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**City and VDOT to Begin Construction on
Midlothian Turnpike and German School Road**

~ \$45 million project to begin on January 3 ~

RICHMOND, VA – On Monday, January 3, the city of Richmond and VDOT will begin the final phase of an extensive project designed to alleviate flooding along a two mile stretch of Midlothian Turnpike from Covington Street to Chippenham Parkway. The improvements include pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and most significantly, a closed drainage system to allow rain water to flow underneath the road and out into Reedy Creek.

Even before the city annexed approximately 23 miles of Reedy Creek from Chesterfield County in 1970, Midlothian Turnpike and German School Road had been prone to flooding during heavy rains. Since that time, the city has completed numerous phases of a massive initiative to remedy the situation. In 2008, the city finished a project to widen the creek near German School Road enabling it to take on more water, thus eliminating flooding in that immediate area. The upcoming construction will also include turn lanes, landscaping, lighting, pavement reconstruction and upgraded traffic signals. At the same time, the city will make additional improvements on German School Road from Glenway Drive to Warwick Road. The project will include the addition of a center turn lane, curb, gutter, sidewalk, bicycle lanes, landscaping and drainage improvements.

These two projects have been among the city's top priorities for 16 years. The cost for the Midlothian Turnpike portion of the project is \$31.5 million. The German School Road project will cost \$13.6 million. Both projects are fully funded, with two percent coming from the city, 18 percent from VDOT and the remaining 80 percent from the federal government.

Construction is expected to be completed in two years. At least two lanes in each direction will remain open to traffic at all times.

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