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City to host public forum May 19 regarding Liberty Street project

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Community members are invited to come out and share their thoughts on a key transportation improvement project coming to Downtown Harrisonburg during an upcoming public hearing.

Harrisonburg Public Works will host a forum focused on the Liberty Street improvement project on **Tuesday, May 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in City Hall Council Chambers, 409 S. Main St. The meeting is an opportunity for community members, business owners and visitors to review the latest design plans, ask questions and provide feedback on proposed improvements along Liberty Street's Downtown corridor. An online feedback form also will be available from May 19 through June 2 for those unable to attend in person.



Originally announced in 2023, the project is supported by a \$14.3 million federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant and was identified as a priority in the Harrisonburg Downtown 2040 Plan. The project focuses on making Downtown safer, more accessible and better connected for all users.

Liberty Street will be transformed with new sidewalks, bike lanes, streetscape enhancements and improved accessibility as part of the upcoming project, supported by a federal RAISE grant.

Planned improvements include:

- A separated two-way cycle track along Liberty Street and Noll Drive.
- A new shared-use path on Main Street from Grattan Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way.
- Upgraded intersections with curb extensions, ADA-compliant curb ramps, pedestrian signals and enhanced crosswalks.
- Bus stop bays with accessible boarding areas.
- Streetscape and landscaping improvements, including specialty paving, site furnishings and new trees.
- Replacement of aging water lines and upgrades to select sanitary sewer lines.

“This project is an exciting step forward for Downtown,” Harrisonburg Public Works Director Tom Hartman said. “We encourage community members to come out, learn more and share their input as we continue shaping a space that works for everyone.”

The project is currently in the engineering phase, with construction anticipated to begin in 2028. Additional materials from the public hearing will be [posted online](#) following the event.

Written or oral questions and comments may be submitted to Public Works Planning Manager Jakob zumFelde by emailing jakob.zumfelde@harrisonburgva.gov or calling 540-434-5928.

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