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New Signal on Reservoir Street Going into Operation

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department is starting its final phases of work to complete the Reservoir Street improvement project.

Starting Thursday, October 5, the signal at the intersection of Reservoir Street and Lucy Drive will go into operation. Motorists are encouraged to use caution and pay close attention to the new traffic pattern at this intersection. Also starting on Thursday, new traffic lanes will be marked from Stonewall Drive, north to Neff Avenue.

Once this signal goes into operation, it will bring the total number of traffic signals in the city to 87.

How Traffic Signals Work

Traffic signals in Harrisonburg use video detection to determine if a car, bicycle, or other vehicle is present. The videos do not record and there are pre-programmed zones for each lane at an intersection that allow the camera to see if a vehicle has approached the intersection. The best way for a vehicle to be detected is to stay in the middle of the lane and stop just behind the stop bar. If a vehicle pulls too far ahead of the line or doesn’t get close enough, the cameras will not detect that there is a vehicle present and it could take longer for the signal to service that lane.

The amount of time motorists wait for a signal to run the full cycle can vary depending on the intersection.

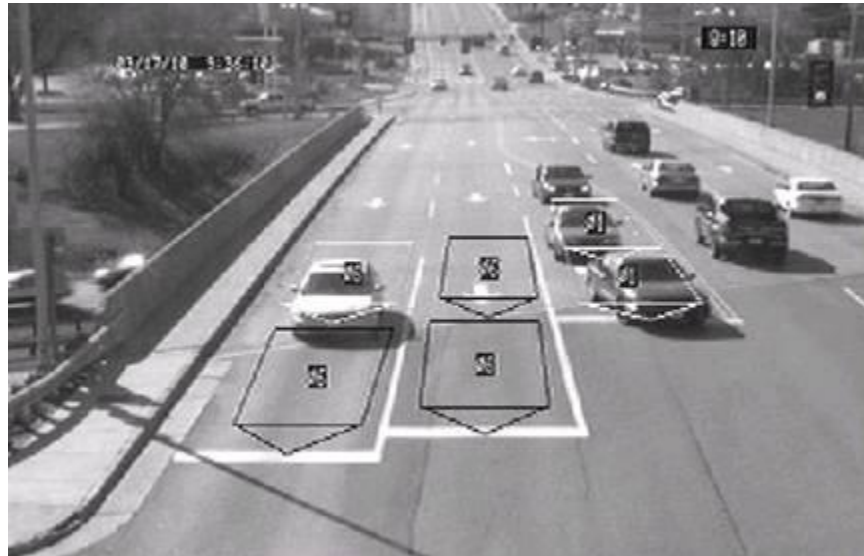
If a traffic signal is not working properly, motorists should not call 9-1-1 but they should contact the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928 during normal business hours. After hours, motorists should call the non-emergency number at 540-434-4436. Other concerns can be submitted through the online platform at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/traffic-signal-service-request.

In the coming weeks, the second traffic signal at the intersection of Reservoir Street and Stonewall Drive will go into operation.

The construction of the Reservoir Street improvement project started in the spring of 2016 and is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

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Pictured above: An example of what the video detection cameras can see. This view is at the intersection of Port Republic Road and Interstate 81.

Additional information on this project can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/reservoir-street.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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