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Safe Routes to School Project Update

Harrisonburg, VA – After receiving grant funding, the City of Harrisonburg is moving one step closer to completing the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project around Waterman Elementary School.

In the summer of 2010, the community was awarded a SRTS grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the amount of almost \$500,000. Since receiving that grant, City Council appropriated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$115,000 toward this project.

Construction bids were opened on January 31, 2013 and the contract has been awarded to A&J Excavation and Development of Mt. Crawford in the amount of \$477,202.

“The goal of this project is to provide a safe path for more kids to walk to school,” said Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner and SRTS Project Manager. “Knowing how many children this will impact in a positive way makes staff enjoy working on this project even more.”

At the end of November 2012, the Public Utilities Department started working on relocating water meters and fire hydrants, which is almost complete.

The most visible phase of this project will begin in the middle of this month, when the construction of sidewalks will take place.

This project is anticipated to be complete by the end of November 2013.

Neighbors are encouraged to check up on the status of this project and review all of the details by visiting www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Waterman-safe-routes.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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