

# DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

## IMPROVEMENTS TO I-81 EXIT 243 INTERCHANGE AND SOUTH MAIN STREET (ROUTE 11) CORRIDOR



Public Hearing Date:

**March 12th, 2025**

**4:00pm-6:00pm**



Public Hearing Location:

**320 East Mosby Road**

**Harrisonburg, VA 22801**

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### Project Description

The City of Harrisonburg is planning to improve the Route 11 (South Main Street) corridor, a major connector of the south side of the City to the downtown core. The corridor improvements consist of three projects located between the Interstate 81 at Exit 243 interchange from the south to the Mosby Road intersection to the north. This project will enhance efficiency at the Covenant and Pleasant Valley Road intersections, promote vehicular and pedestrian safety, and improve pedestrian mobility.

These bundled project improvements consist of adding sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible curb ramps with crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and bus stops with shelters throughout the corridor to improve pedestrian mobility. Improvements at the Covenant Drive and Pleasant Valley Road intersections will include the addition and extension of left-turn lanes, overhead guide signage, and signal timing revisions to enhance the efficiency of traffic. Additionally, this project will promote vehicular and pedestrian safety with conversion of the center left-turn lane to raised medians throughout the corridor. In conjunction with these roadway improvements, approximately 1,110 linear feet of existing waterline at the south end of the project will be relocated.

The construction of the median will require minor widening along the eastern side of the roadway to maintain 11-foot-wide travel lanes. This widening will require the reconstruction of curb and

gutter and the relocation of existing drainage inlets and storm pipes. Due to the area of disturbance between the three projects, two stormwater management basins are proposed within the project limits to meet Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) requirements.

Existing public and private utilities along the project corridor in conflict with the proposed improvements will be relocated as necessary, including overhead power lines, lighting fixtures, underground communication lines, and underground city-owned water, gas, and traffic communication utilities.

The installation of the proposed improvements will require the acquisition of right-of-way and/or permanent or temporary easements from individual properties within the project limits.

### Project Schedule

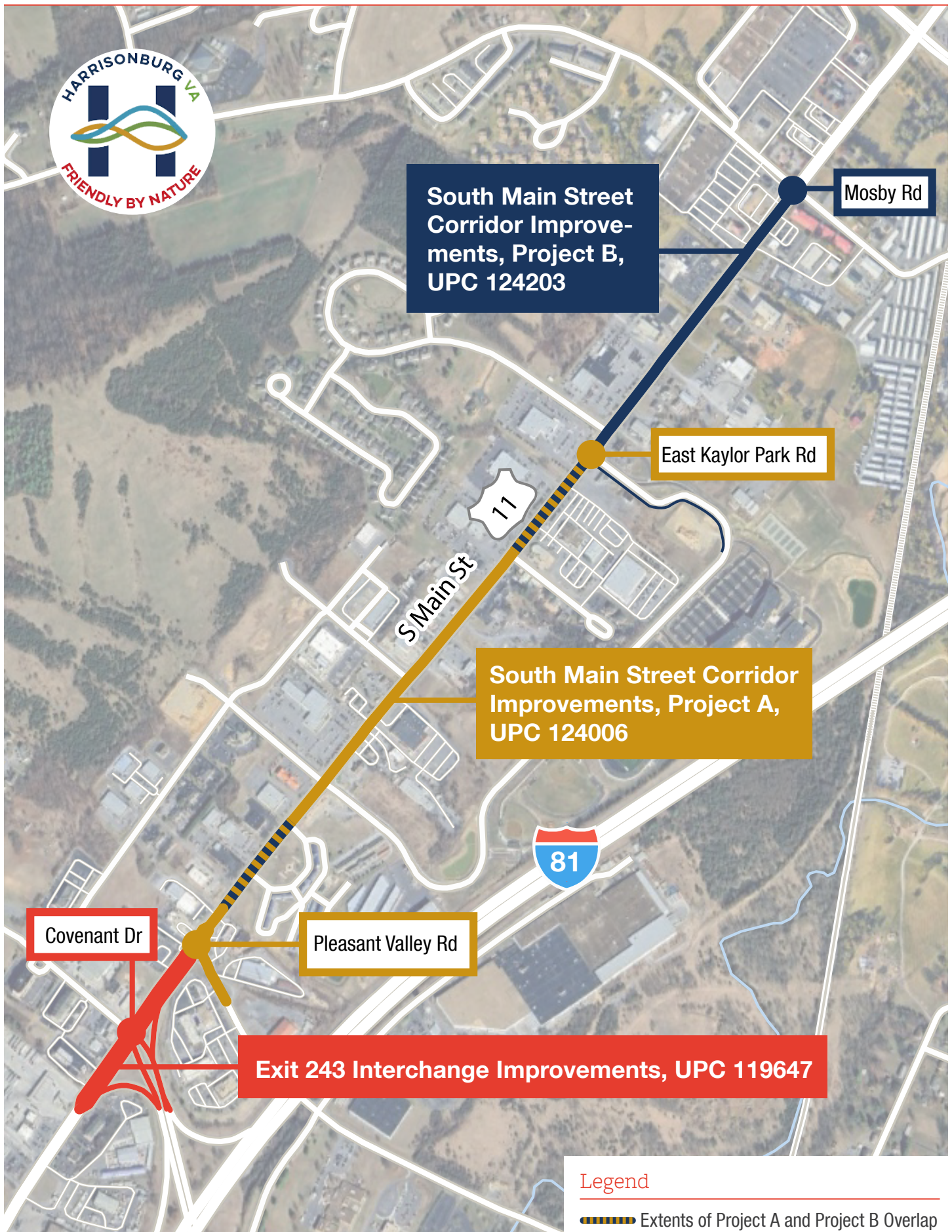
- **March 2025**  
Public Hearing
- **2025 - 2026**  
Right-of-Way Acquisition/Private Utility Relocation
- **2027**  
Construction Advertisement
- **2028**  
Construction Completion

