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Construction to begin on the Idlewood Avenue Roundabout

~ Traffic calming benefits and pedestrian safety improvements ~

Richmond, Va. –The Department of Public Works will begin construction of the Idlewood Avenue, Grayland Avenue and RMTA Ramp Roundabout Project on October 5. At the end of the project, Idlewood Avenue will be converted to two-way traffic between Harrison Avenue and Cherry Street. Work is expected to last up to four months, depending on weather.

The project will include landscaped islands, pedestrian crosswalk markings, handicap ramps and new signage. The \$985,000 project received funding from the state, City and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The improvements will reduce vehicle and pedestrian conflict points, provide slower operating speeds for motorists, and shorten the crossing distance. In addition to reducing the number of vehicle and pedestrian accidents, experts say roundabouts can reduce fatal accidents.

There will be occasional lane closures during construction and up to three weekend closures of the 195 off ramp. Motorists are encouraged to follow work zone signage.

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