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Citywide Project to Improve Traffic Signal Visibility and Help Reduce Crashes will Start Soon *~ Systemic Sight Distance Improvements at Signalized Intersections Project ~*

RICHMOND, VA – The Department of Public Works (DPW) Transportation Engineering Division will be improving the visibility of vehicular and pedestrian traffic signal heads at 399 signalized intersections across the City. Work for the Systemic Sight Distance Improvements at Signalized Intersections Project starts Monday, November 15. Temporary lane closure notices needed for this project will be issued in advance. Project improvements include:

- Tree pruning at signalized approaches and signalized intersection corners to maintain vehicular and pedestrian signal head visibility, and
- The installation of high-visibility traffic signal backplates, also known as retroreflective backplates at 20 signalized intersections. These signal heads are more conspicuous and they increase visibility in both daytime and nighttime conditions, helping to reduce crashes at the intersection.

This project is funded throughout the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) totaling approximately \$1.3 million.

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 178 currently accredited public works agencies in the United States. DPW's portfolio comprises a wide array of services to include leaf collection; street, sidewalk and alley maintenance; trash collection; recycling; grass cutting; graffiti removal; parking enforcement; urban forestry; street signs; traffic signals and pavement markings and civil engineering. In addition, DPW maintains upkeep on most city buildings; issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way; manages the RVA Bike Share program and maintains the fleet of city vehicles. DPW's operating budget comes from the general fund of the City of Richmond. For more information about DPW services, [click here](#) or call 3-1-1.