

# **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Washington Gas Project: Strip 1 West on Leesburg Pike (Route 7) in Fairfax County, Virginia PHASE 6 SPUR: BEULAH RD BETWEEN LEESBURG PIKE (Route 7) AND EDGEFIELD LN
- As of May 1, 2023 -

Dear Neighbor,

At Washington Gas, safety is our highest priority as we continue reliably meeting the energy needs of our customers. Today, 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 throughout 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 and near Leesburg Pike (Route 7) in Fairfax County, Virginia. This very important project is just one of many infrastructure improvements being made across the region.

# PHASE 6 SPUR: BEULAH RD BETWEEN LEESBURG PIKE AND EDGEFIELD LN

The scope of this phase of the project is within VDOT right-of-way along Beulah Road extending from Leesburg Pike (Route 7) to Edgefield Lane. Approximately 0.25 miles of 2-inch diameter natural gas pipeline will be replaced. Michels, an industry-leading utility contractor, is the construction contractor performing the work.

Washington Gas Project Website

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: <a href="http://connectroute7.org">http://connectroute7.org</a>



### Schedule

Construction for this phase of the project is expected to begin in early May 2023 and be completed in October 2023. Construction schedules may be affected by weather and other unforeseen circumstances.



#### **Work Hours**

Construction hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## How Might This Affect My Commute?

Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., follow possible traffic control signage, barricades, and flagger direction for daily lane closure and detour traffic information. Be cautious of slow-moving construction vehicles entering and exiting work areas. No permanent lane or road closures of Beulah Rd are anticipated for this phase of the project.

## 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 and the safety of construction personnel, do not enter cross construction barriers, enter construction areas, or approach vehicles or equipment.

# **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 <a href="www.washingtongas.com/strip1west">www.washingtongas.com/strip1west</a> or contact the project team, at 703-750-5222 or <a href="community@washgas.com">community@washgas.com</a>. **Project reference number: SPID39-P6-S1** 

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

Jeffrey Hicks, P.E. Project Engineer Washington Gas

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

To report a potential natural gas leak, reach our emergency leak line at 844-WASHGAS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Washington Gas responds around the clock to investigate all reported gas leaks. For more information about natural gas safety, visit <a href="https://www.washingtongas.com/safety">www.washingtongas.com/safety</a>