

Dinkel Avenue Roadwork Begins

Pedestrian Safety Eyed At Bridgewater College

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Though not as soon as Bridgewater officials had hoped, construction began this week on a road project to increase pedestrian safety around the town's namesake college.

A&J Development and Excavation of Harrisonburg started work on the Dinkel Avenue traffic-calming improvements Monday.

On average, more than 10,000 vehicles, including tractor-trailers, traverse the two-lane road that bisects Bridgewater College every day, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The town awarded a \$380,000 bid to A&J last month under a 75day contract, which means construction should be complete in late October.

"We always try to finish ahead of schedule, but we have to figure in weather days and things like that," project manager Eric Hinkle said.

Hinkle expects traffic disruptions to be minimal, if there are any at all.

The improvements between North Third Street on the western side of BC's campus and College View Drive to the east include a stamped median and stamped crosswalks to look and feel like bricks. It also features bump-outs and landscaping.

Town officials had hoped the project could be complete before the start of the fall semester, which begins Sept. 6.

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