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## Additional Sidewalks Added to East Market Street

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg will soon begin a new sidewalk project along East Market Street.

Construction bids were opened in January and the contract was awarded to Toro Concrete, Inc.

The project will include the construction of a five foot wide sidewalk with a two foot wide grass strip on the south side of East Market Street, between Carlton Street and just north of Hawkins Street. Pedestrian signals will also be installed at the intersections of East Market Street and Carlton Street and East Market Street and Hawkins/Vine Street.

This sidewalk project is significant as it will fill a gap of approximately one quarter of a mile where no sidewalk currently exists and connect existing pedestrian infrastructure together.

East Market Street is the second most heavily traveled vehicular road in the city with a lot of pedestrian traffic. This project will enhance pedestrian safety by providing a hard surfaced place for pedestrians to access shopping and dining facilities along with various residential neighborhoods.

This project was identified as a need by citizens while working on the city's most recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which was adopted in July 2010.

The project will begin by the end of April and be completed by the end of August. Construction of this project will cost \$334,178 and is being funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program.

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