



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations

REEDIE DRIVE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Project to Begin November 2012

PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming streetscape /pedestrian safety improvements on Reedie Drive in Wheaton, between Georgia Avenue (MD 97) and Veirs Mill Road (MD 586). This newsletter also briefly describes the features of the streetscape project and the maintenance of traffic during construction.

INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations (DTEO) performed a pedestrian road safety audit (PRSA) along this 800-foot segment of Reedie Drive in April 2010. This study identified recommendations for enhancing traffic and pedestrian safety, based on the history of pedestrian crashes between 2004 through 2008.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Contractors will install concrete medians and islands with marked crosswalks along this stretch of Reedie Drive at Grandview Avenue and at Triangle Lane. This includes curb extension, gutter and sidewalk modifications, lighting improvements, new trees and landscaping, and the resurfacing of the roadway.

Additional minor roadway repairs may be necessary as the work progresses

(please see photos on the right). MCDOT's Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) will be managing the upcoming streetscape project as well as providing inspection for quality assurance and quality control.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

Phase 1A: Construction crews will shift two-way traffic slightly to the south while work takes place on the north side of Reedie Drive between Grandview Avenue and Triangle Lane. During this phase, the sidewalk in this area will be closed.

Phase 1B: Work will continue on the north side of Reedie Drive between Triangle Lane and Georgia Avenue. During this phase, the sidewalk in this area will be closed. An additional Reedie Drive pedestrian crossing will be provided at Grandview Avenue. During this phase (and permanently), two-way access will be provided to Dunkin Donuts via Triangle Lane.

Phase 2: Work will shift to the south side of Reedie Drive between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue, while two-way traffic shifts slightly to the north. During this phase, a suitable pedestrian pathway will still be provided on the south side of Reedie Drive.



Figure 1: Median Construction



Figure 2: New Crosswalk



Figure 3: Curb Extension

Phase 3: During this phase, construction will begin on the new medians and islands along Reddie Drive. Access will be maintained for all drivers and pedestrians during this phase using a flagging operation and temporary one-lane closures.

Phase 4: Construction crews will mill and repave (i.e., replace the existing asphalt surface) Reddie Drive between Veirs Mill Road and Georgia Avenue. This will follow with the installation of new pavement markings and signs. Access will be maintained for all drivers and pedestrians during this phase.

SCHEDULE

This project is scheduled to begin on or about October 29, 2012, and will take approximately four weeks to complete, weather permitting. The streetscape

project and associated repair work will be scheduled between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Temporary traffic control devices will remain in place until the project is completed.

IMPACTS

All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The contractor will maintain transit / bus access throughout construction, as well as the existing turning movements for all driveways and entrances. Also, the contractor will remove temporary drums from the roadway at the end of each work day.

This project will necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted

identifying such restrictions. Access to businesses will be available at all times; however minor delays may be experienced as flaggers manually direct traffic safely through the work zone.

This type of project is generally characterized by some noise and dust. DTE will continuously work with the contractor to monitor the work zone and keep the site in suitable condition for all modes of travel.

We are confident that Wheaton residents and users of Reddie Drive will welcome the results of this project.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to improve this roadway for residents and users.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that while repair work is proceeding, construction vehicles will be moving around. Some materials may be stored in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone. Children may be attracted to the noise and machinery, so please keep them under supervision at all times, even after the work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flaggers and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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