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Department of Public Works Receives Two Prestigious Awards

~Project of the Year may be contender for national award~

RICHMOND, Va – The Department of Public Works has received notification two of its projects are being recognized with awards from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

In January DPW entered submissions for three regional awards. The department was recently notified it won two of them:

- Donald S. Frady Award: **Bridge Maintenance Team**. In May 2018 the team identified major structural deterioration on the timber pedestrian bridge over Goodes Creek near Oak Grove Elementary School. The team redesigned and constructed a new bridge. It is more fortified than the previous timber bridge, making it safer for pedestrians. It also is less susceptible to flooding and water damage. By doing the work themselves, the team completed the project before the start of the school year and also saved the city \$70,000.
- Project of the Year Award: **East Riverfront Transportation Improvement Project** in the 'Transportation \$5 Million, but less than \$25 Million' category. Construction began in February 2017 on the more than \$13 million revitalization project for the East End gateway into the city. Completed in June 2018, it comprises a quarter mile stretch of East Main Street between Nicholson Street and the CSX Bridge. Upgrades include street widening, bike lanes, parking on East Main Street west of Gillies Creek, sidewalks, traffic signals, landscaping, lighting and a newly constructed roundabout above the 100 year flood plain at East Main and relocated Dock Street. In addition, this project received an endorsement from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter that was forwarded to the National APWA Headquarters for award consideration.

The awards will be handed out in May at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter conference in Norfolk.

The Department of Public Works is accredited through the American Public Works Association. The APWA has member organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 146 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; urban forestry; signs; signals and pavement markings; grass cutting; graffiti removal; and parking. In addition, DPW issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way, manages Richmond's 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, [click here](#) or call 3-1-1.