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## Sharing the Vision for Downtown

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is partnering with the community to discuss the vision for downtown Harrisonburg.

In 2005, the Harrisonburg Downtown Streetscape Plan was last updated. Since that time, much has changed in downtown Harrisonburg and the need to update this plan was apparent.

The City of Harrisonburg has been working with many other agencies and organizations to propose updates and build upon the 2005 Plan. The study area was expanded, new concepts were added and additional elements were included that were not mentioned in the last plan.

The community is invited to attend a public forum on **Thursday, August 8 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 409 S. Main St.

Residents, business owners, visitors, and anyone with an interest in downtown Harrisonburg are encouraged to participate in this forum. The forum will be in the format of an open house, with opportunities to discuss this plan one-on-one with city staff, Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance representatives, and other community members.

The Downtown Streetscape Plan is considered a working document and was prepared by city staff with the support of the Streetscape Plan Committee and the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance Landscape Committee.

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What are the next steps for the Downtown Streetscape Plan?

1. City staff will discuss and address any concerns or suggestions that were made during the forum.
2. A public comment period will be open from August 8 until August 19 for the community to provide additional feedback to city staff on the proposed plan. This feedback can be sent to Brad Reed or Thanh Dang at the Department of Public Works ([Brad.Reed@HarrisonburgVA.gov](mailto:Brad.Reed@HarrisonburgVA.gov) or [Thanh.Dang@HarrisonburgVA.gov](mailto:Thanh.Dang@HarrisonburgVA.gov)).
3. The revised plan will be presented to the Harrisonburg Planning Commission. A date for this presentation has not yet been set.
4. The Harrisonburg Planning Commission will determine a date for a public comment period. This public comment period will take place at a Planning Commission meeting.
5. City staff will take into consideration suggested revisions from the Harrisonburg Planning Commission and make those changes before the next phase of this proposal.
6. If recommended by the Harrisonburg Planning Commission, the plan will then be presented to Harrisonburg City Council, for which a date has not yet been determined.
7. Harrisonburg City Council will then hold a public comment period before final revisions are made and the Downtown Streetscape Plan is officially adopted.

For more information and to follow the progress of the Downtown Streetscape Plan, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/downtown-streetscape-plan](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/downtown-streetscape-plan) or call the Department of Public Works at 540-434-5928.

***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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).

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