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George Washington Memorial Parkway Traffic Advisory

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Road Construction Along the George Washington Memorial Parkway at Mount Vernon Circle and Adjacent Parking Lots

Mount Vernon, VA – The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will begin a construction project at the Mount Vernon Circle and related parking lots adjacent to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens in Mount Vernon, Virginia, on or about March 31. This project, expected to be completed by Fall 2008, is being performed to reconfigure traffic through the Mount Vernon Circle, extend the Mount Vernon Trail an additional 1/3 mile, resurface existing parking lots, add 150 parking spaces for visitor use, and improve visitor access. Construction will include grading, pavement resurfacing, utility and drainage improvements, a trail extension, and sidewalk addition. This work **is not** expected to present major impacts to visitors of the George Washington Memorial Parkway or George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, as work will be conducted Mondays through Fridays. All travel lanes will remain open northbound and southbound during rush hours from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Mount Vernon Trail will remain accessible to pedestrians and bicycles during the construction period.

The public will be able to learn about this project in several ways. Signs and variable message boards will be posted for any lane closures, detours, and delays during the construction process. 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.

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While the project's expected completion is 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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