



MEMORANDUM

TO: Property Owners, Residents and Businesses in the Fall Hill Avenue Corridor Between Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) and Interstate 95

FROM: Doug Fawcett, Director of Public Works

DATE: December, 2013

SUBJECT: Replacement of the Fall Hill Avenue Bridge over the Rappahannock Canal - UPDATE

The City of Fredericksburg will soon move forward with the replacement of the Fall Hill Avenue Bridge over the Rappahannock Canal, near the Friends of the Rappahannock offices and the western end of the Rappahannock Canal Path. As has been previously announced, this project will require the closure of Fall Hill Avenue to vehicular traffic at the construction site for several months. The purpose of this memo is provide an update and time line for the project.

By no later than Friday, January 3, 2014

Signs will be installed in the Normandy Village neighborhood directing bicyclists and walkers on the Rappahannock Canal Path and Rappahannock River Heritage Trail through the neighborhood to get from one trail to the other. The alternate route connecting the two trails will be via Linden Avenue, Hanson Avenue and Normandy Avenue to the pedestrian bridge across the Canal. This alternate route will remain in use until the new bridge over the canal is open to public use. The new bridge will have a pedestrian underpass to connect the two trails.

On or about Monday, January 6, 2014

American Infrastructure, the contractor employed by the city to demolish the current bridge and build the new bridge, will mobilize and begin operations. The contractor will be using the gravel parking lot near the Gordon W. Shelton pedestrian bridge over the canal for staging and storage of materials during the project, so both this lot and the pedestrian bridge itself will be closed to public use for the duration of the project.

For the remainder of January and into early February, the contractor will perform work that does not require the closure of Fall Hill Avenue. Also, during the last week of January, variable message signs will be placed on the various approaches to the project site to inform motorists of the pending closure of Fall Hill Avenue at the canal.

Week of February 2-6, 2014

Detour signs will be erected and covered and the final round of public notices will be made (with an emphasis on the detour route.)

**Replacement of the Fall Hill Avenue Bridge over the Rappahannock Canal – UPDATE
December, 2013**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 9:00AM

Fall Hill Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic at the Rappahannock Canal and will remain closed at this point for the duration of the project. All motorists will need to use the detour (see attached map) to access points on the opposite side of the canal from their current location.

Monday, November 10, 2014

This is the contract date for re-opening of Fall Hill Avenue at the canal. (Note: There are both incentives for early completion of the project and penalties for missing this deadline in the City's contract with American Infrastructure. It is possible that Fall Hill Avenue will re-open earlier than this date, but this cannot be assured.

Some additional important information:

