

Semmes Avenue/Forest Hill Avenue/Dundee Avenue/W. 34th Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

JANUARY 2022 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

UPC 113445 & 1113446



Project Location

Public Engagement

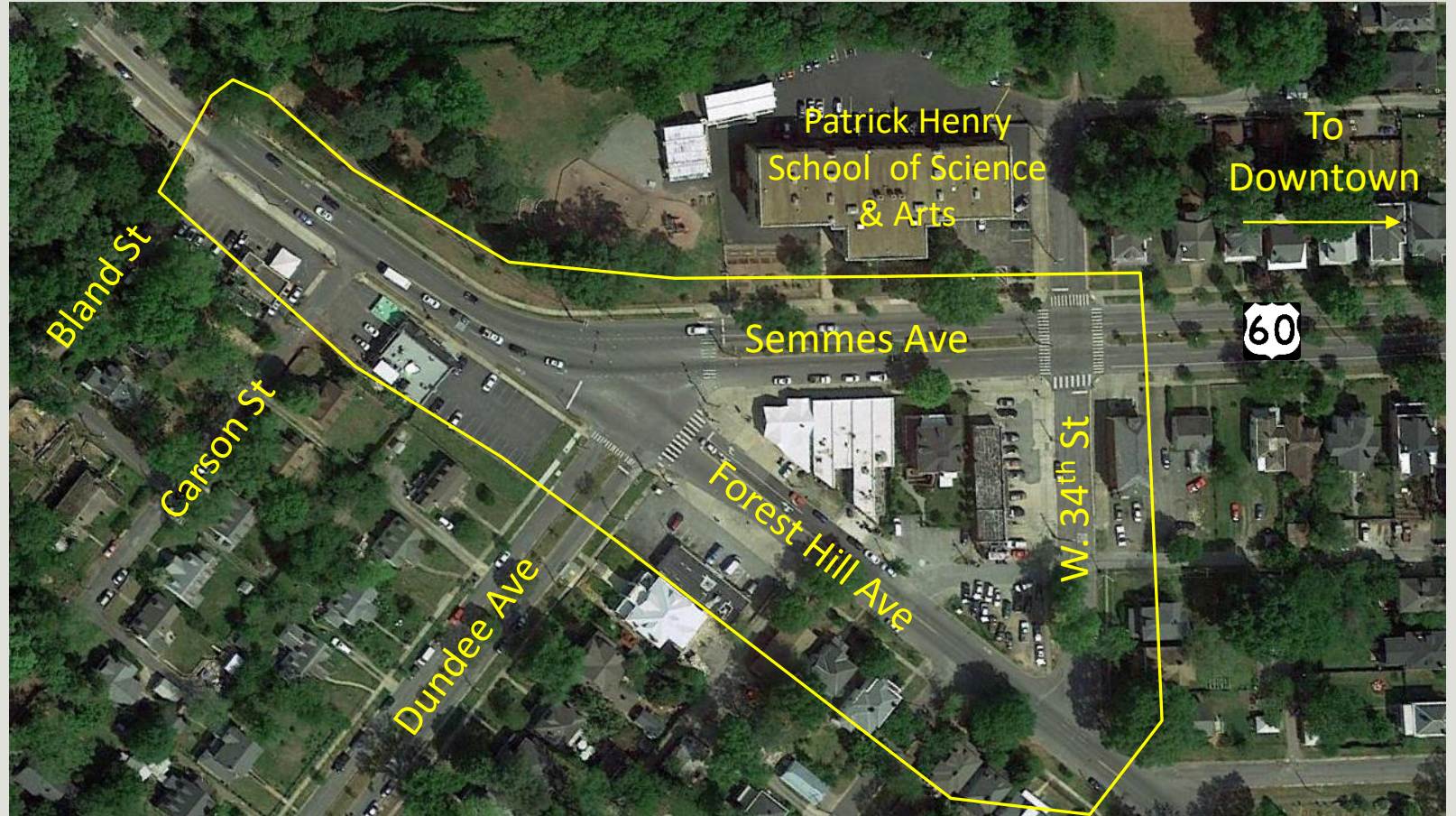
This public engagement process is to provide an opportunity for individuals or organizations to give comments on the proposed project.

The City of Richmond ensures compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

State Project Numbers:

EN19-126-041, C-501 UPC 113445

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Project Overview

Pedestrian safety improvements in two phases:

Phase 1) Install a traffic signal at 34th Street and Semmes Avenue.

Phase 2) Streetscape improvements along Forest Hill Avenue, including modifying Forest Hill to one-way eastbound between Semmes and 34th Street.

This project is funded using Federal “Transportation Alternative Program” funds. Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts, as well as numerous other locations (Forest Hill Park, local businesses) within the study area are key pedestrian generators.

Federal funds are competitive and are awarded based on the proposed scope of the improvements included in the funding application. Both phases must be completed together to satisfy the funding federal requirements.

No acquisition of right of way is required for these improvements.



