

## Tysons Online Town Hall Transcript – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:04 pm]: so, open to the board, if there is a known spot that needs a crosswalk, better lighting, a signal, sidewalk lets add it to a list

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:05 pm]: I just wish there were more mid-block crosswalks. Having to hike all the way to an intersection to cross the street is a pain because the blocks are so large here. The only mid-block crosswalk I know of on Greensboro is between Westpark and Solutions

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:06 pm]: I believe there is one on Tysons Boulevard also

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:06 pm]: Agreed on mid-block crosswalks, even though it would probably slow down traffic.

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:06 pm]: And if Fairfax County really wants to promote walking, they need to ditch the beg \*\*\*\*ons for crosswalk signals

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: Traffic is pretty much at a standstill due to the exits from town anyways, making it safer to walk atleast gets some of the local traffic off the roads

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: beg \*\*\*\*ons ?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: hmmm what word just got banded?

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: beg but-tons was apparently a naughty word a:)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: ha, sorry (working out the kinks) thanks

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:07 pm]: pattern-matching can be tricky ;-)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:08 pm]: 1) mid block cross walks lacking: any examples?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:08 pm]: I know of one needed on Route 7

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:08 pm]: between Fletcher and the other side of the road

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:08 pm]: sidewalk between your old-courthouse/gosnell in Vienna and Spring Hill metro

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:09 pm]: Across Westpark between route 7 and Greensboro. Many people cross between McCormick and Schmicks and all the food trucks and the office buildings

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:09 pm]: Thats a good one DR, how about where Boone intersects with Route 123

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:09 pm]: there is a signal there, but no cross walk if I recall

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:10 pm]: @Reader#364, Do you mean crossing from the townhomes to the northside of Gosnel?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:10 pm]: I believe there are some mid block cross walks on Gosnell, but they are spaced very far apart right now

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:11 pm]: Missing sidewalk in front of NADA on the Greensboro drive side across from the Rotonda

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:11 pm]: Yep! Noticed that one when I went to the farmers market

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:11 pm]: There is also a missing sidewalk gap on Westpark between Avalon apartments and the intersection with International

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:12 pm]: How about over in the Magarity and Commons region?

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:12 pm]: That one on Westpark is frustrating because it's only a few feet of sidewalk missing

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:12 pm]: @DR it looks like when Post came in they avoided putting the sidewalk there because of the hill and stream

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:12 pm]: Short sighted and improper planning for sure

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:13 pm]: Has anyone seen any of the changes around the Route 7 area in front of the mall?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:13 pm]: They were constructing that a few months ago, but I havent stopped by there in a while

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: Are there missing portions when it extends past the mall towards Towers Crescent?

Fletch [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: Driving the other day, it seemed a lot easier to drive on 7 near the mall then before.

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: I can't walk under 123 to go find out unfortunately.

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: i live in Pimmit hills on Fisher Dr and there is no side walk connecting magarity Rd to Rte 7 ; w

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: I agree with Fletch.

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:14 pm]: Yes, please don't walk under 123, although they say they are installing sidewalks under there soon (not sure why all the focus is on Route 7 and 123 though)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:15 pm]: They should be installing parallel pedestrian routes on roads away from those major roads

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:15 pm]: there is short stretch of sidewalk between fisher and 7

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:15 pm]: @reader163, a short stretch that is missing?

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:15 pm]: on magariy road

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: Currently if you live on Magarity Road in eastern Tysons, and wanted to go, for instance, to the Mall

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: is there a sidewalk the entire way?

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: there is only a short stretch of sidewalk

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: So no connectivity to any other sidewalks in that region?

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: correct

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:16 pm]: Is there a walkway on the new Route 7 bridge over 495?

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:17 pm]: I know it's in their plan already, but they need to add the missing crosswalks across route 7 at Westpark and Spring Hill too. Right now there is only one crosswalk across at each intersection. If I want to walk from work to Best Buy I have to cross Westpark, Route 7, and then Westpark again instead of just crossing Route 7.

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:17 pm]: (it still isn't safe either way until they address the onramps, but atleast if theres a sidewalk)

Reader#364 [July 18, 2014 - 3:17 pm]: I would actually prefer some sweet pedestrian bridges. I might be weird though.

