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**Editor's Note/Correction:** In the last edition of the Herry Report we stated that the Planning Commission's Child Care public hearing is on 3/29, it is actually scheduled for 3/20.

### **The Fix to Route 286**

Yesterday, I was joined by Supervisors Cook, Hyland and Foust in asking the Board of Supervisors to request the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conduct a Corridor Improvement Study (CIS) on the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286). We have had some successes in improving parts of the Parkway (completing the full Parkway repaving, the Fair Lakes Interchange project, and converting the Parkway to a primary road), but even with these improvements, the Parkway is experiencing significant congestion. This study is the next step in getting in front of the problem before we wake up and find the Parkway as congested as I-66.

A CIS will provide a comprehensive look at what improvements need to be made to the Parkway in order to keep up with increased use. The study will outline short and long term solutions, examine various methods for increasing capacity such as grade separated interchanges, adding a third lane, analyzing the feasibility of HOT and HOV lanes, and calculate which solutions will provide the greatest congestion relief.

At the Parkway Visioning Town Hall Meeting I hosted last October I heard from many residents about what they thought the future of the Parkway should look like, this was a great first step. With a Corridor Improvement Study we can gauge realistic options for congestion relief.

Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton, local VDOT leaders like former District Director Garrett Moore, and county staff have been instrumental in the Parkway improvements we have seen over the past few years. With their help and commitment we can ensure the Parkway keeps people moving.

**Supervisor Herrity's Annual State of the County Address, February 19th, 7:30p.m.**

Please join me and the Springfield District Council in the West Springfield Governmental Center's Community Room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield) at 7:30 p.m. on February 19th for my annual State of the County Address.

As part of my commitment to frequent and open communication with constituents I will again be addressing the state of the County, what we have done well, what I see as our challenges and what I hope to accomplish in 2013. I welcome your input.

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