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Change in Downtown Traffic Signals

Harrisonburg, VA – The Public Works Department will be making a slight change in downtown traffic signals later tonight.

As of tonight (Friday, August 15), traffic signals in the downtown area will no longer operate in flash mode from midnight until 6:00 a.m. During this time, signals will still run in coordination but will operate on the shortest cycle to minimize delays.

This modification will affect 10 traffic signals, which are all located on Main and Liberty streets, between Bruce and Gay streets.

A traffic analysis was conducted and with an increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic, it was determined this change would be made to ensure the safety of all traveling throughout downtown Harrisonburg.

The goals of the change are to:

- improve pedestrian safety by providing a period of stopped traffic flow on Main Street to allow for safe street crossings;
- control speeds, which have been found to be well over the speed limit while signals are operating in flash mode; and
- improve safety for vehicles entering from side streets with poor sight distance.

Motorists are encouraged to pay close attention when driving in the downtown area and always be mindful of pedestrians.

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