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:17 pm]: yes there is a wide walkway on the new Route 7 bridge over 495

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:17 pm]: @DR, yep, I see this same issue at Tysons Boulevard and Galleria at the Tysons Corner metro station, only crosswalk at one side (why they would do this is anyones guess)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:18 pm]: I think to solve the lack of access between eastern Tysons and central areas (including the metro) they need to start figuring out how to bridge 495

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:18 pm]: Thats a huge impedement that wont go away even after they install the Route 123 sidewalks this year

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:18 pm]: Although when I first started working in Tysons 15 years ago there were no crosswalks across Route 7 at all, so one is at least a start.

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:18 pm]: It isn't safe to ask people to cross offramps coming off of 495 coming around blind curves

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:19 pm]: we walked from our house on fisher dr to the mall. it was pretty loud with all the traffic

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:19 pm]: How about in the Westwood area

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:19 pm]: but walkable

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:19 pm]: I know that the Tysons West project did some road improvements

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:19 pm]: @Reader163, did you have to cross the offramps for 495 or was there another way to get there?

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:20 pm]: we had to cross the offramps

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:20 pm]: with our little ones; have to very careful during traffic

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:21 pm]: @Reader163, it would be a huge improvement for safety if like the Ballston exit of I-66, they put a signal for pedestrians

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:21 pm]: agree

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:21 pm]: This would make sure people arent coming off the highway and proceeding at 55mph

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:21 pm]: This leads back to the issue of Fairfax County has talked about including pedestrian prioritization in Tysons, but even where the changes can be implemented without real cost or delay, they arent (like signaling the onramps)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:22 pm]: Because they are afraid of upsetting the traffic flow and in turn, upsetting commuter constituents

Reader#709 [July 18, 2014 - 3:22 pm]: they need a better crossing for the people in Pimmit Hills and the near buy apartments on route 7 over 495.

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:22 pm]: but, these are unsafe conditions, and they are being negligent by telling people to walk, but not providing safe method to do so

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:23 pm]: I think a good location for a 495 crossing would be an extension of Fashion Boulevard

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:23 pm]: at Tysons 1  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:23 pm]: across to the Dolley madison apartments in Pimmitt  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:23 pm]: Thoughts on this?  
Reader#709 [July 18, 2014 - 3:23 pm]: that would be great  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:24 pm]: This could also be a local road bridge similar to the Jones Branch Connector they are planning  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:24 pm]: What about the Jones Branch hot lane exit as a 495 crossing?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:24 pm]: They are doing that, its called the Jones Branch Connector  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:24 pm]: This past month we actually got an update on the project, design plans are being worked on now, funding is being accumulated for the project already  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:25 pm]: with a goal of starting construction end of 2015 and beginning of 2016  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:25 pm]: I really wish it wouldnt have to take so long, as it is a hugely important project, but the funding is limited right now, and it is a costly improvement  
districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:26 pm]: It says 2018 on their Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management page  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:26 pm]: The sooner Capital One begins construction of their HQ, the sooner the funds will be made available  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:26 pm]: 2018 is the likely opening of it I'd imagine given a 2016 start  
Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:28 pm]: i like to say great website; this is my go to place for Tyson corner updates!  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:28 pm]: <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pdf/jones\_branch\_final\_rfq.pdf" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pdf/jones\_branch\_final\_rfq.pdf</a> That was their original request for qualifications  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:28 pm]: alright, I think that was a pretty comprehensive list of sidewalk lackings in town  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:28 pm]: Sorry, I just joined - what is the current topic, & what is next?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:29 pm]: Thanks Reader163, we want to keep growing in what we can contribute to the community  
Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:29 pm]: can't wait for chicFila a to open; supposed to be september  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:30 pm]: alright, the current topic for sidewalk gaps and crosswalk needs  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:30 pm]: lets move on to temporary walkways  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: I've noticed this in a few places around town that are currently under construction  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: There is no temporary walkway by the Jones Branch park/field construction  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: Arbor Row, Nouvelle construction has no sidewalk, and people are being forced to walk in the street  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: Yep @987 about the Jones Branch park  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: Yes Arbor Row also  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:31 pm]: where else?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:32 pm]: the vertical park near AvalonBay  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:32 pm]: On westpark  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:32 pm]: Westpark between Ovation & International  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:32 pm]: Every other jurisdiction that has construction occurring along a pedestrian pathway (whether its arlington, DC, or even over at Mosaic) requires a covered walkway protected from the construction  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:33 pm]: I think residents and employees in Tysons need to voice their concern with their supervisors that these are not being provided in Tysons  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:33 pm]: I agree in spirit but not sure why a covered walkway would be necessary @ Jones branch where there is no structure going up  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:33 pm]: I like the construction, I want to see these developments and the improvements they bring, but in the mean time we cant have people walking in the middle of the roads  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:33 pm]: just any kind of walkway, doesn't need awning  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:33 pm]: for @jones Branch any walkway would be good agreed on that  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:34 pm]: But there are going to be alot more incidents of this with the new construction starting soon, these infill projects are in tight quarters with sidewalks, so there needs to be temporary walkways provided  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:34 pm]: particularly in situations like what is happening over at Arbor Row  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:35 pm]: I'm not sure how the laws work but is there a distinction between 'county' land and 'private' land, like in the Arbor Row case, where county is not responsible for walkway since developers own everything up to the curb?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:35 pm]: I believe that FCDOT actually owned that sidewalk previously in front of Arbor Row along westpark

