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Subject: Re-Opening of Fall Hill Avenue at the Rappahannock Canal

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Fall Hill Avenue has been re-opened to vehicular traffic at the Rappahannock Canal. The pedestrian tunnel that runs under the bridge and connects the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail and the Rappahannock Canal Path is also open.

The street has been closed since February 12 to permit the demolition of the deteriorated bridge over the canal and construction of a new bridge. In addition to the tunnel, which will permit pedestrians and cyclists enjoying the City's trail system to cross under the bridge protected from vehicular traffic, the bridge also has sidewalks on both sides. A new pedestrian bridge across the canal, north of the main bridge, was also constructed as part of the project.

The re-opening of the street represents an earlier substantial completion of the project than previously anticipated. The target date for completion was initially November 10 and that date had been extended due to time lost to inclement weather, primarily in February and March.

Completion of all work on the project will occur in the next month, but remaining work can be performed without disrupting traffic on the bridge.

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