



The Avenue

Revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue



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PICTURE THIS | Look into what we have been doing...



1. Construction Manager Ben Lineberry, Project Engineer Luan Tran & Program Manager Udeh Maduabuchi at the public meeting.
2. Color rendering of landscape plan
3. Manhole excavation on Pennsylvania Avenue.
4. Variable Message Signs (VMS) that are placed throughout the project's impact area.

UPDATE | What's happening...

Since we began work on the Pennsylvania Avenue Project during the week of December 28, 2009, we have:

- Worked in Pre-Phase I and set up temporary lanes closures to allow for the installation of utilities, water mains and storm drains. These temporary lane closures will last until late spring/early summer, at which time we will switch to permanent lane closures.
- Held an informational meeting on January 26, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church for the leaders of the community and the businesses/residents along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor.
- Met with several homeowners to explain the impact the project will have on their property.

CONSIDER THIS:

As construction on this project picks up and delays increase, consider alternate routes for commuting to the city!

Alternate routes include:

- Rt. 4 & exit at Suitland Parkway
- Rt. 4 & L on Good Hope Road on to the 11th Street Bridge
- Highway 50 to New York Avenue

FAQ | What you should know...



Q: Is the primary goal of the Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Project to slow down or eliminate traffic?

A: Great Streets designs incorporate a combination of innovative engineering techniques, safety improvements, and a comprehensive look at the needs of the community and the corridor. In the Pennsylvania Avenue SE design left-lanes will minimize back-ups; the median will slow down vehicles; and the added traffic signals provide efficient safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Q: Will there be sidewalks along the full-length of the project?

A: Yes. Sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of the corridor for the full length of the project.

Q: Will the new median change the way I turn into my driveway?

A: Yes. With the median, residents and business owners will have to pass their property, make a U-turn and make a right into the driveway. However, driveways will be widened to allow for easier right turns.

Q: Will the installation of new sidewalks decrease the size of property at all?

A: No. All new sidewalks will be constructed in DDOT right-of-way and will not take any of the property owned by residents.

Q: Will the width of the lanes be affected by the median?

A: Yes. The lanes will be reduced to accommodate the median.

Q: How will water mains be affected?

A: The existing DCWASA water mains will be replaced at various locations throughout the project and will require brief shutdown periods when the new water mains are being connected. Homeowners will be given proper notification by DCWASA prior to shutoffs.

Q: Will the median block the firehouse or firetrucks from exiting?

A: No. The median will break in front of the firehouse to allow the trucks to back in and out normally.

Q: Will parking be eliminated along Pennsylvania Avenue?

A: Parking will be eliminated on Pennsylvania Avenue once the project is complete.

Contact us at our office at 202.582.0851 with any additional questions you have about this project! Also, feel free to stop by our construction office located at 2410 Minnesota Avenue SE.

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