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Arlington County will close Old Dominion Drive for 10 weeks starting in mid-June

The Arlington County Department of Environmental Services is in the final preparation stages to replace a culvert beneath Old Dominion Drive between George Mason Drive and North Dickerson Street this summer. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-June and will continue into the fall.

The construction is necessary to prevent severe flooding caused by the existing undersized culvert. In addition to the culvert replacement, curb, gutter and sidewalk will be built along both sides of Old Dominion Drive between 37th Street North and Williamsburg Boulevard.

Construction will require the closure of a portion of Old Dominion Drive between George Mason Drive and North Dickerson Street for approximately 10 weeks, beginning in mid-June. This closure is necessary to allow the contractor adequate space to remove the existing culvert and install the new culvert. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) had mandated the road closure during the summer months because traffic counts are seasonally low. This will help minimize the impact of the construction upon traffic. "Fairfax County supports our neighboring County's decisions and need to do this project. I realize that this will cause some disruptions for my constituents, but I hope the outcome of this project will benefit everyone" said Supervisor DuBois.

As with all construction projects, Arlington County will work to minimize the impact of the construction, but residents should anticipate some disruption from noise, dust, and traffic impacts.

A detour plan has been developed in conjunction with VDOT, which will route traffic along George Mason Drive to Williamsburg Boulevard and then back on to Old Dominion Drive. The affected roads have adequate capacity to accept this detour. To facilitate the detour, a temporary traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Williamsburg Boulevard and George Mason Drive.



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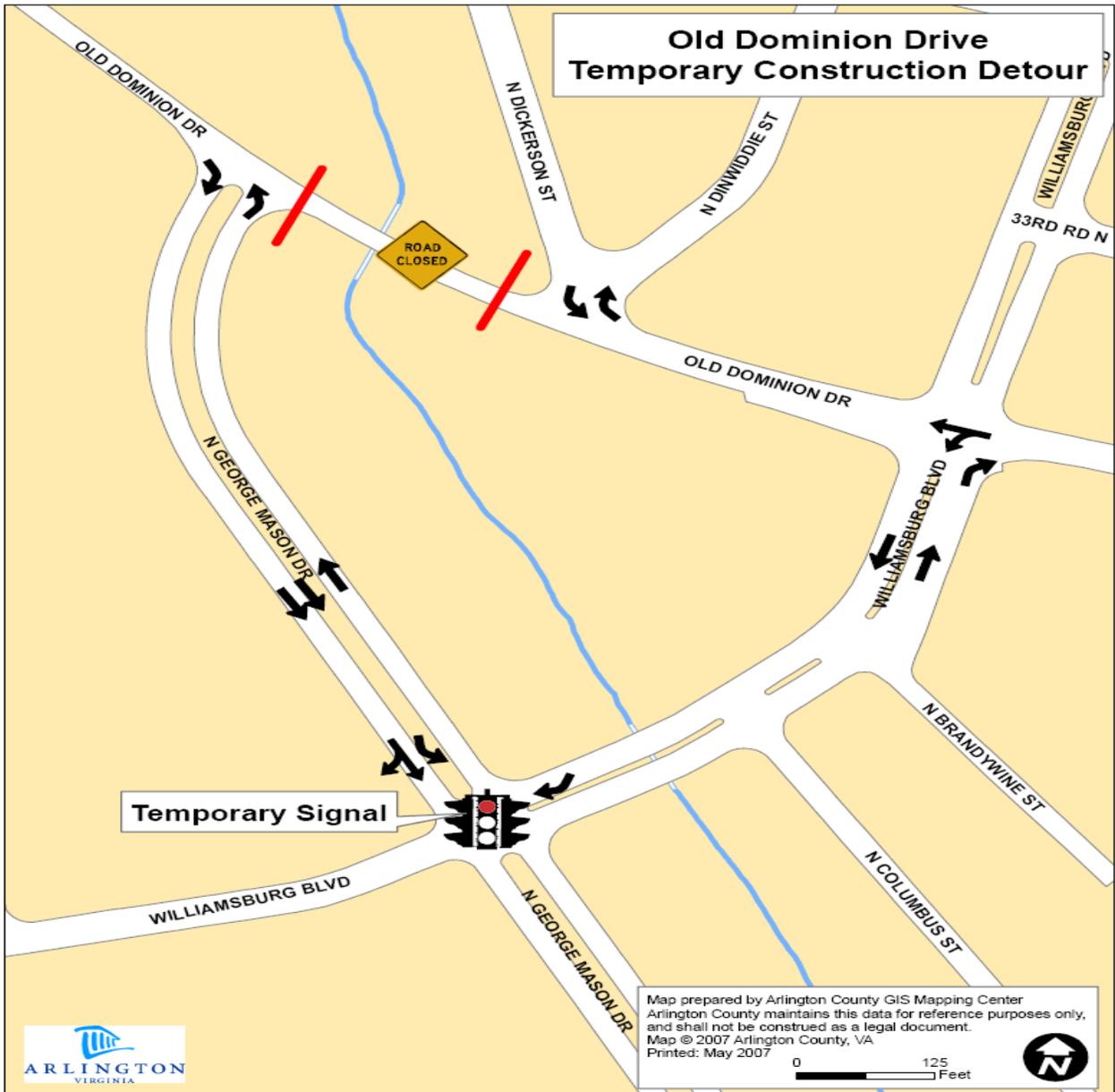
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Variable message signs alerting drivers of the impending road closure will be placed at least two weeks ahead of the road closure to provide ample opportunity for drivers to identify alternate routes.

More information, including a listserv feature which will allow you to sign up for automatic e-mail notification of the project status and a diagram of the detour plan, will be provided on the Department's Web site:

<http://www.co.arlington.va.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/EnvironmentalServicesMain.aspx>



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