



City Manager's Office

P. O. Box 3300 ♦ Danville, Virginia 24543 ♦ Telephone (434) 799-5100 ♦ Fax (434) 799-6549

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2013

City will present preliminary plans for walking trail in the River District

The city of Danville will hold two citizen information meetings on Thursday, Oct. 10, to present preliminary plans for connecting the Riverwalk Trail from the north bank of the Dan River to the Main Street Plaza under construction on the river's south bank. A pedestrian lane across the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge would connect the two.

The meetings will be held at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building, which is located at 427 Patton St. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the plans and the options.

To create the pedestrian lane, the existing sidewalk on the bridge would be widened from five feet to 10 feet, according to preliminary plans. A safety barrier would separate the pedestrian lane from vehicular traffic.

The project includes plans to widen the sidewalk on River Street to provide a path from the north end of the bridge to the trail. At the Main Street Plaza, a pedestrian signal would be installed at Patton and Bridge streets.

In addition to the trail connection, the project includes the construction of restrooms at the plaza.

Under the current timetable, construction would begin in the spring.

The River District Development Project is in its third year. The city has adopted design guidelines for the look and feel of buildings in the district. Construction continues on two phases of streetscape improvements. Last month, a parking study was presented.

For a full listing of project activities, visit www.riverdistrictdanville.com.

END