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Crews to briefly close block of Forest Hill Road on Thursday

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Crews will briefly close a short section of Forest Hill Road on Thursday to accommodate work related to the realignment of the Interstate 81 North off ramp onto Port Republic Road.

Forest Hill Road will be closed between Port Republic Road and Oak Hill Drive. Local traffic will be accommodated, but drivers will not be able to reach Port Republic Road from University Boulevard in that area. The road is expected to have reopened for Friday.

The I-81 North realignment will relocate the northbound off ramp to make it align with Forest Hill Road. The project seeks to improve the safety of drivers on Port Republic Road and of those trying to access Forest Hill Road after exiting the interstate. The project also will relocate the James Madison University R-10 and R-11 parking lot entrance to Hunters Road, and the university has been a significant partner in the overall project – providing all needed right of way and easements for the project at no cost to the City.

The City was awarded a Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale grant for the realignment.

The City of Harrisonburg *is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.*

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