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:35 pm]: But if they didn't that is something that should worked into the construction entrance permits and in general into the rezoning and final development plan items

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:36 pm]: if FCDOT owns it, they should be held responsible

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:36 pm]: FCDOT should at a minimum be responsible for indicating that one is needed, if not providing a temporary one themselves

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:37 pm]: So keep that in mind, if there are any public hearings on projects in your neighborhoods, make that clear that it is a concern for residents that sidewalks come to abrupt stops

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:37 pm]: The large site at Tysons Blvd and Galleria Dr has done a good job of keeping walkways open during construction

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:37 pm]: and if you have a chance write your supervisors and planning commissioners to ask that language be included for site plan approvals for temporary pedestrian access

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:37 pm]: and even providing visual barrier

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:37 pm]: That is true, they have the benefit at 1775 of having access on a part of the road that has no sidewalks through

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:38 pm]: but I agree, a good separation via fencing/screen, and continuing a sidewalk all the way through is important

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:38 pm]: any other comments on that subject?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:39 pm]: alright

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:39 pm]: last set topic, the circulator buses

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:39 pm]: did anyone else here join in on the online discussion of the circulator with Fairfax Connector a couple of weeks ago?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:40 pm]: I'll take that as a no, one item we brought up is they have switched the direction of bus flow on Westpark drive

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:41 pm]: the old bus systems all ran on the southside of Westpark Drive previously, but with the new circulator, the main bus line runs on the north side of Westpark drive

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:41 pm]: There are currently still no bus stops, no bus shelters, or any other demarcation that buses will stop anywhere on the north side of Westpark

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:41 pm]: FFX Connector indicated these would be resolved, but its a week to go before they begin service, and still no bus signs

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:41 pm]: are there other areas that have these kinds of issues for the circulator?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:42 pm]: \*It got quiet in here all of a sudden\* O:-D

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:42 pm]: I have not noticed any new bus stops anywhere

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:43 pm]: @R987, what part of Tysons do you normally travel/live

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:43 pm]: I too haven't seen any new signs or shelters except in the immediate regions around Metro stations

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:43 pm]: Lofts / Jones Branch

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:44 pm]: Yep, so the lack of bus stops on Westpark is going to be a problem for us who live in that neighborhood

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:44 pm]: I doubt you're going to see any shelters. I've had to stand outside at a plain old pole bus stop for years and years

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:44 pm]: and on Jones branch, I believe its running on the opposite side of jones branch also!

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:45 pm]: @dr, sure but even signs are missing, I mean, with a week to go, they are really pushing it

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:45 pm]: there is an existing shelter on corner of Park Run & JB

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:45 pm]: and they could have been using the signs and new shelters as methods of teaching people about the new services and routes.

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:45 pm]: will that be used for ciruclator routes or metrobus only?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:45 pm]: Thats true, the existing shelter on PR & JB will work for the new circulator

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:46 pm]: Alot of the metro bus routes are being removed from that area after Silvr Line (including the 23 system)

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:46 pm]: there is a shelter on the Hilton side of JB near the hot lane exit

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:46 pm]: which would be the opposite side for the 424 route?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:46 pm]: @reader987 But that one at Hilton is on the wrong side based on their new circulator path direction

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 3:46 pm]: do you if the 3T (tyson-west falls via pimmit hills) is on the removal list?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:47 pm]: 3T shouldn't be, it should remain for Pimmitt

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:47 pm]: I believe the 23A/C were the biggest reductions for WMATA buses going into Tysons

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:47 pm]: that and the 425/427 for Fairfax Connector

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:47 pm]: 3T only runs to McLean station now though. it does not run to Westpark transit station anymore

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:47 pm]: Oh really, that stinks, yet another good route that was useful gone

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:48 pm]: I am really surprised that they have all but abandoned the Westpark Transit Center, theres hardly any buses planned on using it for time check with the new system

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:48 pm]: and 401/402 will be cut back to run only to the mall and they will not run along Greensboro to the transit center anymore either

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:48 pm]: 425/7 was the bus to WFC? is that gone now?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:48 pm]: @987 yes, its done starting next saturday

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:49 pm]: another annoyance is, this is supposed to be a circulator, and there are no shelters on Westpark where thousands of people live?

