



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Washington Gas Project: Strip 1 West on Leesburg Pike (Route 7) in Fairfax County, Virginia

**PHASE 3: FAULKNER DR to BARON CAMERON AVE**

- As of May 19, 2020 -

Dear Neighbor,

At Washington Gas, safety is our highest priority as we continue reliably meeting the energy needs of our customers. Today, clean-burning natural gas is the fuel of choice for more than nine out of ten new homebuyers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and Washington Gas serves more than 1.2 million customers through the region. As the region continues to grow, rehabilitation of our existing infrastructure is critical to maintain a safe and reliable natural gas system.

To support the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Route 7 Corridor Project and minimize public impact, Washington Gas is coordinating with VDOT to replace existing infrastructure along Leesburg Pike (Route 7) in Fairfax County, Virginia. This very important project is just one of many infrastructure improvements being made across the region.

### [Washington Gas Project Overview](#)

Washington Gas' construction activities will replace approximately 6.5 miles of a 16-inch diameter natural gas pipeline with a new 24-inch diameter steel pipeline and could include the installation of regulator stations and the replacement of distribution mains depending on the final layout of the new corridor. Michels, an industry-leading utility contractor, is the construction contractor performing the work.

The entire scope of this project will be within VDOT right-of-way extending from Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and Bishop Gates Way in Herndon, Virginia, to Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and Tyco Road in McLean, Virginia.

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### [Schedule](#)

Construction for this phase of the project will begin as early as May 26, 2020 and is expected to be completed in May 2021. Construction schedules may be affected by weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

### [How Might This Affect My Commute?](#)

No permanent lane or road closures of Leesburg Pike (Route 7) are anticipated for this phase of the project. Please follow traffic control signage for daily lane closures. Lane and road closures of cross-streets will be communicated with separate notifications and posted on the project website.

### [What Can I Expect During Construction?](#)

If you live near the construction area, you may hear construction noise during work hours and you can expect to see Washington Gas and contractor vehicles and equipment. Access to residents will be maintained. For your safety, do not enter construction areas or approach vehicles or equipment.

### [Right-of-Way Clearing](#)

We make every effort to preserve trees when possible. Tree removal occurs when it is necessary for construction or poses a safety hazard for crews or the public. Removal is done in consultation with a professional arborist as appropriate. Please note that trees may not be planted near underground facilities for safety purposes.

### [Washington Gas Project Website](#)

[www.washingtongas.com/strip1west](http://www.washingtongas.com/strip1west)

### [VDOT's Route 7 Corridor Project Overview](#)

The Route 7 Corridor Project will improve almost seven miles of Route 7 between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive in Fairfax County. The project will widen the road from four to six lanes, add facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, and make substantial intersection and other improvements along the corridor. For more information, visit: <http://connectroute7.org>

### Construction Areas

This phase includes the following construction activity areas on the northside of Leesburg Pike (Route 7):

1. Horizontal underground drilling operations approximately 250 feet south of Faulkner Drive.
2. Horizontal underground drilling operations approximately 100 feet south of Colvin Forest Drive.
3. Construction from Colvin Forest Drive to Baron Cameron Avenue.

This phase also includes the following construction activity areas which will require daily lane closures:

4. Construction on Colvin Run Road from Leesburg Pike (Route 7) to Scenic View Terrace.
5. Construction on Colvin Run Road from Walker Road to Dunn Meadow Road.
6. Construction on Crippen Vale Court from Leesburg Pike (Route 7) to Hunter Gate Way.
7. Construction on Hunter Gate Way from Crippen Vale Court to Baron Cameron Avenue.



### Restoration Plans

Restoration crews will make temporary restorations immediately following completion of the construction. Permanent restorations will be made in compliance with applicable local regulations and typically will occur within 45 days after all work is completed, weather permitting. Washington Gas will work to restore the area to as closely to the as-found condition as is possible or to a condition specified by VDOT.

We strive to make every reasonable effort to minimize disturbance in your community. If you have questions or need additional information about this project, please visit [www.washingtongas.com/strip1west](http://www.washingtongas.com/strip1west) or contact me, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. **Project reference number: SPID39-P3**

Thank you for your patience as our construction crews perform this important work in your community.

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**Have a question unrelated to this project?** Contact Customer Service and Billing: 844-WASHGAS.  
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