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Invitation to Virtual Community Conversation Kicking-Off an Equity Centered Transportation Process for a New Transportation Plan to benefit all Richmonders

- WHO: City of Richmond Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility | Richmond Connects
- WHEN: Tuesday, June 21 from Noon to 1 p.m.
- WHERE: Online/Virtual Meeting: Go to <u>RVAConnects.com</u>
- **WHAT:** Representatives of the news media are invited to the first online meeting for Richmond Connects, a two-year process to engage City residents in a new transportation plan that will make getting around Richmond faster, safer and easier for everyone. Designed as a community conversation, the online meeting will be attended by Richmond residents, local government leaders and their staff, as well as leaders of community organizations.

Led by members of the Richmond Connects team, the online meeting is designed to:

- Introduce and inform audiences on Richmond Connects, an equity-centered process that will engage thousands of City residents, especially those in communities that have experienced past injustices in transportation decision-making, about what needs to be fixed or improved where they walk, bike, drive or take the bus
- Invite audiences to share feedback about *making transportation in Richmond safe and easy for everyone*
- Share an interactive map showing responses gathered to-date from over 3,000 residents during the Path to Equity and Richmond 300 processes
- **DETAILS:** Representatives of the news media can learn more about the process resulting in a strategic multimodal transportation plan that will identify and prioritize projects for City funding over the next 5 to 10 years. Guided by the City's <u>Path to Equity Policy Guide</u>, Richmond Connects will remove transportation barriers to access and opportunities, especially in low-income neighborhoods and communities with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color residents. For more information, visit <u>RVAConnects.com</u> or email <u>connects@rva.gov</u>.

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 195 currently accredited public works agencies in the United States. DPW's portfolio comprises a wide array of services to include leaf collection; street, sidewalk and alley maintenance; trash collection; recycling; grass cutting; graffiti removal; parking enforcement; urban forestry; street signs; traffic signals and pavement markings and civil engineering. In addition, DPW maintains upkeep on most city buildings; issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way; manages the RVA Bike Share program and maintains the fleet of city vehicles. DPW's operating budget comes from the general fund of the City of Richmond. For more information about DPW services, <u>click here</u> or call 3-1-1.