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Work On Dinkel Avenue To Start Soon

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BRIDGEWATER — Work will soon begin on a road project that aims to make traversing campus safer for [Bridgewater](#) College students.

The town awarded a \$380,000 bid on Friday to A&J Development and Excavation of Harrisonburg to complete a planned "traffic calming" project on Dinkel Avenue, which bisects the [college](#).

According to a Virginia Department of Transportation estimate, an average of 10,000 vehicles per day used the roadway in 2009, the most recent year for which figures were available.

The improvements between North Third Street

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In October

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and **College** View Drive include a stamped median and stamped crosswalks to look and feel like bricks. It also features bump-outs and landscaping.

Town and **college** officials had hoped the project could be completed before the fall semester starts next month, but it probably won't be finished until October, according to **Bridgewater** Superintendent Bob Holton.

Eric Hinkle, project manager with A& J, said construction should begin within three weeks.

Hinkle said he expects traffic disruptions to be minimal, if there are any at all. He said both lanes of traffic should be open at all times.

"There may be some instances where we have to hold traffic for no more than a couple minutes," he said. "I expect it will have two-way traffic most of the time."

Though Holton described the project as beneficial, he said some people probably won't be happy about traffic moving slower in the area.

Bridgewater College officials, however, are looking forward to it.

"Obviously, it's their project. It's not ours, but it will benefit **Bridgewater** College in a lot of ways," BC spokeswoman Abbie Parkhurst said. "From a safety perspective, it's great. It's also, based on the plans I've seen, very aesthetically pleasing."

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