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### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit**

#### **“Removing Barriers and Achieving the Vision”**

**STAUNTON (October 30, 2018)** — The Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO), in partnership with the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, will conduct the 2018 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on November 2, 2018, at the Hotel Madison.

Each year, the Bike-Walk Summit brings together a broad range of partners who are working to make Harrisonburg and Rockingham County a great biking and walking community to live in and visit. This year the theme is "Removing Barriers and Achieving the Vision," with a keynote address from Max Hepp-Buchanan, Executive Director of Bike Walk RVA. His talk will focus on Richmond's growing community of walkers and cyclists, and its commitment to building a complete network of sidewalks, paths and protected bike lanes throughout the capital region. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees. The JMU Institute for Constructive Advocacy and Dialogue will facilitate the Summit.

The summit will begin with a social breakfast for attendees, and include a networking lunch. In addition to the keynote address from Mr. Hepp-Buchanan, there will be a welcome address from Harrisonburg City Manager, Eric Campbell. Throughout the day there will be interactive sessions with attendees to generate ideas for the community based on what we learn about Bike Walk RVA's efforts. Attendees will also develop priorities and set goals to achieve the region's vision. A summit social will follow at Pale Fire Brewing.

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