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Portion of Carlton Street to be Closed for Roundabout Construction

Harrisonburg, VA – The Public Works Department continues managing the construction of the Carlton Street Improvement Project that started in April.

On Monday, June 8, South Carlton Street, from Reservoir Street to the tennis courts, will be closed to all traffic. The public will still be able to access the businesses along Carlton Street and tennis courts, from Mountain View Drive. Motorists will not be able to travel through the intersection of Carlton and Reservoir streets.

While the primary improvement of this project is the roundabout itself, the project incorporates improvements such as sidewalks, better drainage, utility relocations, signage and pavement markings and pedestrian crossings.

The roundabout will improve safety over the existing at-grade intersection because of fewer conflict points and reduced speeds. It will also allow more traffic to flow through and reduce congestion at this intersection and improve pedestrian safety.

How do you maneuver through a roundabout?

Vehicular traffic approaching the roundabout should yield to circulating traffic. As vehicles circulate through the roundabout and approach the exit use the right turn signal, yield to pedestrians and bicyclists at the crosswalk, then exit the roundabout.

Bicyclists entering the roundabout on the roadway are considered vehicular traffic and should maneuver through just as such. Those riding a bicycle on the sidewalk should dismount before entering the appropriate marked crosswalk and walk across the street.

Pedestrians should follow the sidewalk and cross the road only at the marked crosswalk then wait for a safe gap in traffic before crossing to the island and wait for another safe gap in traffic before making the final cross to the other side. Pedestrians should not cross into the center of the roundabout.

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An interactive animation map to better understand how roundabouts work by car, bike, and walking is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/carlton-street.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of November.



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