



## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OFFICIALLY OPENS BELFORT PARK ROAD

Loudoun County, VA - July 30, 2015 - On Thursday, July 30th, Loudoun County celebrated the completion of road improvements in the Belfort Park area of Sterling with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The goal of this \$6.4 million project was to improve access and traffic flow to local businesses and homes by extending Glenn Drive to Cedar Green Road and providing a four-lane roadway with pedestrian access between Davis Drive and Shaw Road. The project also included the closure of the right turn from Route 28 northbound to Cedar Green Road and the extension of the northbound auxiliary lane from the Sterling Boulevard on-ramp to the off-ramp at Route 625.

Design and construction of these improvements, about 4,200 feet in length, were funded by the county. Construction, which began in August 2014, was administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation under the Route 28 Public-Private Transportation Act and will be maintained by VDOT.

A 2007 study looked at ways to improve pedestrian and vehicular connections. That was followed, in 2009, by the formation of a nine-member task force to sift through the recommendations. In 2010, the task force's work resulted in the Board of Supervisors pledging local tax funding to implement the plans. The project was incorporated into Route 28 Improvements project that Shirley Contracting, LLC was constructing in the area.

"The good news was that we got the Route 28 Improvements done; the bad news was that, unfortunately, some folks had suffered through that in terms of their businesses because the access wasn't great to them once we were done," York said. "Unfortunately, we had a shopping center that was doing really well until we cut them off with direct access. This will go a long way to helping them."