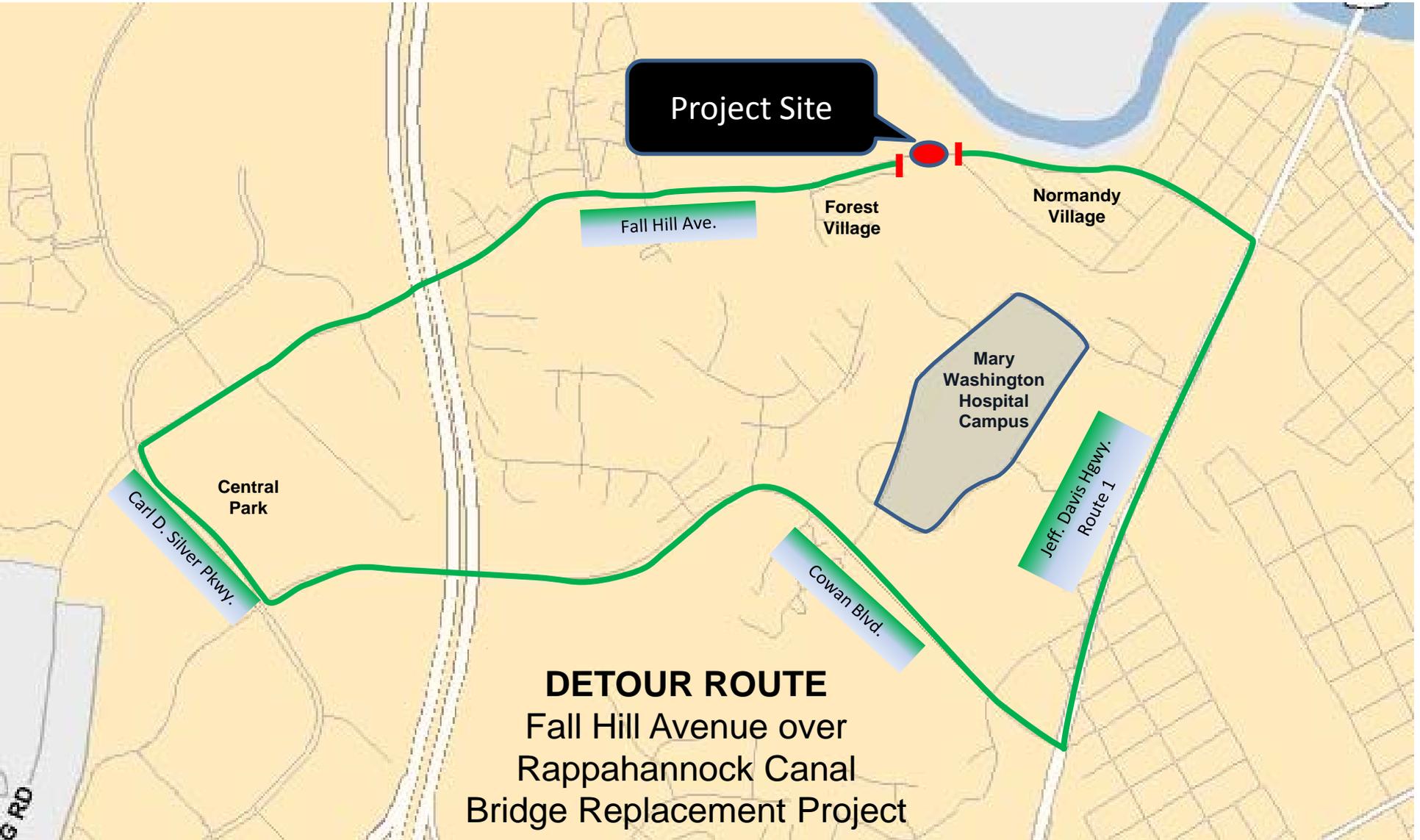
- **All** properties along Fall Hill Avenue will be accessible during the project. Fall Hill Avenue will be closed only in the immediate vicinity of the canal.
- Despite all efforts to inform the travelling public of the February 12 closure of Fall Hill Avenue at the canal, some motorists will not learn of the closure until they have attempted to cross the canal on or after February 12. This may result in some increase in traffic in the Normandy Village neighborhood in the period immediately after the closure, as these motorists work their way back toward Jefferson Davis Highway. However, this increase in traffic (if any) should dissipate as more motorists realize that the roadway is closed and no longer attempt to cross the bridge.
- Regular project updates will be issued during the project. These updates will appear in local media and will be posted on the City's website (www.fredericksburgva.gov).

We understand that this project will create inconvenience for not only the travelling public, but also, to an even greater extent, to those who live, work and operate their businesses in the Fall Hill Avenue corridor. The option of undertaking the project while maintaining traffic flow on Fall Hill Avenue was studied, but that proved to be infeasible from both a financial and a traffic management perspective.

We appreciate your patience during the project and believe that everyone will be pleased with the new bridge once it is built and in use.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department:

By telephone: 540-372-1023 and ask to speak with either Doug Fawcett or David King.
By e-mail: dfawcett@fredericksburgva.gov , dking@fredericksburgva.gov



Project Site

Fall Hill Ave.

Forest Village

Normandy Village

Mary Washington Hospital Campus

Central Park

Carl D. Silver Pkwy.

Cowan Blvd.

Jeff. Davis Hgwy. Route 1

DETOUR ROUTE
Fall Hill Avenue over
Rappahannock Canal
Bridge Replacement Project