

Downtown Streetscape Meeting Planned

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HARRISONBURG — The city has scheduled a preconstruction public information meeting for anyone, particularly business owners, interested in the next leg of downtown improvements.

Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance and the city's contractor, Faulconer Construction of Charlottesville, will join city staff for a presentation June 30 at Massanutten Regional Library's downtown branch.

The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m.

The \$1.1 million project will bring sidewalk improvements, the addition of curb ramps, new landscaping and more along the west side of Main Street from Bruce Street to Court Square. A mix of state and local funds will pay for the work.

Construction is set to start next month and wrap up in December.

The improvements are part of the larger downtown streetscape plan, which was revised last month. The revised document will go before City Council for public comment and review on July 8.

It serves as a comprehensive guide for the downtown area, covering pedestrian and bicyclist safety, aesthetic improvements, signage and more.

The city finished the first phase of the streetscape project in 2010, which brought upgrades to the east side of Main Street from Bruce to Elizabeth streets.

The plan is available at www.harrisonburgva.gov.

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