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Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project starting soon at Mary Munford Elementary School

~ This project is a continuation of pedestrian safety improvements happening citywide ~

RICHMOND, Va. – Starting April 10, the Department of Public Works (DPW) Transportation Engineering Division will begin work on enhancing pedestrian safety on streets around Mary Munford Elementary School. High traffic volumes, speed and wide crossing distances (streets) make it difficult for pedestrians to cross both Cary Street (SR 147) and Grove Avenue.

Project improvements include:

- Replacing school flashers on Cary Street and Grove Avenue
- Enhancing the existing crosswalk with a high visibility crosswalk on Grove Avenue at Commonwealth Avenue
- Upgrading the existing speed table to a raised crosswalk on Westmoreland Street in front of the school
- Installing new ADA curb ramps on Cary and Westmoreland
- Providing safety enhancements to make pedestrian crossings easier

Funding for this \$477,571 project is provided from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and city funding.

Work will occur during off-peak times Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weather permitting, this project is expected to be completed in mid-July 2023.

Other recent pedestrian safety improvement projects include Oak Grove Elementary School as well as ongoing pedestrian safety improvements near Linwood Holton Elementary School and Huguenot High School.

Current utility work in the area, managed by the Department of Public Utilities, and work for this project will be coordinated to minimize disruption to residents in the area and travelers using the roadways.

For details on the DPU Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project at Libbie Avenue & Cary Street Road and its related traffic impacts, go to www.rva.gov/public-utilities/news/sanitary-sewer-replacement-project-libbie-avenue-and-cary-street

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is a premier provider of utility service. DPU provides natural gas, water, wastewater and stormwater service to more than 500,000 residential and commercial customers in the metropolitan region. In addition, DPU operates an electric street lighting utility, which maintains 37,000 streetlights throughout the City. For more information, visit DPU's website at www.rva.gov/publicutilities.