



# News Release

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## Groundbreaking Held for Centreville Road Widening

Shovelfuls of dirt were turned today to set in motion the widening of Centreville Road from two to four lanes between Metrotech Drive and McLearen Road. Expanding the approximately two-mile section is the first major roadway project in the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Four-Year Transportation Plan to begin construction. The Four-Year Transportation Plan outlines a \$215 million initiative to advance a variety of priority transportation projects to design and construction.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly said that this is just the first of many projects moving forward as part of the Board's Transportation Plan, which is aimed at decreasing congestion and improving safety and capacity on the county's roads. Also speaking at the ceremony were Sully District Supervisor Michael R. Frey, Virginia Department of Transportation District Administrator Dennis Morrison and Shirley Contracting President Mike Post.



Left to Right: Susan Shaw, Route 28 project manager – VDOT; Young Ho Chang, director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation; Jon Harman, development manager, Route 28 Corridor Improvements; Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald Connolly; Dennis Morrison, district administrator – VDOT; Mike Post, president, Shirley Contracting; and Sasha Kuntz, Dewberry.

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## Groundbreaking Held for Centreville Road Widening (cont.)

Centreville Road is a critical network connection from the south at Route 50 in the Chantilly area of Fairfax County north to the Dulles Toll Road and Herndon. Widening the approximately two-mile section of roadway is projected to last two years at an estimated cost of \$29 million for design, land acquisition, utility relocation and construction. The four-lane roadway is expected to be ready for traffic in the fall of 2007. The completion of this link (fully funded by Fairfax County), as well as the segment to the north between West Ox Road and Frying Pan Road (fully funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation, with an anticipated bid advertisement in late 2007), will provide a continuous multi-lane roadway from Chantilly to the Dulles Toll Road and Herndon. In 2003, the average number of vehicles per day on Centreville Road was 21,000; in 2024, it is projected to be 50,000.

The construction is part of the Route 28 Corridor Improvements Project. The corridor project is contracted under the Public-Private Transportation Act, which allows the Virginia Department of Transportation, or VDOT, to contract with the private sector to build roads more efficiently. By using the Route 28 PPTA design-build option, the widening of this segment of Centreville Road could be delivered approximately two years earlier than under the traditional VDOT design-bid-build process. VDOT will handle day-to-day oversight and management of the Centreville Road project, while Fairfax County, in addition to paying the cost of the project, will provide direction and support to VDOT as needed.

The design update for the project started last fall. Since then, the Route 28 team, led by Shirley Contracting and Dewberry, has updated and refined the design. This team will now begin the next phase of the project – concurrent design, utility relocations, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

The overview of the Centreville Road widening project includes:

- Expansion of Centreville Road from two to four lanes between Metrotech Drive and McLearen Road. Ultimately, Centreville Road will be a six-lane roadway with auxiliary turn lanes at intersections.
- A depressed median in the center of the roadway to provide space for the future widening to six lanes.
- A 5-foot sidewalk on the west side of the road and an 8-foot asphalt multi-purpose trail on the east side.
- Five new traffic signals installed at Centreville Road's intersections with Skyhawk Drive, Lowe Street, Armfield Farm Drive, Lees Corner Road and Kinross Circle South. The four existing traffic signals will be modified. All signals will be equipped with countdown pedestrian signals.
- Pedestrian crosswalks, ADA-accessible ramps, bus stop pads and enhanced signage.

For further information on the Centreville Road groundbreaking ceremony, call the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 703-324-2935.

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