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Tysons Connector: Free Midday Shuttle Starts Nov. 23

Starting Monday, Nov. 23, a new lunchtime shuttle service called Tysons Connector will circulate throughout the Tysons Corner core business district, providing free rides to those who live, work, shop, dine or visit there. Tysons Connector buses will operate at 10-minute intervals between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Two routes -- Tysons Connector 1 and 2 -- will serve major employers, residential communities and businesses along the routes, as well as Tysons Corner Center and Tysons Galleria malls.

Operated by Fairfax Connector, Tysons Connector will make it easy for Tysons-area employees, residents, and visitors to park their cars and hop on board the shuttle. New bus stop signs will identify the locations where passengers can board along the routes. Since the service is free, passengers don't have to use cash or SmarTrip cards to pay a fare. With a bus coming every 10 minutes, Tysons employees will be able to eat and run errands on their lunch hour without wasting time in traffic or trying to find a parking place.

Holiday shoppers can enjoy a reprieve from traffic and parking hassles, too, since the Tysons Connector starts on Nov. 23, nearly five weeks before Christmas. To celebrate the shuttle's launch, Tysons Corner Center will be giving away restaurant gift certificates (while supplies last) to Tysons Connector riders on Monday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by the Tysons Corner Center transit stop (near the Nordstrom's entrance) and pick up information about the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project as well as other transportation programs and services that make it easier to get around Tysons Corner.

To see the Tysons Connector route map and bus stop locations, and to see an image of the bus stop sign, visit the Fairfax Connector web site at www.fairfaxconnector.com.

In addition to the Tysons Connector lunchtime shuttle, commuters from Woodbridge can travel to Tysons in style on the Tysons Express, new express bus service that operates during weekday rush hours. The Tysons Express is operated by PRTC OmniRide with new buses that feature on-board Wi-Fi. Service started Nov. 9. For route and schedule information, visit www.prtctransit.org.

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Other routes operating in and around Tysons Corner include:

- Fairfax Connector routes 401, 402 (new), 425, 427, 574
- Metrobus 2C, 2T, 3T, 5A, 15K, 15L, 15M, 23A, 23C, 24T, 28A, 28B, 28T
- Connections to other regional transit routes can be made at the West Falls Church Metro Station and the Tysons West*Park Transit Station.

The Tysons Connector midday shuttle routes are being implemented as a part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Transportation Management Plan (TMP) which offers transportation options to those who travel in or around Tysons Corner during construction of Dulles Rail. The Tysons Connector is funded by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project TMP. It is part of the first of three phases of enhanced transit in Tysons Corner, accompanying the construction and operation of Dulles Rail.

For a pdf of the Tysons Connector route map, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/tcflyer.pdf>.

For additional information, visit www.fairfaxconnector.com.

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