



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF ROUTE 7 & 659 INTERCHANGE RAMP

Leesburg, VA - July 27, 2018 - Shirley Contracting Company, LLC ("Shirley") joined representatives of Loudoun County and other elected officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the ramp for the Route 7/659 interchange.

The project included constructing a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of Route 7 and 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) and the widening of existing Belmont Ridge Road, from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane, median-divided roadway with associated pedestrian facilities, between Route 7 and Gloucester Parkway. The Project removed the last traffic signal on Route 7 between Lexington Drive and Battlefield Parkway, accomplishing the County's goal of transforming Route 7 into a limited-access highway. The new interchange will improve roadway safety and mobility. Additionally, bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Route 659 have been constructed within the project limits.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors awarded the \$48.3M contract for the construction of the interchange to Shirley on May 20, 2015 and work commenced on October 13, 2015. While the opening of the interchange allows full functionality, construction of the project is not scheduled to be complete until February 2019.

The project was administered by VDOT and designed by Dewberry Engineers, Inc.