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## Media Advisory

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### **New project to improve safety, enhance community mobility, and expand the transportation network north and south of the James River**

~ Work is slated to begin this month & expected completion by Fall 2024, weather permitting ~

**RICHMOND, VA.** – The Department of Public Works (DPW) is pleased to announce the upcoming construction of a new quick build project along Westover Hills Boulevard, Park Drive, and Blanton Avenue which form part of State Route 161 crossing the James River. The project will include street upgrades and provide important connections to the city's bike network, expand accessibility, and improve safety for people walking, rolling, and biking. It reflects the city's commitment to speed management as well as sustainable, multimodal transportation solutions and safety for all roadway users, regardless of age or ability.

Weather permitting, construction will begin this month and will be divided into two phases:

- Phase I: Westover Hills Boulevard beginning near Riverside Drive to the intersection with Dunston Avenue/49th Street
- Phase II: Park Drive and Blanton Avenue beginning at Pump House Drive to French Street

During construction, residents may experience minor disruptions but every effort will be made to minimize inconveniences. Please be patient and give construction workers extra space and slow down when you see orange cones and work zones.

Construction is expected to be completed by Fall 2024, weather permitting.

*This project supports the James River Master Plan and Richmond 300 to create multimodal neighborhood connections to parks. This project also supports the City's Vision Zero Action Plan by using our complete streets approach to improve safe access for all. This process was driven by community input through a series of surveys and public engagements. Community feedback provided valuable input throughout the design process.*

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