*Project dates are subject to change*





## Project Location Map

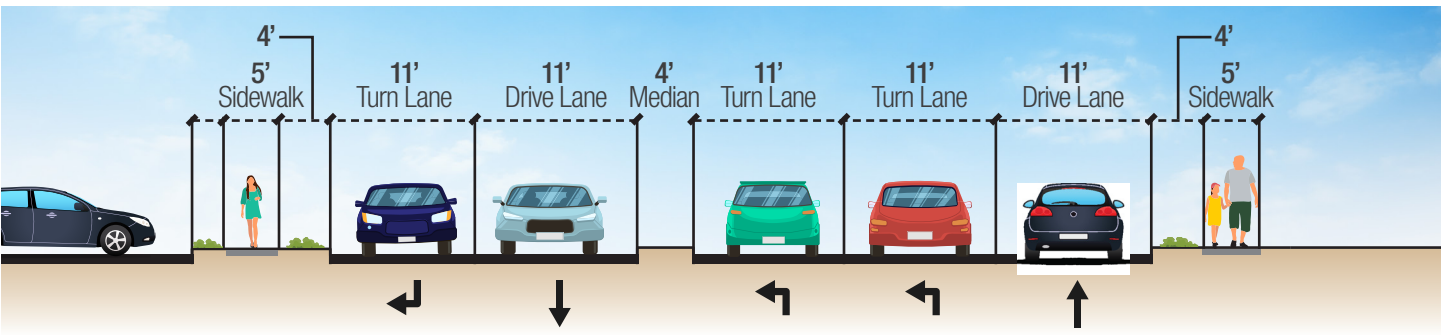


Estimated Project Costs

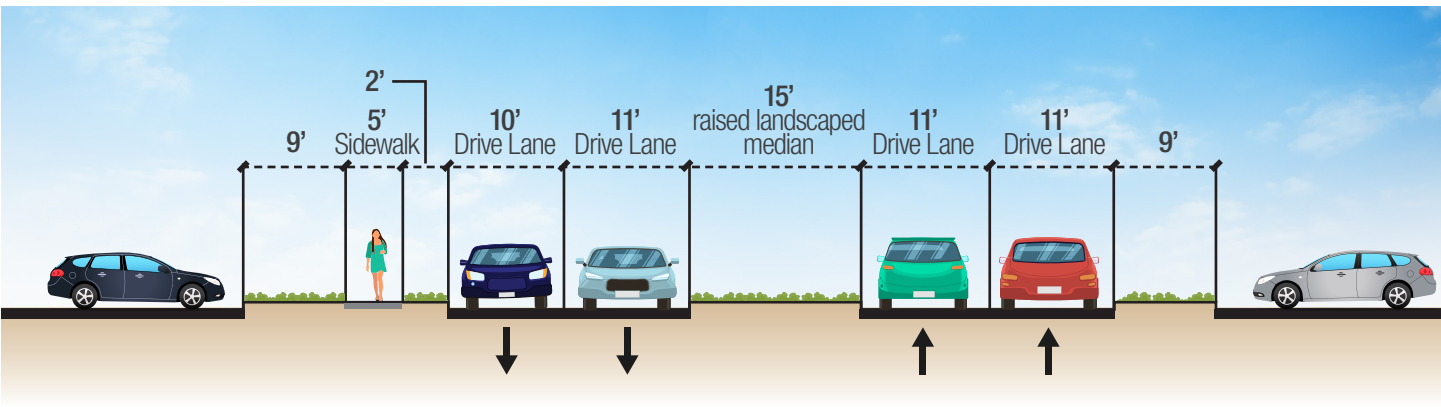
	Exit 243 Interchange Improvements	South Main Street Corridor Improvements Southern Section	South Main Street Corridor Improvements Northern Section
Preliminary Engineering:	\$910,000	\$630,000	\$670,000
Right-of-Way & Utility Relocations:	\$160,000	\$1,670,000	\$630,000
Construction:	\$8,170,000	\$7,190,000	\$4,530,000
Total Cost:	\$9,240,000	\$9,490,000	\$5,830,000

Estimates are shown in 2025 dollars and costs are subject to change. The Route 11 corridor improvements are funded through a combination of VDOT, Federal, and local funds.

