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VDOT Begins Construction on Route 28/ Sterling Boulevard Interchange in Loudoun County

The Virginia Department of Transportation and Route 28 Corridor Improvements team will break ground on November 1 to construct a \$28.9 million interchange on Route 28 at Sterling Boulevard in Loudoun County. It is the sixth and final interchange to be built under a public-private partnership to improve Route 28 in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

The intersection will be converted to a partial cloverleaf interchange with a six-lane bridge carrying Sterling Boulevard over Route 28. Sterling Boulevard will be extended to the west to connect with Pacific Boulevard, which is under construction by private business owners as part of developer contributions. Construction will be completed in mid-2007.

Since VDOT signed an agreement in October 2002 with a joint venture of The Clark Construction Group Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company LLC, four interchanges have been built and opened to traffic: Church/Waxpool Roads, Old Ox Road, Air & Space Museum Parkway, and Westfields Boulevard. The interchange at McLearn Road is under construction and scheduled to open next year.

The six interchanges are being built as part of a \$200 million design-build contract under Virginia's Public-Private Transportation Act, which allows private entities to propose innovative solutions for designing, building, financing and operating transportation improvements.

The original 14-mile widening of Route 28, from Route 7 in Loudoun County to I-66 in Fairfax County, began in 1987 and was completed in 1991. Route 28 was transformed from a two-lane road to a six-lane divided highway with interchanges at Routes 50, 7 and the Dulles Toll Road.

Funding for the Route 28 corridor is provided by a combination of public and private funds, with 75 percent of the corridor improvements supported by the Route 28 special tax district. State and County funds make up the remainder of the total cost of the project.

Route 28 Interchange Construction Schedule

<u>Interchange</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Open to Traffic</u>
Air & Space Museum Parkway	Feb. 2003	December 2003
Waxpool Road	Feb. 2003	December 2005
Old Ox Road	May 2003	November 2004
Westfields Boulevard	April 2004	October 2005
McLearen Road	February 2005	Summer 2006
Sterling Boulevard	October 2005	Mid-2007

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