

STERLING STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

THE BENEFITS

- **BUILDS UPON EXISTING SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDS A BETTER CONNECTED NETWORK BY FILLING GAPS BETWEEN EXISTING SIDEWALKS.**
- **PROVIDES SAFER ROUTES FOR PEOPLE WALKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND TO COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS SUCH AS RALPH SAMPSON PARK, LUCY F. SIMMS CENTER, AND SPOTSWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**
- **THE SIDEWALK PROJECT EXTENDS THE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL FOR SPOTSWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT ALIGN WITH CITY PLANNING?

The sidewalk project is included in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that has been adopted by City Council. More information about this plan may be found on the city website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/bicycle-pedestrian-plan.

HOW WILL THE SIDEWALK FIT ON THIS ROAD?

As shown in the diagrams, the sidewalk between Elizabeth Street and Rock Street will be constructed after narrowing the width of the road. North of Rock Street, narrowing the road is one option being considered for how to construct the sidewalk and the other option is to build it just behind the existing edge of the road.

IF ON-STREET PARKING IS REMOVED, WHERE CAN PEOPLE PARK?

Removing on-street parking on some blocks of Sterling Street is planned, but no changes are proposed for parking on nearby streets. On-street parking will be available on any one of the streets that intersect with Sterling Street.

WHEN THE ROAD IS NARROWED, WILL IT STILL BE SAFE FOR VEHICLES LIKE BUSES TO PASS EACH OTHER?

Yes, the road will meet the relevant width standards to ensure that this change does not lead to safety or other concerns.

WHEN WILL THE SIDEWALK BE CONSTRUCTED?

The open house is one of the first steps toward building the sidewalk. Additional efforts, including coordination with homeowners adjacent to the sidewalk, will be completed before construction of the sidewalk. If challenges do not come up that impact project feasibility and implementation, construction will begin in 2024 or 2025.

PROJECT FUNDED BY ARPA

The Sterling Street Sidewalk project was selected by City Council from a list of community-desired projects and is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project was selected due to community interest at public meetings and traffic calming discussions. ARPA has recently funded other Harrisonburg community projects including the Kelley Street - Sterling Street Paving project and the Splash Pad project in Ralph Sampson Park.