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 3:49 pm]: I don't think any Fairfax Connector buses will actually pull into the transit center anymore after this. It's actually a big time waste if the stop is in the middle of the route instead of at the end

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:49 pm]: the 424 route looks like it is already covered by 423 route, is there difference in schedule?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:49 pm]: Talk about being stingy, you can get a standard shelter (doesn't have to be an Arlington million dollar style) for 50 to 60k prefabbed

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:49 pm]: 424 and 423 have very different schedules

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:50 pm]: one is full service including late night and weekends

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:50 pm]: the other is only weekday and has longer headways during non-rush

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:50 pm]: the other difference is one goes to Tysons Corner Station and the other to Springhill (if I recall)

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:50 pm]: link to schedule does not have schedule on ffx website - <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/schedule/423.pdf" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/schedule/423.pdf</a>

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:50 pm]: 423 is the full service one that runs to Tysons Corner station

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:51 pm]: Here you go, with schedule <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/schedule/424.pdf" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/schedule/424.pdf</a>

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:51 pm]: yep the schedule for the 423 is on the 2nd page

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:52 pm]: its a decent enough route (although I think the winding really is out of the way and could have been solved using Park Run like the current 23 does)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:52 pm]: the reason why the 423 has been dilluted is, FFX connector originally planned on 4 circulators, but I guess because of budget cut back to 3

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:52 pm]: I hope they return to 4 at some point if ridership is good, because there could be much more direct paths for North Tysons residents if they did

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:53 pm]: Alright, any other items on the FFX Connector new alignments?

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:53 pm]: Are the 'timepoints' on the map the only designated stops?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:53 pm]: No, those are only time checks

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:54 pm]: Timechecks is where they either stop until a specific time on the schedule, or if they are on time, roll in and roll out (usually they plan for a 3-5 minute wait at time checks)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:54 pm]: so there are other stops all along the paths, usually these are spaced ever couple of blocks, although in Tysons with the current superblocks it might be one ever block ;)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:55 pm]: I assume along Jones Branch they will have atleast 4 stop locations, same for Westpark, same for Greensboro

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: Any other questions, comments? Was this a good thing? Hopefully people found it to be useful and we can do it again each month

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: When Metro runs past midnight on Sa\*\*\*\*ays, will the busses also run?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: lol it blocked terd, the buses will also run yes  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: but only the 423  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: the others dont have latenight weekends  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:56 pm]: wait  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:57 pm]: doh, no I forgot about this one, so I argued that it should for the 423, but connector didn't include it on their final decision  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:57 pm]: so no, it does not run until metro closes on weekends, it shuts down much earlier at 10:20, which is really poor planning. Atleast 1 circulator should run at the same hours as metro at all times  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:58 pm]: In that case, is there a taxi rank at the TC station?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:58 pm]: There are a lot of people who come to Tysons from out of town, need to get back to hotels, people go out, its crazy to think that metro runs till 1:30am (or whenever) but buses stop at 10pm  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:58 pm]: Yes, there will be lots of taxis I'm sure at each of the metro stations as there are at WFC on weekends and late nights  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:59 pm]: Hopefully, the ridership is decent, and enough people complain they want late night service that the 423 will get it, but its gotta be more than just me complaining  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:59 pm]: I know you are wrapping up by one last question has pedestrian access improved around Greensboro station?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:59 pm]: planners and supervisors only listen when enough people complain  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 3:59 pm]: The last time I walked thru, the exit from station on E. side of 7 pretty much led nowhere  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 3:59 pm]: I know they were supposed to be extending the sidewalks on 7, but it appears this still hasnt happened  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:00 pm]: they have put in the new signals, but still sidewalks are gapped in front of the Stohlman dealership last time I went there  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:00 pm]: does anyone else have info on that?  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:00 pm]: For anyone trying to reach the SAIC complex they will have to tramp through landscaping and parking lots  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:00 pm]: not to mention walk past the \*\*\*\* store  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:00 pm]: MVC  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: @R987, I will definitely add it to the list of sidewalks lacking in Tysons  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: lol (this auto filter is going to need some work)  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: any other items?  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: open discussion?  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: I know that the property owners along Greensboro are marketing thier buildings as direct acces  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: yea they definitely are, but with that hill, and lack of sidewalk it really isnt  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:01 pm]: but the truth is there isn't, unless you walk all the way to the corner of Westpark  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: you have to go all the way around the buildings  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: yep, needs atleast a temporary path way down that hill  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: I know there is one between Clydes and Booz  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: its a secret path that some of the Booz folks use  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: perhaps I can do a post on it to let others know about it  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: that would be useful, good idea  
Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:02 pm]: yep no prob  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:03 pm]: Also is there going to be increased parking enforcement at Pike 7 and the mall?  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:03 pm]: how are tickets / towing going to be controlled / monitored  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:04 pm]: parking at the mall is already terrible and I don't know how they'll be able to distinguish between shoppers & commuters  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:04 pm]: validation by stores? fees at entry?  
districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:05 pm]: I was just at the mall for lunch and they're installing automated gates in the large garage by all the new towers  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:05 pm]: thinking of \*\*\*\*\*ton as \*\*\*\*og  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:05 pm]: Bal-lston ana-log  
Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:05 pm]: lol

