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AVOID ROUTE 50 / FAIRFAX PARKWAY INTERCHANGE WEEKEND OF JAN. 8-9

Plan now to use alternate routes to avoid delays

FAIRFAX –The Virginia Department of Transportation is urging motorists to avoid the Route 50 and Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) interchange area on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8-9, as lane closures for construction-related pile driving will cause major delays.

The lanes closures are in effect from 11 p.m. Friday night until 11 p.m. Sunday night, weather permitting. The following lane and ramp closures are planned:

- **On westbound Route 50**, three lanes will narrow to one lane from West Ox Road to just west of the parkway. Lanes will shift to the right through the work zone under the Fairfax County Parkway bridge.
- **On eastbound Route 50**, three lanes will narrow to two lanes and traffic will shift to the right approximately 300 feet prior to the Fairfax County Parkway. All three lanes will be open east of the bridge.
- **Two ramps will be closed:** northbound Parkway to westbound Route 50, and southbound Parkway to eastbound 50. Traffic headed north on the Parkway will turn left on Rugby Road to Route 50. Traffic headed south on the Parkway will be detoured left on Fair Lakes Parkway, and left on West Ox Road to Route 50.
- **On the Fairfax County Parkway over Route 50**, one of two lanes in each direction will be closed.

Avoid eastbound Route 50:

- Shoppers heading to Fair Oaks Mall should use I-66 rather than Route 50 and Stringfellow Road rather than the Fairfax County Parkway.
- Take Route 50 East to Route 28 South to I-66 East *or* to Route 29 North.

- Take Route 50 East, turn right on Stringfellow Road, left on Route 29 North.

Avoid westbound Route 50:

- Leaving Fair Oaks Mall, take Fair Lakes Parkway, turn right on Stringfellow Road, left on Route 50
- From I-66, continue west past Route 50 and exit at Route 28 North
- Coming from the City of Fairfax, use Route 29 as an alternate route.

The lane closures are part of the Fairfax County Parkway and Fair Lakes Interchange construction project which began in late October. VDOT's contractor will be driving piles to add a pier to widen the Parkway bridge to three lanes over Route 50. The actual pile driving will be done between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. both days.

VDOT typically allows its contractors to close lanes only at night or on weekdays between rush hours. However, this work requires at least 10 hours of uninterrupted construction which would not be possible on a weekday without affecting rush hour traffic. The work cannot be done at night because Fairfax County's noise ordinance prohibits pile driving at night. VDOT postponed the work until after the Christmas holidays to minimize impacts shoppers.

Fairfax County police will be staged in the work zones for safety and traffic management.

More information on the construction project is available [here](#). Motorists can sign up for traffic alerts at www.511Virginia.org

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