



City of Richmond Department of Public Works

Semmes/Forest Hill Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project FAQs

1. Why did we include a crossing (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon) on Forest Hill Avenue?

- *The original concept included a pedestrian hybrid beacon signal at the existing intersection of Forest Hill Avenue and Semmes Avenue to allow pedestrians to cross. Based on discussions with the community, a desire was expressed to provide a crossing further to the west, to better serve the community and provide a more direct path to Forest Hill Park. Therefore, the City modified the proposed concept to provide this crossing between Carson Street and Bland Street.*

2. How will trash service be provided?

- *Trash service and deliveries to the businesses along Forest Hill Avenue between Semmes Avenue and 34th Street could be accomplished in several ways. A portion of the area currently shown as back-in angle parking could be modified to a delivery zone (or time restrictions could be placed on that parking) to facilitate deliveries or trash pickup. The alleyway shown between 34th Street and Forest Hill Avenue would also provide direct access to the rear of several businesses. Delivery and trash vehicles may need to alter their routes to access this area. Further refinement of the plan will occur in final design.*

3. What are the major differences between any previous concepts and the current concept?

- *The major differences to be noted include:*
- *Shifting the proposed hybrid beacon signal and pedestrian crossing location to the west to better serve the community needs.*
- *Additional sidewalk along the north side of Forest Hill Avenue between Semmes Avenue and 34th Street. Improvements to the existing alley between 34th Street and Forest Hill Avenue.*
- *Retaining existing parking along 34th Street between Forest Hill and Semmes.*
- *Modifications to maximize parking along Forest Hill Avenue by providing back-in angle parking on the north side and parallel parking on the south side.*
- *Provision of a dedicated loading zone along Forest Hill Avenue just east of Dundee Avenue.*

4. Why we cannot/shouldn't have one lane on eastbound Semmes Avenue?

- *The City is exploring a potential pilot project to modify eastbound Semmes Avenue to one lane approaching 34th Street.*