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Governor Street security, pedestrian enhancement project to begin July 15

~ Project will increase security in bustling pedestrian area at the center of the Capitol Complex ~

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services today announced its contractors will begin work July 15 on a security and pedestrian enhancement project along Governor Street. The project will increase security in a busy pedestrian area, as well as provide greening and seating at the center of the Capitol Complex.

Governor Street will be closed to all but emergency, law enforcement and construction vehicles beginning July 15. Portions of the street will be under construction at various times, but the east side of the street, including the pedestrian sidewalk, will remain a construction area through early 2020 when the project is expected to be completed. The west sidewalk along Governor Street will remain open for pedestrians.

“This area is in the heart of the government complex, so it is imperative that we ensure the safety and security of our state employees, elected officials and the public who use it every day,” said **Joe Damico, Director of the Department of General Services**. “Safety is our first priority, and we remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings and use caution when walking in this or any construction area.”

The security enhancements include a Division of Capitol Police post located near the intersection of Governor and Broad streets, and two additional gate arms to restrict vehicle traffic along Governor Street. Pedestrian enhancements include greening and seating along a

portion of Governor Street.

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