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:08 pm]: I'm just so excited the silver line is finally opening. I've been working here for 15 years and remember all the plans for it back then.

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:10 pm]: Agreed, really looking forward to it

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:10 pm]: I have my Silver Surfer costume ready

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:10 pm]: haha

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:10 pm]: yea on the issue of the parking at the malls, they aren't doing validation at this time

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:10 pm]: Macerich and Lerner both believe in no friction shopping

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:11 pm]: So they dont want to charge people for parking, instead they will be gating as you said parts of the lots prior to 10am

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:11 pm]: to avoid commuter parking

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:11 pm]: we'll see how that works, and if they eventually go to validation like in other cities

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:12 pm]: Alright, since the structured part of the discussion is done, I want to thank everyone for joining in

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:12 pm]: thanks for hosting

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:13 pm]: Yeah this was good. Thanks

emilyjen [July 18, 2014 - 4:13 pm]: trying to catch up here...is the Tysons Circulator different from the 423/424 buses? I found this but its not super helpful. <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/comprehensiveplan/transportation-tysons-circulator.htm" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/comprehensiveplan/transportation-tysons-circulator.htm</a>

emilyjen [July 18, 2014 - 4:13 pm]: g

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:14 pm]: I'll leave the room open, people can chat and ask questions

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:15 pm]: @emilyjen the Tysons Circulator is the same as 423/424 and there is one other number

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:15 pm]: there are 3 buses, that will serve specifically the Tysons area

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:15 pm]: This map helps <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/tysons.htm" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/tysons.htm</a>

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:16 pm]: @emilyjen Oops, use this link instead it has the new routes <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/tysonssl.htm" rel="nofollow" target="\_blank">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/tysonssl.htm</a>

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:17 pm]: @DR and 987 hopefully more residents and interested parties take the chance on the next one to weigh in

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:18 pm]: Any news on when phase 2 of arbor row or final phase of park crest will begin development? And what the retail options will be?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:18 pm]: @987, you know on the park crest front, I recently have been seeing new earth work going on

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:18 pm]: which is crazy because they just finished Ovation, but it would be nice for them to finish it all up so there isn't a asphalt lot there

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:19 pm]: For anyone who didn't see Twitter a week ago, the Best Western is now closed and the parking lot is blocked off.

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:19 pm]: For phase 2 of arbor row, home properties keeps saying they want to start soon, and Im seeing stakes in the ground at their property which means someone is surveying

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:20 pm]: @DR, yep, if those 3 start this year, also Capital One and Garfield at Scotts Run, its going to be busy

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:20 pm]: kind of off topic, but since there is an ad on this page - is it always completely empty in Finnegans Pride, or is that just when I go?

