



## Media Advisory

Department of Public Works

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Richmond, Virginia

The Honorable Mayor Levar M. Stoney

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### **Grand Re-opening of Franklin Street near Main Street Station Takes Place on Tuesday**

**RICHMOND, Va.** – A project designed to help with the on-going revitalization of the Shockoe Area has re-opened. Franklin Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and Ambler streets had been closed since last fall, but is again open and will provide easier pedestrian and bike access to the recently renovated Main Street Station and the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers Market via the Virginia Capital Trail.

This afternoon Mayor Levar M. Stoney delivered remarks at the re-opening event near the intersection of Franklin Street and Ambler Street.

The streetscape improvements feature a combination of asphalt and both new and restored cobblestones, bike lanes, brick crosswalks, decorative lights and trees. The upgrades in the infrastructure will help improve safety and mobility for all modes of transportation in the area. They also tie in with the city's Vision Zero initiative, which aims to eliminate all traffic related fatalities and severe injuries by 2030, while introducing measures to enhance and increase safety and equitable mobility on city streets.

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