



Media Advisory

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Grayland Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project

~ Enhancements to improve bicyclists' mobility and safety ~

RICHMOND, Va. – The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin work in early September on the Grayland Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project. The project, which runs between South Robinson and South Harrison streets, includes pavement markings and signage for bike lanes that allow cyclists to travel westbound on Grayland Avenue in a contraflow lane – a bike lane that goes in the opposite direction on a one-way street. DPW Director Bobby Vincent says, *“DPW continues to underscore the vision of Richmond as a multimodal city. This project is another step in that direction.”* Construction is expected to last two months, weather and other outside factors permitting. Access will be maintained at all times along Grayland Avenue for residents and emergency vehicles.

The bike lane project will improve bicyclists' mobility and safety by providing a separated buffered westbound bike lane that will greatly increase the level of comfort for bicyclists. Additional parking on Grayland Avenue will be provided immediately adjacent to the new bike lane. Motorists should park in the designated parking spaces, not in the traditional parking location against the north curb where the new bike lane will be.

The City will work diligently to minimize adverse impacts on businesses and residents. Studies have shown that overall, this project will lower instances of speeding and make it safer for all users on Grayland Avenue.

This \$250,000 project is funded through the Virginia Department of Transportation's Revenue Sharing Program.

For more information about this and other City of Richmond Bike Lane Projects, please visit us online at <http://www.richmondgov.com/BikePed/index.aspx> or email us at AskDPW@RichmondGov.com

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