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Chicago Avenue Walking Path Completed

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg completed the Chicago Avenue & Mt. Clinton Pike Walking Paths on June 29, 2012. The walking path on the south side of Mt. Clinton Pike was completed last year and runs between Park Road and the Common Good Marketplace complex. The Chicago Avenue walking path is on the west side of Chicago Avenue and runs between Mt. Clinton Pike to Greystone Street where the Rockingham Drive trail starts.

The project consisted of widening the pavement 3-5 ft next to the streets to provide a hard, even surface where people can walk.

“This is a great temporary step for this area,” said says Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner. “Prior to the project there was nowhere for people to walk that was separated from cars, and a worn foot path in the grass was good evidence of the high use of Chicago Avenue by walkers.”

Public Works crews also saw a lot of people, including mothers with babies in strollers, using sections of the new walking path as it was being completed.

This project is a temporary measure until there is funding available to make full improvements to Chicago Avenue and Mt. Clinton Pike that will include addressing storm water issues, improving intersections with roundabouts, add sidewalks on both sides, and bike lanes in both directions.

To learn more about planned future improvements for Chicago Avenue and Mt. Clinton Pike, visit www.ChicagoAvenue.org.

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