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Slaters Lane Detour Expected to Begin on or about Thursday, July 6

***Route 1 Will Remain Open to Thru Traffic
and Pedestrians Throughout Construction***

Alexandria, VA – Due to the recent severe weather in the region, Potomac Yard Development, LLC and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC are announcing the scheduled Slaters Lane detour will now begin on or about July 6th. The detour is necessary for the construction of the new Monroe Avenue Bridge.

During the second phase of construction, direct access from Slaters Lane to northbound Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1) and direct access from southbound Route 1 to Slaters Lane will be closed. The closures are expected to begin on or about Thursday, July 6th. During the construction of the new Monroe Avenue Bridge, Route 1 will remain open to thru-traffic and pedestrians. The detour only effects Slaters Lane traffic.

During this closure, access to and from Slaters Lane will be provided via a “jug handle” detour utilizing Fayette Street and First Street. Direct access from Slaters Lane to northbound Route 1 will remain closed for 12 months. Direct access from Route 1 southbound to Slaters Lane will remain closed for 30 months. (Please see attached document for an illustration of the detour).

A traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of First Street and Route 1 to aid in traffic flow and increase safety. The timing of this traffic light has been synchronized with all other lights along Route 1. In addition, improvements have been made to Fayette Street in anticipation of the detour. Pedestrian and bicycle access **will remain** along Slaters Lane throughout the duration of construction.

“The recent severe weather we recently experienced has caused us to delay the Slaters Lane detour until after the July 4th holiday,” said Kevin L. Hall, Land Development Manager of Potomac Yard Development, LLC. “We are closely coordinating with the City of Alexandria to ensure the optimal traffic flow during the detour phase of the construction.”

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Potomac Yard Development/Monroe Avenue Bridge Construction// add one

The new Monroe Avenue Bridge is the most notable transportation improvement by Potomac Yard Development. Potomac Yard Development's commitment of \$15 million to construct the new, straightened Monroe Avenue Bridge and the widening of Route 1 will be provided at no additional cost to the City of Alexandria. These transportation improvements will be well underway before the initial phase of the Potomac Yard community construction. Both the new Monroe Avenue Bridge and the widening of Route 1 will significantly increase the safety and efficiency of Alexandria's transportation network.

Potomac Yard is a unique mixed-use project that will offer a variety of housing choices, retail stores, offices, parks and open space. Potomac Yard is conveniently located in the City of Alexandria, off Route 1 and just minutes away from Washington, D.C.

Pulte Homes and Centex Homes, two of the nation's premier residential developers, have teamed up to implement the vision for Potomac Yard that has been anticipated by the community for some time. The partnership, known as Potomac Yard Development, LLC, is excited about the opportunity to create a truly unique community in Alexandria that will be a landmark celebrated by area residents for generations. For additional information on Potomac Yard Development, its amenities and the Monroe Avenue Bridge, please visit www.potomacyardalexandria.com.

Shirley Contracting Company, LLC has been shaping the Mid-Atlantic region for more than 30 years. Everywhere you look when driving around the nation's capital, you can see the finished products of a quality company built by quality people. These projects are built by a company that focuses on its core values of safety, integrity, people, innovation and pride. Shirley Contracting has become one of the regions largest highway contractors by making total quality management an organizing principle and value engineering a constructing principle since 1974. Shirley Contracting is excited to be working on the Monroe Avenue Bridge project with Potomac Yard Development and the City of Alexandria. Shirley Contracting's solid working relationships with both groups come from successful previous projects where all entities were pleased with the end result. For more information, please visit Shirley Contracting at www.shirleycontracting.com.

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