



## RIBBON CEREMONY OPENS UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD

**Lorton, VA - November 26, 2013** - On Friday, November 22nd, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors held a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the University Boulevard Extension. The \$20 million University Boulevard Extension Project is part of the 2006 Bond Referendum, and was completed under the original budget and ahead of schedule. This Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) project was constructed and designed by the team of Shirley Design/Build, LLC and Dewberry.

The project consisted of a 1.32 mile area which included a one mile section of a new four-lane roadway between Sudley Manor Drive and Hornbaker Road and the remaining 0.32 mile half-section on University Boulevard from Hornbaker Road to the Prince William Parkway. Additionally, it included a pedestrian sidewalk, asphalt bike path, two storm water management ponds, a single-span bridge over the Broad Run tributary, underground utility duct banks, and a 30" waterline funded by the Prince William County Service Authority. In addition, the project included the \$10 million Hornbaker Road widening making total project value over \$30 million. Hornbaker Road was widened from a two lane road to a divided four lane roadway for approximately 1.2 miles. Included were duct banks for existing and future utilities, 12" waterline and a new sidewalk for pedestrian access. Hornbaker Road was completed and opened well ahead of schedule and before University Boulevard on November 1, 2013.

"The opening of this road is critical to improving traffic flow in western Prince William County," said Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors Corey A. Stewart. "This project is part of a half a billion dollar commitment to transportation in the county as we strive to strengthen our road network and increase the quality of life for our residents."

Hornbaker Road and University Boulevard will lessen local residents' commutes and increase individual productivity, by easing congestion on Linton Hall, Wellington and Nokesville Road. It is a quick route to Innovation Drive and points further north, especially providing an easy transit to the Route 234 Bypass. The project also brings hope of prosperous commerce to future business prospects in the George Mason University/Innovation hub.

During the ceremony, Shirley was presented with the Construction Excellence Award for the University Boulevard Extension PPTA Project by the Prince William County Department of Transportation.

Prince William County elected officials cut ribbon along with members of VDOT and Shirley Construction. Fourth from left Supervisor Marti Nohe (L-R) Supervisor Wally Covington, Chairman Corey Stewart, Supervisor John Jenkins, and Virginia Delegate Jackson Miller.