Proposed Improvements – Phase 1

Install a traffic signal at 34th Street and Semmes Avenue

- Including crosswalks and ADA Ramps
- Including pedestrian pushbuttons and pedestrian signals



Proposed Improvements – Phase 2

Streetscape improvements along Forest Hill Avenue, including modifying Forest Hill to one-way eastbound between Semmes and 34th Street

- Including removal of existing traffic signal at Forest Hill Avenue/Semmes Avenue/Dundee Avenue
- Including adding a Pedestrian Crossing with Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) between Carson and Bland Streets
- Proposed Loading Zone just east of Dundee Avenue



Proposed Improvements – Phase 2

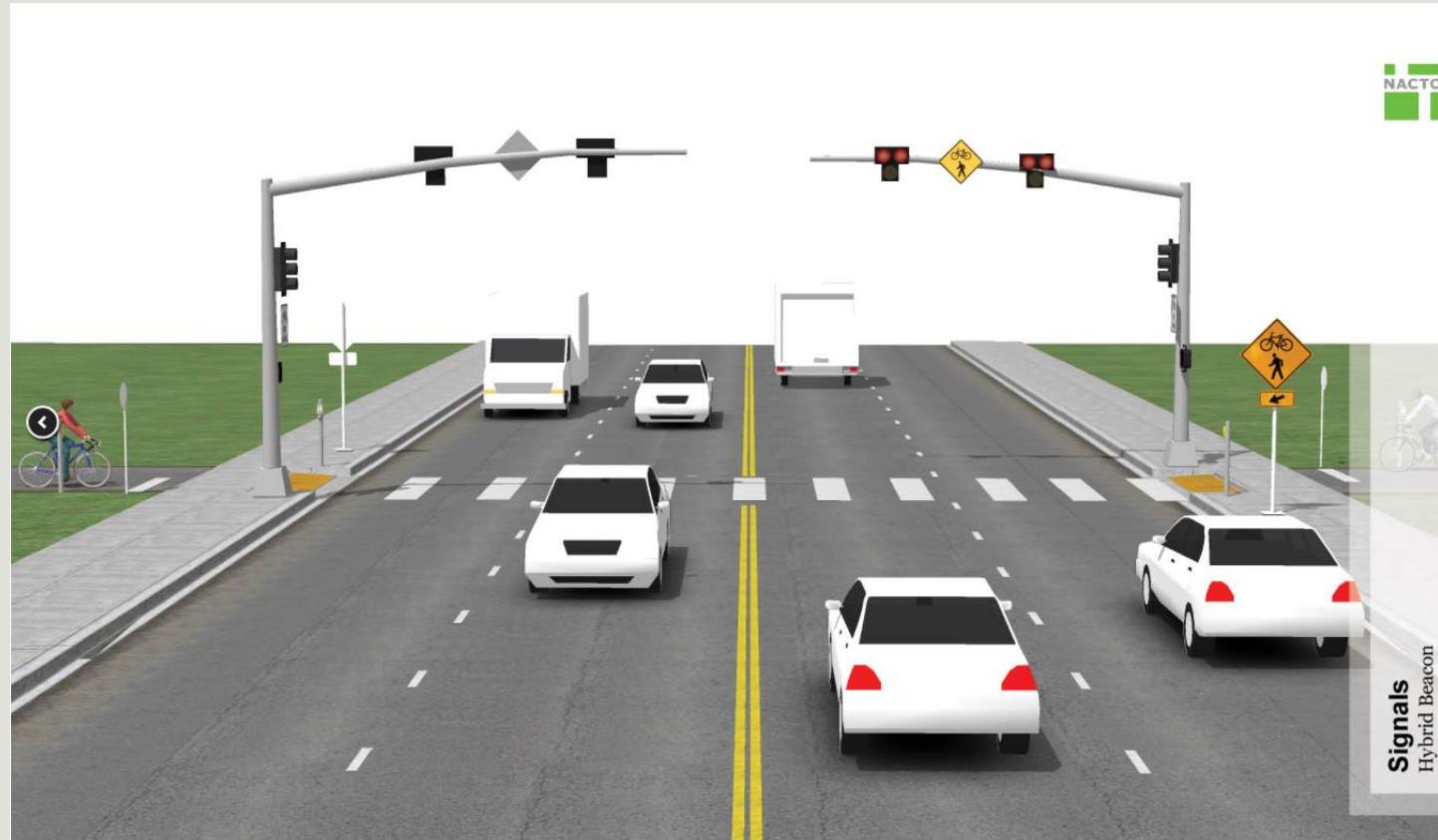
Streetscape improvements along Forest Hill Avenue, including modifying Forest Hill to one-way eastbound between Semmes and 34th Street

- Parallel and back-in angle parking along Forest Hill Avenue
- Improved public alley for access from 34th Street to businesses and on-street parking



Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs) are pedestrian actuated traffic signals that remain dark until activated (typically by a pushbutton) and can help increase driver attention to pedestrians crossing the roadway and improve safety.



Sequence for Coordinated HAWK, Bicycle and Pedestrian Signal.

Interval	Motor Vehicle	Bicyclist	Pedestrian
1			
2			
3			
4			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
1			

Source: National Association of City Transportation Officials



Schedule & Cost

Planned Project Schedule

- Public Engagement Comments Close 2/18/2022
- Advertise for Construction Fall 2022
- Begin Construction Spring 2023
- End Construction Winter 2023

Project Cost (Funded Safe Routes to School Grant)

- Phase 1 = \$300,000
- Phase 2 = \$500,000

Total Project = \$800,000

Expended = \$85,000

Balance = \$715,000



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Summary

- Project will enhance pedestrian safety near the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts and the surrounding area
- Continues City-wide improvements to pedestrian facilities
- Enhances multi-modal transportation opportunities



Thank you for participating in this Public Engagement process.

The public comment period will close on 2/18/2022. To be considered for review, comments must be received or post-marked by 2/18/2022. Comment responses will be posted by 2/25/2022.

You may access the project feedback survey from the City website.

You may also provide comments via email or USPS using the information below:

Email Comments to:

Winston.Phillips@RVA.gov (804)-646-5994

Or Mail Comments to:

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