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Traffic Calming Project in Old Town Neighborhood

Harrisonburg, VA – The Public Works Department will soon begin work on the installation of a trial half-street closure on East Bruce Street through the Old Town neighborhood’s enrollment in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

This project is identified in the Old Town Neighborhood’s traffic calming plan, which was developed by a consensus of the neighborhood and adopted by City Council in 2011. The half closure will be installed on a trial basis so that the effects on traffic patterns can be evaluated.

Construction on this project will begin Wednesday, August 27 and motorists are advised to use an alternate route throughout the day.

The half-street closure will be installed to limit through traffic on East Bruce Street at its intersection with Ott Street. The half closure will restrict straight travel through on East Bruce Street, across Ott Street, and will also prevent left and right turns on to East Bruce Street from Ott Street.

Vehicles approaching Ott Street, from East Bruce Street will be required to turn left or right onto Ott Street and will not be allowed to travel straight.

Motorists are always encouraged to use alternate routes on main arterial streets that are more appropriately designed to handle through traffic, such as Mason Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Market Street, and Reservoir Street.

The roadwork in this area is expected to be complete by the end of the day on Wednesday, August 27.

This schedule can be subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen maintenance on equipment. More information about the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/neighborhood-traffic-calming-program or by calling the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928.

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With the half closure, the following restrictions would be in place:

- Straight movements by vehicles on Bruce St at Ott St would be restricted. Only left and right turns would be allowed.
- Left and right turns from Ott St onto Bruce St would be restricted.