

Media Advisory

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## 'Road Diet' Bicycle Improvement Project Beginning Soon on Mosby Street

~Will make roads safer near MLK Middle School~

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Work begins in early May on the **Mosby Street – Bike and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project**, which includes crosswalks, pavement markings, signage and vertical flexible delineators for the new bike lanes. The work will start once resurfacing is completed. While parking on Mosby Street will be removed to accommodate these improvements, parking will still be available on the adjacent side streets in close proximity to Mosby Street.

These enhancements will be improve safety for Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School students and residents of Mosby Court apartments. It also will be safer for those who walk in the area by decreasing exposure to traffic and the number of travel lanes to cross. Fewer travel lanes also will result in better speed management, which is critical in a school zone. The reduction in travel lanes will create more multi-modality and more space for bicyclists, as the design provides for separated buffered bike lanes that will increase their comfort level.

This 'road diet' aligns with the city's Vision Zero initiative to increase road safety and eliminate crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

Construction is expected to be completed in two months, weather permitting. Business and residential access will be permitted at all times.

The \$225,000 project is funded through the city's Capital Improvement Program.

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