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## **TRAFFIC SHIFT POSTPONED AT STAFFORBORO BOULEVARD PARK & RIDE LOT**

*Current Park & Ride lot will remain open next week, and will close after the evening rush hour on Friday, Sept. 12*

**FREDERICKSBURG** – A planned traffic shift at the Staffordboro Boulevard Park & Ride lot in Stafford County has been postponed one week.

Traffic will be transitioned to a new parking section in the lot beginning **Monday, Sept. 15**. The new section was previously scheduled to open on Monday, Sept. 8.

The existing lot will remain open next week, through **11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12**.

This traffic shift is the final stage of a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) construction project to add nearly 1,000 spaces to the parking lot.

Construction remains on schedule to be finished on time with all parking spaces open by October 31, 2014.

VDOT has posted a [map online](#) of the new parking section and traffic patterns that will be in place during the transition period.

### **What Lot Users Need to Know**

- The existing Park & Ride lot will close at **11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12**.
- The existing lot will remain closed until the end of the project. VDOT is paving the lot and painting new lane markings.

- There is no net loss of parking spaces. Before this phase of construction, 882 parking spaces were available, and 912 spaces will be available on Monday, Sept. 15.
- **HOV carpooling (also known as slugging) will move to a designated area in the new section of the lot.** Signs will be posted to direct users to this pickup area.
- Buses should collect passengers at the new bus bay area, and follow the recommended traffic patterns to enter and exit the lot.
- The number of handicapped accessible parking spaces will double to 28 spaces.

## **About the Project**

Construction began in May 2013 on a \$12.9 million expansion of the Staffordboro Boulevard Park & Ride facility, which is maintained by VDOT.

When fully open in October, the finished lot will have 1,865 parking spaces.

While the project was under design, VDOT invited Fredericksburg area commuters to submit suggestions to promote safe and orderly traffic flow. The expanded commuter lot will include:

- A consolidated, central location for carpool pickup and dropoff
- A bus pickup and dropoff bay that can accommodate 4 passenger buses
- An extended sidewalk along Staffordboro Boulevard
- Left and right turn lanes into a new lot entrance on Staffordboro Boulevard
- A roundabout that connects the commuter lot to Doc Stone Road, Juggins Road and Moncure Lane, improving access management to the site.

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