

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



January 18, 2024

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has identified a sidewalk gap on your street that we intend to fill. Sidewalks improve safety for pedestrians by providing a place to walk outside of the roadway. As part of Mayor Bowser's Vision Zero initiative, new sidewalks are being built across the District of Columbia to improve pedestrian safety and access.

In accordance with the *Priority Sidewalk Assurance Act of 2010* and the *District Department of Transportation Sidewalk Policy (2015)*, DDOT shall provide notice to adjacent property owners, the affected ANC, and affected Councilmembers no less than 60 days prior to the construction of new sidewalk. Additionally, DDOT is also required to provide a 30-day period for public comment on the proposed design of the sidewalk. The sidewalk design plans will be shared with you for your review at least 30 days before construction.

Proposed work may include but is not limited to installation of new concrete sidewalks, low retaining walls, new driveway aprons, and new curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. DDOT will work with property owners and residents to maintain access to adjacent homes and all construction will take place within the public Right-of-Way. Before work begins, you may want to relocate plants or other objects in the public sidewalk area adjacent to your property (about 12 feet back of curb) as they will be impacted by the sidewalk construction. The DDOT contractor will work with you to minimize these impacts.

Due to the nature of the work, curbside parking may be restricted during construction hours. "No Parking" signs will be posted seventy-two (72) hours prior to construction in those areas. All work will be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is anticipated that construction on your block would last about one week.

If you have questions, please contact me at (202) 285-7791 or by email at karyn.mcalister@dc.gov. Also, please visit the Sidewalk Gap Program website at sidewalkgap.ddot.dc.gov for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karyn McAlister'.

Karyn McAlister
Sidewalk Gap Program Manager