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City Seeking Community Feedback for Newly Proposed Bike Lanes

~ Online survey available February 9 - 28 ~

RICHMOND, VA. – The Department of Public Works (DPW) has identified State Route 161 (SR 161) for enhanced bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure via two phases for north and south sides of the James River. City residents will have an opportunity to review the proposed conceptual designs and provide feedback for bike lanes designated along the SR 161 corridor. The scope of work for each phase includes:

- PHASE I:
 - Roadway bicycle improvements on Westover Hills Boulevard (SR 161) begin just south of the Boulevard Toll Bridge and run south to the intersection with Dunston Avenue/49th Street.
 - This segment/phase will also propose pedestrian and bicycle improvements along 49th Street beginning at the Duston Avenue/Westover Hills Boulevard intersection and running south to the cul-de-sac at the Hill Top Drive intersection.
- PHASE II:
 - On-roadway bicycle improvements along Park Drive and Blanton Avenue (SR 161) begin at Pump House Drive and run north to the French Street intersection.
 - This phase will also include improved pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Blanton Ave and Park Drive.

Feedback is needed to help finalize the designs. To review the project materials and comment on the conceptual design for each corridor, please go to <u>www.rva.gov/public-works/pedestrian-bicycling-and-trails</u> and complete the online survey by February 28.

These bike lane projects will enhance our transportation infrastructure and improve safety for all roadway users. They are an important part of the City's commitment to Vision Zero and support the Better Streets multimodal approach by implementing safety improvements such as high-visibility crosswalks for people who walk, accessible curb ramps for people who roll, and dedicated space for people to bike or scoot.

For more project details or if you need assistance with alternative means to review and comment, contact Afshin Famili at 804-646-6334 or email Afshin.Famili@rva.gov

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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.