TYTRAN's Executive Director (Susan Davis) directly for additional information or assistance (703-799-5394).

- **Get free help from professionals.** A major component of the effort to **Keep Tysons Moving** is assistance provided by the Virginia Megaprojects Employer Solution Team. Transportation professionals will work with your staff to create a unique transportation program designed specifically for your company. This service is free and available now. Call 703-586-0618 or e-mail employersolution@vamegaproject.com.
- **Utilize Fairfax County's Department of Transportation Employer Service Program.** Fairfax County's staff can assist with the implementation and overall effectiveness of transportation and commuter benefit programs. Among their valuable services are Employee/Commuter Density Plots, assistance with developing corporate shuttles, online ride matching including car- and vanpool formation, and staging in-house transportation fairs. Contact their friendly staff at (703) 324-1181 for assistance or to schedule short transportation meeting or visit: www.FairfaxCounty.gov/fcdot/
- **Designate an Employee Transportation Champion (ETC)** to be your company's contact for information on construction and transportation alternatives. The ETC will be your employees' resource for information about alternatives to drive-alone commuting (carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycling, etc.) and resources available to them such as ridematching, the regional guaranteed ride home program, and the smart benefits program.
- **Keep informed and share information with your employees.** Attend regular project briefings on construction, host briefings for your employees and distribute construction information to employees
- **Start or expand telework programs.** By eliminating or cutting down your employees' commute times significantly, teleworking can reduce stress, save money and increase productivity. Telework is a business strategy that can have a positive impact on an employer's bottom line, while reducing the company's carbon footprint. For more information on how you and your company can benefit from telework, call 1-866-469-1010 or visit www.teleworkva.org. A limited amount of financial assistance is available through telework!va for employers wishing to start or expand a telework program.



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- **Offer your employees "SmartBenefits®":** SmartBenefits® is the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) versatile and valuable transit benefit program which allows employers to provide a transit benefit of up to \$120 a month per employee. SmartBenefits® is a Web-based program whereby employers load the dollar value of employees' Metrochek commuter benefits electronically onto their SmarTrip® cards. In addition to Metrorail and Metrobus, SmarTrip® is now accepted on DASH, Ride On, Fairfax Connector, ART, CUE, Loudoun County Transit, Omniride, TheBus, DC Circulator and registered van pools. The remaining commuter buses and rail systems will eventually accept SmarTrip®. For more information, visit www.wmata.com/bus2bus/smartbenefits or call 202-962-1326.
- **Start or expand flexible schedule and compressed workweek programs.**
- **Nuride** -- Want to help your employees get paid to carpool? Sign-up your company to participate in NuRide, where commuters can earn rewards every time they rideshare. NuRide is an online ridesharing community where commuters can find friends, neighbors and coworkers with the same destination, share a ride whenever they like, and earn rewards from national and local retailers. Visit www.nuride.com.
- **Zipcar** -- Zipcar is a national carsharing program that is designed to enhance personal and business travel while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and costs and hassles associated with rental cars and privately owned vehicles. Zipcar has developed a program to work with large companies to offer corporate travel benefits and employee benefits. A Zipcar business account could offer accessibility to all 700 vehicles in Washington D.C. and surrounding areas at a discounted price. Membership may allow your company to reduce or eliminate the use of fleet vehicles, taxis and rental agencies both locally and in other Zipcar cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, London, and Vancouver.
- **Make your voice heard – join TYTRAN** – Since 1981, TYTRAN has worked tirelessly to achieve an effective, coordinated transportation system that supports the community's economic prosperity and quality of life. TYTRAN is well known for successful transportation solutions and strategies that have been of tremendous benefit to Tysons Corner businesses, their employees, landowners and the residents. Visit the TYTRAN website, www.tytran.org or call the TYTRAN office to find out how you can become involved.

What can Tysons employees do to help themselves?

- **Consider Carpooling** – Reduce stress and save on gasoline expenses - carpool, vanpool or slug your way to work. Starting or joining a carpool or vanpool is easier than you might think. The Commuter Connections network of local commuter assistance programs in Northern Virginia and the Metropolitan Washington area can find a carpool or vanpool for you. For help in forming a carpool or finding additional riders for an existing carpool, call Fairfax County RideSources, 703-324-1111 or Commuter Connections, 1-800-745-RIDE or visit, www.commuterconnections.org



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- **Consider Forming or Joining a Vanpool** – The Virginia Vanpool Assistance Program, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, provides temporary funding for vanpools having trouble filling all of their seats. There are two different programs: the VanStart Program, which funds empty seats during the critical start up phase of new vanpools; and the VanSave Program, which is for existing vanpools that are experiencing problems in their passenger levels due to the loss of riders. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/vanassist.htm or call the Fairfax Co. Dept. of Transportation RideSources (703) 324-1111.
- **Telework** -- Teleworking involves performing your job remotely, usually from home or from a telework center or satellite office. If your company has a telecommuting program consider participating or urge your company to start one. For more information on how you and your company can benefit from telework, call 1-866-469-1010 or visit www.teleworkva.org.
- **Ride the bus – Yes Tysons, there IS bus service in Tysons Corner** – contact WMATA (www.wmata.com) and the Fairfax Connector (www.fairfaxconnector.com).

[Fairfax Connector Route 401 Backlick-Gallows Road Line](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_401web.pdf) serves Tysons Corner from Springfield, Annandale and Merrifield. (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_401web.pdf)

[Fairfax Connector routes 425 and 427](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_425_427web.pdf) serve Tysons Corner from the West Falls Church Metrorail station and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station. (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_425_427web.pdf)

[Fairfax Connector route 574](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_574web.pdf) serves Tysons Corner from Reston and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station. (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/rt_574web.pdf)

[Metrobus routes 28A and 28B Alexandria-Tysons Corner Line](http://www.wmata.com/timetables/va/28ab.pdf) serves Tysons Corner from the King Street Metrorail station, Bailey's Crossroads, Seven Corners, Falls Church and the Falls Church Metrorail station. (www.wmata.com/timetables/va/28ab.pdf)

[Metrobus route 2T](http://www.wmata.com/timetables/va/2t.pdf) serves Tysons Corner from the Dunn Loring Metrorail station and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station. (www.wmata.com/timetables/va/2t.pdf)

[Metrobus route 28T](http://www.wmata.com/timetables/va/28T.pdf) serves Tysons Corner from the West Falls Church Metrorail station and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station. (www.wmata.com/timetables/va/28T.pdf)

- **Bike or Walk.** If it is feasible, walking or bicycling is a healthy, quiet, clean, economical, and fun way to get to work. Thousands of DC area employees bike to work every day. **Commuter Connections** has a guide designed to ease the transition to bike commuting for Washington metropolitan area employees and to help employers encourage this smarter way to work. Visit www.mwcog.org/commuter2/commuter/bicycling for tips and information about bicycling.
- **Slugging.** Slug your way to work, or pick one up. Slugging, also known as "instant carpooling" or "casual carpooling" is a unique form of commuting. It involves drivers stopping to pick up passengers (called "slugs") on their way into the D.C., Arlington, Pentagon or other destinations. Pickup points are park-and-ride lots or other designated areas. To learn more about slugging, visit www.slug-lines.com.

