



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Hillside Road Area Residents:

Below is the second of the periodic updates from Supervisor Pat Herry to keep you up to speed on the progress being made to fix the wash out on Hillside Road.

Signal Timing: Based on emails to VDOT and our office, VDOT looked at the timing of the signals on Hillside Road because of the changed traffic pattern resulting from the washout. As of yesterday morning the traffic signals in the area have been modified to accommodate the additional left turns being made due to Hillside Road's closure. Those turning left onto northbound Rolling Road from Old Keene Mill Road have been given extended green time in the morning and those turning onto westbound Hillside Road from Rolling Road have been given additional green time during both the morning and evening hours. VDOT also modified the offset timing at the intersection of Rolling Road and Traford Lane. We initially received calls that the cars waiting to make left turns were overflowing into the through lanes--hopefully these changes will help ease this problem. I would like to extend my thanks to the Virginia Department of Transportation for making these changes so quickly.

Permanent Repairs: VDOT is treating this as an emergency repair and has been moving quickly to get the wash out repair under contract. VDOT expects to have a contractor on board to have the repair work started soon. In the interest of time, it has also agreed to have the repairs associated with the county-owned pedestrian bridge included in the scope of work to be done--the county will reimburse the state for this work. You may have seen some county employees on-site yesterday; they were taking soil samples needed to finalize the revised design of the footbridge abutment and pilings. We are working with the Fairfax County Park Authority to ensure VDOT's contractors will have access to the Park property in the immediate area as well. Should everything move forward as planned, VDOT (very tentatively) hopes to have workers on site by late next week or early the following week.

Safety: Despite VDOT's placement of additional fencing and barricades in the area yesterday (VDOT and the Department of Public Works plan to add even more barricades to the pedestrian bridge in the coming days), we are still getting calls and e-mails about people accessing the area including going around the barricade and crossing the pedestrian bridge. I cannot stress enough how unsafe this is as the bridge abutments are damaged and unstable as are the surrounding damaged road sections.

Additional rain will make matters worse. If you see anyone in this area, please contact the police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. They have been very responsive to calls received about this and have been monitoring the area; however, they cannot be there at all times.

Based on our understanding all utilities are fully functioning. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We will send another update when we get additional information. Please share this information with your neighbors.

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