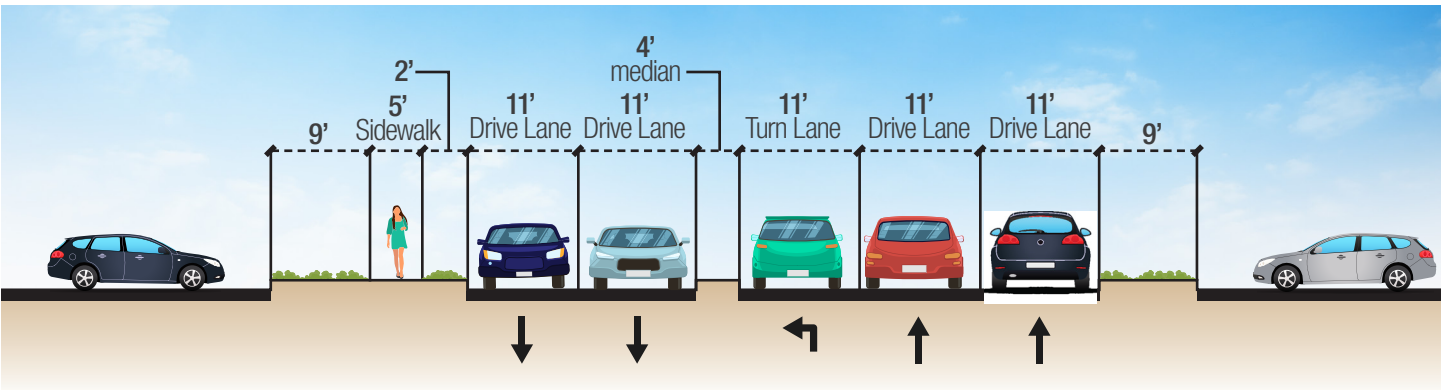
Pleasant Valley Road (Traveling North)



South Main Street - Median Section (Traveling East)



South Main Street - Left-turn Section (Traveling East)





## Right-of-Way

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Improvements will require the acquisition of land for right-of-way and easements. The right-of-way and easements, depicted on the meeting displays, are preliminary. As the City of Harrisonburg further develops the design of the project, additional easements or right-of-way may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the preliminary plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of right-of-way and easements during the formal right-of-way acquisition process.

Information about right-of-way acquisitions is provided in VDOT's brochure titled Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants, which is available at the right-of-way table at the public hearing or online at [https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right\\_of\\_way/A\\_Guide\\_for\\_Property\\_Owners\\_and\\_Tenants.pdf](https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf). After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the City of Harrisonburg Public Works, 320 East Mosby Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

## Environmental Review

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The City of Harrisonburg has prepared environmental reviews and performed coordination efforts to obtain information about environmental resources within the project vicinity. Natural and historic resource agencies have been provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development. Opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of environmental impacts have been identified. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document (Programmatic Categorical Exclusion) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in accordance with federal guidelines.

The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, water resources, threatened and endangered species, and other quantifiable impacts. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed

project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places also has been evaluated.

The environmental documents are available for review at this meeting and on the project website. At this time, due to little or no impact on historic resources, the two South Main Corridor projects have received a ruling of no adverse effect from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR). The Exit 243 Improvements project has received a ruling of no historic properties affected.

## Federal Aid

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This is a federal aid project; FHWA must approve the need for the proposed highway improvements as well as the environmental documents, plans, specifications, cost estimates, right-of-way acquisitions, and construction procedures. This process provides additional assurance that federal, state, and local goals and objectives are met and that opportunity for public participation is provided. Federal and state regulations require that a wide range of factors and impacts are considered and that the final decisions are made in the best overall public interest.

## Civil Rights

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It is the responsibility of the City of Harrisonburg to ensure all members of the community are afforded an opportunity to participate in public decisions about transportation systems and project affecting them, which is why your input is greatly encouraged. The City of Harrisonburg and VDOT ensures non-discrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. If you feel you have been denied participation in, or denied benefits of, or been subjected to discrimination, in regard to this project or otherwise discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, you may contact the City of Harrisonburg, Public Works Department, 320 E. Mosby Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, or phone (540) 434-5928.



### We Want to Hear from You

*The public comment period will be live after the Design Public Hearing through April 9th, 2025. City of Harrisonburg representatives will review and evaluate all information received as a result of the Design Public Hearing.*

*We ask you please use the QR code to provide your thoughts and feedback.*



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### Project Website

<https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/transportation-projects#SouthMainStreetExit243InterchangetoMosbyRoadconstructionin202728>