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Delays Expected due to Road Construction at Mount Vernon Circle along the George Washington Memorial Parkway

As part of an ongoing project along the George Washington Memorial Parkway at Mount Vernon, the National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will begin road construction work on or about Monday, June 16, 2008, on the median and the loading and unloading areas at the Mount Vernon Circle. Work is expected to continue at the Mount Vernon Circle, which is adjacent to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens in Mount Vernon, Virginia, until mid-August. Only one travel lane around Mount Vernon Circle will remain open at all times. The northbound and southbound lanes of the adjacent George Washington Memorial Parkway will remain open. Drivers should look for signs announcing lane closures, detours, and delays during construction.

The reconstruction of the median and circle is part of a project that began in March 2008 and is being performed to reconfigure traffic through the Mount Vernon Circle, extend the Mount Vernon Trail, resurface existing parking lots, add 150 parking spaces for visitor use, and improve visitor access. Construction will include grading, pavement re-surfacing, utility and drainage improvements, a trail extension, and a sidewalk addition. (*Please Note:* The Mount Vernon Trail will remain accessible during the construction period.)

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The public may learn about this project in several ways. Signs and variable message boards will be posted for any lane closures, detours, and delays during construction. Further information about this project, including construction updates and suggested alternate routes, may be obtained by visiting <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/traffic-advisory.aspx> or by calling 703-404-6260 or 800-892-8776 (press #3) on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

While completion of the entire project is expected in Fall 2008, inclement weather may require adjustments to the schedule. The NPS will continue to inform the public and the media of any adjustments in the work schedule. Every effort is being made to minimize traffic delays and accomplish the work in a timely manner. The NPS and FHWA would like to thank the public for their cooperation and patience during this construction project.

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