



Media Advisory

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Richmond, Virginia

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Mayor Stoney Installs Sign to Bring Awareness to Pedestrian Safety

RICHMOND, Va. – Mayor Stoney joined the Department of Public Works this afternoon to install a “Stop for Pedestrians” in-street sign at Main and Plum Streets. Sign placements include 55 high incident locations across the City. They are part of the City’s third phase of systemic pedestrian safety improvements. The sign installations on one-way streets complement a new double white centerline lane striping pattern. These new markings are intended to reduce the likelihood of motorists changing lanes on the approach to these intersections where vehicles are stopped and pedestrians may be crossing the street.

The in-street signs create a concrete visual to educate, bring awareness to pedestrian safety and draw attention to the need to stop for pedestrians. Additionally, they provide motorists with a warning and regulatory function and reflect the recent change in Virginia state law requiring motorists to stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 mph and below. Combined with another recent state law which increases the penalties for drivers who injure people who walk or bike on city streets, city planners and engineers encourage a citywide cultural shift to foster a person-centered approach to mobility. This shift includes stopping for people crossing the street.

Additional roadway safety initiatives in this phase include marking crosswalks at more than 150 intersections, installing new crosswalks, corner clearance markings, installing larger stop signs, and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons. Much of the \$1.54 million in funding for this phase was secured with our partners at the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration through grants received from the Highway Safety Improvement Program with minimal funding incurred by the city.

Over the past several years, DPW has invested \$5.8 million of funding into pedestrian safety improvements at over 450 signalized intersections through high visibility crosswalks, accessible ramps, signal timings, and pedestrian countdown signals with an additional \$2.9 million in safety improvements nearly ready for deployment.

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