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VDOT BEGINS FINAL PREPARATIONS TO OPEN MEADOW CREEK PARKWAY *Modifications will include lane restriping, installation and timing of traffic signals*

CULPEPER — The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will begin the final work necessary to open the Meadow Creek Parkway to traffic after receiving a resolution from the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors requesting that the road be opened.

The necessary work includes installing the traffic signal heads at the Parkway's southern terminus at Melbourne Road as well as installing and programming the traffic signal controllers. That work will be coordinated with the city of Charlottesville since the signals at that intersection will be operated by the city along with the signal at the intersection of Melbourne Road and East Rio Road/Park Street. Other improvements that will be made include restriping travel and turn lanes in several locations and modifications to the traffic signal timing to move traffic more efficiently.

VDOT will evaluate concerns recently identified by the city and coordinate with the city staff on appropriate action. It is anticipated that all the modifications can be completed and the Parkway opened in less than a month.

After the Parkway is open to traffic the temporary traffic signal at East Rio Road and Dunlora Drive will be removed.

Construction of the Meadow Creek Parkway was completed on Oct. 13, one day ahead of the scheduled completion date. More information about the project can be found on VDOT's web site, <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/meadowcreek.asp>.

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