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Share the Road Safety Campaign Continues

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is continuing its efforts in promoting safety among pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists.

The "Share the Road" safety campaign started in May with a goal of educating the community on ways to stay safe when traveling through Harrisonburg. It is important for pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists to be mindful of one another to avoid a potentially serious accident.

"The city's efforts of promoting safety are continuous," said Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner. "We encourage members of the community to share this information to help us reach a broader audience and to lead by example by putting these tips into practice."

Safety Tips for June

- **Bicyclists** should not pass on the right side of motorists at intersections. The motorist may be planning to turn right and will not see the bicyclists. Bicyclists should stay in front of or behind vehicles to always remain visible. Negotiation approaching the intersection may require either the bicyclist or motorist to slow down to let the other proceed.
- **Pedestrians** should cross the street safely. Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT before crossing the street. Always obey walk/don't walk control signals or countdown timers at intersections.

• Motorists need to watch for bicyclists when making a right turn. Do not speed ahead of the bicyclists thinking you can make the turn before they reach you. The bicyclists may be going faster than you think. When turning at a signalized intersection, yield the right of way to pedestrians with a walk signal, even if you, as a motorist, have a green light.

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Additional information is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Share-the-Road. To share your ideas on how you stay safe as a pedestrian, motorist, or bicyclist, visit www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org.

Members of the community are invited to share this information with a friend, family member, or neighbor. Let's all remember to Share the Road!

Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.

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