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:20 pm]: I've been 3 times, and 2 of 3 I was literally the only person in there

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:20 pm]: which is a shame because its very nice interior

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:20 pm]: I think they are the new guys in the area, and there are other established bars so they are having trouble, I know metro delays are hurting alot of bars actually

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:21 pm]: I was at Chicks & Wings the other weekend and it was dead silent

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:21 pm]: I love the Bennigan's ;)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:21 pm]: I like finnigans actually. It was pretty busy during world cup, and the food is pretty good, which is why I like having them as a sponsor

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: hehe, well since they help keep our website running, I have to say, Finnigans is my go to pub of choice :)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: but honestly, they have good quality, hopefully it starts showing in the crowd

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: the corn beef egg rolls are amazing

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: I can't walk there from work :(

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: I walked from their to Vienna, so Im sure you "could" walk there

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: its just how difficult it is

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:22 pm]: I agree though, Route 123 overpass = barrier

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:23 pm]: I like their fried pickles myself

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:23 pm]: is the 123 crossing at TC station available for non ticket-holders

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:23 pm]: comes with a chipotle dip real goo

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:23 pm]: yes I believe the skywalk has no gates on it

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:23 pm]: the gates are offset if I recall, so you can get to the skywalk, without going through a gate

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:24 pm]: which is useful for crossing Route 7 and 123

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:24 pm]: and is the only planned access from Tysons 2 to TC station to exit at International and walk down Galleria Dr?

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:25 pm]: or is there an exit on the 'back' side?

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 4:26 pm]: does anyone know about the demand for all the apartments completed and ready for occupancy in tysons ? are they seeing a strong demand?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:26 pm]: Nope, unfortunately thats the only way, or go through the Ritz and down Tysons Blvd if you want the fancy way

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:26 pm]: @163, I have seen pretty decent move ins for both Ascent and Ovation

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:27 pm]: I'm actually pretty shocked. They lowered prices to in between Reston and Arlington prices and it seems to have done the trick for interesting leases

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:27 pm]: Greystar is already moving on to their second tower this year, and like I said, theres been some activity over by Ovation with the last building at park crest recently (possibly starting to do earth work)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:27 pm]: so clearly, they are atleast hitting their critical threshold

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:28 pm]: but those guys keep the numbers tightly held, they dont want competition knowing. The best sign that they are full occupied (or near it) will be if they remove the special deals on new renters (2 months free etc)

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:28 pm]: that will be a sign that they have hit a number they feel comfortable with

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:28 pm]: The really interesting question is, what will VITA do to the market

Reader#163 [July 18, 2014 - 4:29 pm]: hopefully they will see more traffic once the metro finally starts running!

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:29 pm]: yep, well the apartment stand alones I'm meh about, I want to see some mixed use

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:29 pm]: we need more bar options here in North Tysons

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:29 pm]: if I were a bar owner, I'd be talking with Arbor Row immediately

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:30 pm]: yes I am hoping the final park crest building will have a bar

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:30 pm]: there is nothing for North Tysons residents walking distance except Changs / LSF

Reader#15 [July 18, 2014 - 4:30 pm]: a jammin java type music venue would be awesome as well

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:30 pm]: I have been thinking about looking into opening music venue myself

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:31 pm]: market ripe for it

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:31 pm]: I used to work at the Tower Records on 7 and know there are plenty of musicians and fans in this area to support a venue

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:32 pm]: @987, I know springhill (georgelas) wants to have a arts district vibe

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:32 pm]: would be a good fit for it, their second building has a mixed use 7000sf retail space

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:32 pm]: Yeah with the quirky windows and balconies on that building I got that impression

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:32 pm]: Id love to have a jammin java place in town

Reader#15 [July 18, 2014 - 4:32 pm]: absolutely, the Tally Ho Theatre which rebranded as a music venue last summer has done amazing

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:33 pm]: Consider me a mainstay customer if you were to open one



Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:33 pm]: who is leasing the retail \*\*\*\*e you mentioned?

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:33 pm]: \*\*\*\*-e

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:33 pm]: sp-ace?

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:35 pm]: yikes, sorry again about the filter, yea the retail and building is Greystar

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:35 pm]: its the second building they are building there, so I imagine they are handling the retail leasing, although Georgelas might be the one taking the retail bit and Greystar only the apartments

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:36 pm]: I bet having an inherent 1000 people above a bar or music venue would do wonders for business ;)

Reader#987 [July 18, 2014 - 4:37 pm]: Thanks for all the info, g2g. See you for the next discussion

Navid [July 18, 2014 - 4:37 pm]: thanks for joining in, I think I might head out also. Thanks everyone

districtRich [July 18, 2014 - 4:38 pm]: Ciao