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## New Traffic Pattern Starts Today

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg announces the completion of a project that will provide a new road for motorists and bicyclists.

Phase III of the Erickson Avenue – Stone Spring Road Connector Project is complete and open to all traffic. Erickson Avenue now runs from Main Street to Pear Street.

Construction of this one mile portion of the project started in March 2012 and was under contract to be completed by December 31, 2013.

During construction, a defective water line joint was discovered and although this created a challenge, the project was still completed ahead of schedule.

“This entire project has taken many years to design and construct and is something we are very proud to have completed,” said Jim Baker, Director of Public Works.

Some additional features of this project includes water and sewer infrastructure underneath the road for undeveloped property, an enhanced detention basin with approximately 1,300 different plants, and a new 30 inch water line.

This 3.1 mile project, which includes all phases, was developed to address the needs for a major roadway to move traffic from the eastern and western corridors of the city, which also accommodates alternative transportation users such as bicyclists and pedestrians. While the roadway has been constructed in the city, the benefits extend beyond its boundaries by tying in with the Southeast Connector that is being constructed in Rockingham County. Together with Rockingham County, this project will ultimately stretch over six miles in length.

The city has one more phase to complete, which will run from South High Street, west to the city limits.

More information about this project is available at [www.ericksonstonespring.org](http://www.ericksonstonespring.org).

***The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains more than 300 lane miles, 42.37 miles of public sidewalk, 250 miles of curb and gutter, and hundreds of acres of city right-of-way. The Department strives to ensure a safe, clean, and clear passageway for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More information about street and sidewalk maintenance is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works).***

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