

POSSIBLE INITIATIVES THAT COULD IMPACT OUR NEWINGTON STATION COMMUNITY

Fairfax County is proposing changes to the local roads which have the potential to impact the **Newington Community**. Two separate initiatives have been proposed for the local area. Should you find yourself concerned, this article will provide you with additional information and ways you can take action.

The local roads have become congested, primarily during weekday commuting times. This is principally as a result of the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). The Department of Defense has relocated about 8,500 jobs to Fort Belvoir North Area and 6,400 jobs to the Mark Center in Alexandria as part of the BRAC.

Initiative one is building the **Saratoga Park & Ride**. The project calls for a 500 parking space lot proposed at the Barta Road overpass of route 7100, with connector bus service to the Springfield Metro and possibly the pentagon. This initiative is being conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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Considerations:

- Will Newington Community residents use the Commuter lot?
- What advantages will the commuter lot provide to our community?
- What effect will the traffic from the commuter lot have on the entrances to Northumberland and Delong Roads?
- Will community residents lose the current commuter transportation busses now available on Rolling Road?
- Would you be in favor of Fairfax County **not** building a commuter lot at Barta Road?
- Would the Community members be willing to complete a survey regarding questions about their use of the facility?

Initiative two is **widening Rolling Road** next to the Newington Community. The widening project is for the 1.1 mile stretch between Fullerton Road and Delong Drive. The plan is to widen Rolling Road from 2 to 4 lanes with sidewalks and a bicycle lane. Most of this will be on the Newington Station side of the road, with a construction easement that will be over part of the Newington Community swimming pool at Delong Drive.

Considerations:

- Should the Newington Community Association (NCA) formally petition to stop construction of a 4 lane highway as currently under design by Fairfax County? If so, why?
- Project will take a majority of trees along Rolling Road from Delong Drive to the Electrical Power Lines at the end of NCA property. There are no current plans to install any sound barriers in support of noise to the Community.
- Should the NCA formally request traffic lights to be installed at the entrance of Delong and Rolling Road and at Northumberland?
- Should the Association petition for construction easement routing so that it will not have an adverse impact to the swimming pool?

The main objective of the widening is to provide access, for people external to our communities, to Fort Belvoir North, the new NGA building, the Fairfax County Parkway, and the Park & Ride. That will change the nature of Rolling Road from an arterial road to a major connector road. Since the Park n Ride is primarily for the communities along Rolling Road, do the local communities really need a four lane road to get to the Park n Ride?

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Fort Belvoir's Garrison Commander and Transportation Management Team are asking everyone to participate

in the ongoing Commuter Survey, and to please share your thoughts and opinions on existing travel conditions to and from post, and on post, in order to help plan for future improvements. To take the survey, please click on the following link: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/transportation>.

Do you have additional questions or comments about the preliminary design of the Rolling Road Widening project?

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