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City Makes Progress on Carlton Street Improvement Project

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department continues its work to improve the intersection of Carlton and Reservoir streets.

A new, more permanent, traffic pattern will be in place starting Thursday, October 1.

For the past few weeks, motorists have been traveling through the center of the roundabout while crews complete work on each side of Reservoir Street.

The contractor is currently installing the concrete islands that will channel vehicles through the roundabout. Starting October 1, motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians will begin traveling the permanent route around the intersection.

Directional signs have also been installed to help the public navigate through the intersection.

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 vehicles do. 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.

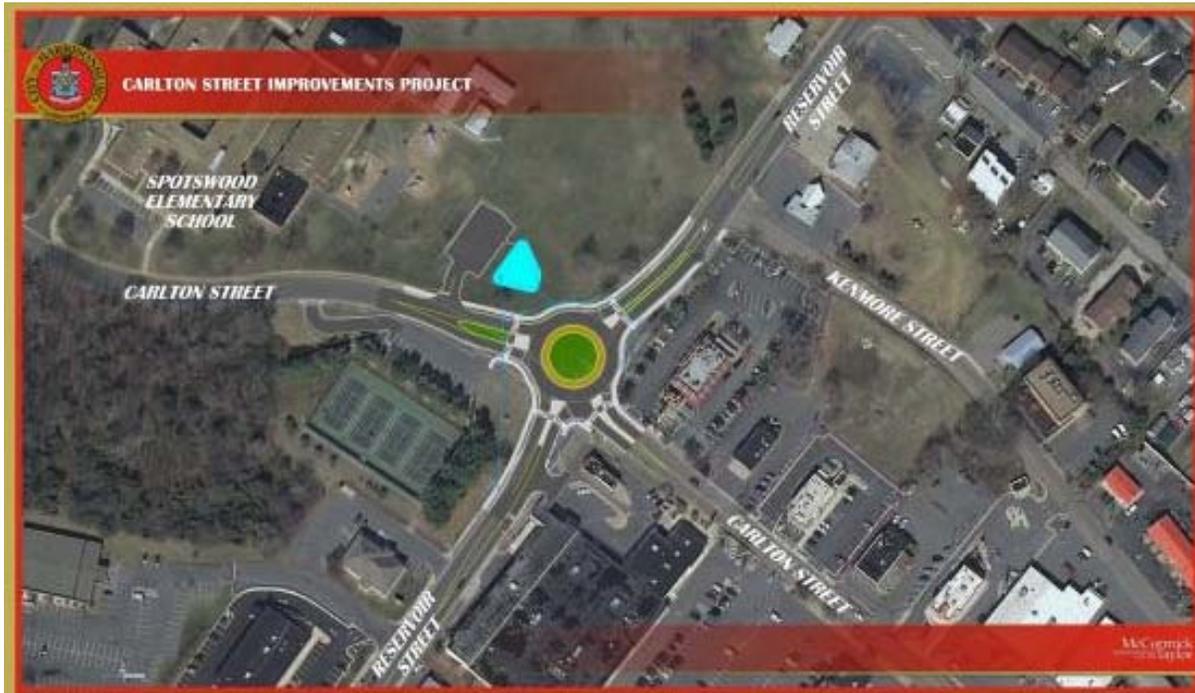
Until the construction is complete, motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling in this area and to slow down. Motorists should be mindful of the new traffic pattern and the construction workers, who will be working in close proximity to the roadway.

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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.



The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains more than 300 lane miles, 42.37 miles of public sidewalk, 250 miles of curb and gutter, and hundreds of acres of city right-of-way. The Department strives to ensure a safe, clean, and clear passageway for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More information about street and sidewalk maintenance is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works.



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