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Dulles Airport Roadway Improvements Underway

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is improving access to Washington Dulles International Airport with a major roadway improvement project on the Dulles Airport Access Highway and other airport roads.

"More passengers using Dulles each year also impacts the number of vehicles traveling on the roads around the Airport," said James E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. "These improvements will allow Dulles to keep pace with increased roadway demand, and help reduce traffic delays and congestion. We appreciate motorists' patience as we work to improve the traffic flow around the most heavily traveled areas of the Airport."

The \$56 million roadway improvement project concentrates on the north area of Dulles where vehicles enter and exit the Airport via the Dulles Access Highway or Route 28. A series of new ramps and secondary roads will allow vehicles to merge more easily, resulting in better traffic flow through this critical area. Work is expected to be complete in Spring 2008. The project includes:

- Adding a new inbound road from both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 28 with direct access to the economy parking lots, rental car facilities and cargo facilities;
- Adding a new outbound road from the Main Terminal so local traffic will exit directly onto the Dulles Greenway, Route 28 or the Dulles Toll Road without having to merge with traffic heading to Washington, D.C. on the Dulles Access Highway:
- Improving Aviation Drive on the Airport, including extending the road and adding a new traffic signal, will provide easier access for taxis and other commercial vehicles traveling from the east side of the Airport to the Dulles Access Highway.

Previously completed roadway improvement projects at Dulles include: adding additional travel lanes on Saarinen Circle in front of the Main Terminal, widening Rudder Road near the Economy Parking lot and installing a traffic signal to guide vehicles into and out of the Economy Parking lot.

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