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Sterling, VA - The W&OD trail crossing at Sterling Boulevard is now operating with a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system (RFFB) to address and alleviate some of the safety concerns at the intersection. The RFFB works by allowing cyclists and pedestrians to press a button at the crossing which, activates flashing beacons. These flashing beacon alert motorists, traveling in both directions, that there are cyclists or pedestrians either in the process of crossing or waiting to cross. This system does not guarantee nor does it imply that motorists will stop at the crossing, even when the beacons are flashing. Cyclists and pedestrians should proceed with caution after activating the RFFB system. Pedestrian and cyclists should stop and look to ensure that vehicles have in fact come to a stop, allowing them to cross safely. The RFFB system will stay in place until the currently planned overpass is constructed.

Instructional videos in both English and Spanish can be viewed online at the following links:
<https://youtu.be/czCqoC4wo0I> (English Version), <https://youtu.be/ibpvLmqZxd0> (Spanish Version)

Supervisor Saines has worked hard to ensure that the safety concerns at this intersection are addressed. In October of 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Saines initiative to look at options for improving the safety of crossing of the W&OD trail at Sterling Boulevard. As part of the FY18 Budget approved this year, \$7.745 million in funding was formally included in the County's FY18-22 Capital Infrastructure Program budget to be used for the design and construction of an elevated crossing.

The public's opinions and input are important to Supervisor Saines. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the W&OD trail crossing.

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Koran T. Saines was elected to the Board of Supervisors representing the Sterling District in November 2015. He serves on the Board's Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee and represents Loudoun on the Northern Virginia Manpower Consortium Workforce Investment Board. He also serves as one of Loudoun's representatives on the Route 28 Transportation Improvement District Commission and is one of the Board's representatives on the Family Services Board.