

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



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ANC 3E
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5425 Western Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 2001
Via Email: 3E03@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 21-51-PSD

Re: Belt Road NW In-Street Sidewalk Project

Dear Chairperson Bender,

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

Installation of In-Street Sidewalk on Belt Road between Davenport Street and Fessenden Street in Northwest DC

BACKGROUND AND CURRENT CONDITION

The blocks of Belt Road between Fessenden and Davenport connect residents to several high-volume pedestrian activity centers including Fort Reno Park, Deal Middle School, and Wilson High School, but there is no sidewalk on either side of Belt Road. DDOT has wanted to complete the sidewalk network along Fort Reno Park for some time, but the location presents some challenges. The public right-of-way is very constrained on the west side of Belt Road from Davenport to Fessenden, with homeowners' front or back yards directly adjacent to the public right-of-way. The east side of Belt Road is directly adjacent to National Park Service Property and this public space is currently used as unregulated parking.

The National Park Service does not allow building on Park Service property, a fact confirmed by Nick Bartolomeo, Chief of Resource Management, Rock Creek Park District, National Park Service. It was determined that due to the unregulated parking in the public right-of-way on the east side of Belt Road an in-street protected sidewalk connection could be installed here. Since a sidewalk exists on the west side of Belt Road from Davenport to the intersection at 41st Street and Chesapeake Street NW, the in-street sidewalk will be connected to the traditional sidewalk on the west side with crosswalks and ADA ramps.

Figures 1-3 show the current conditions experienced by pedestrians and the unregulated parking in the public right-of-way on Belt Road.



Figure 1: Pedestrians on Belt Road



Figure 2: View of unregulated parking on the east side of Belt looking north.



Figure 3: View of unregulated parking on the east side of Belt at Ellicott looking south.

PROPOSED ACTION

DDOT intends to install a protected, in-street sidewalk on Belt Road between Davenport Street and Fessenden Street in Northwest Washington DC. Figure 4 is an example of a protected in-street sidewalk on Tilden Street NW.



Figure 4: Photos of Tilden Street NW in-street sidewalk

PROPOSED CONDITION FESSENDEN TO DAVENPORT

- The 6' sidewalk will be installed on the east side of Belt Road along National Park Service property from Davenport to Fessenden Street.
- The current unregulated parking will be eliminated, and parking will not be allowed on the east side of Belt in order to install the sidewalk.
- The sidewalk will be in the roadway, buffered with flexposts and concrete parking stops every 11 feet.
- ADA compliant ramps and detectable warning surfaces will be installed in the following locations:
 - North side of Davenport crossing Belt
 - On Belt Road crossing Donaldson at both the north and south leg of the intersection.

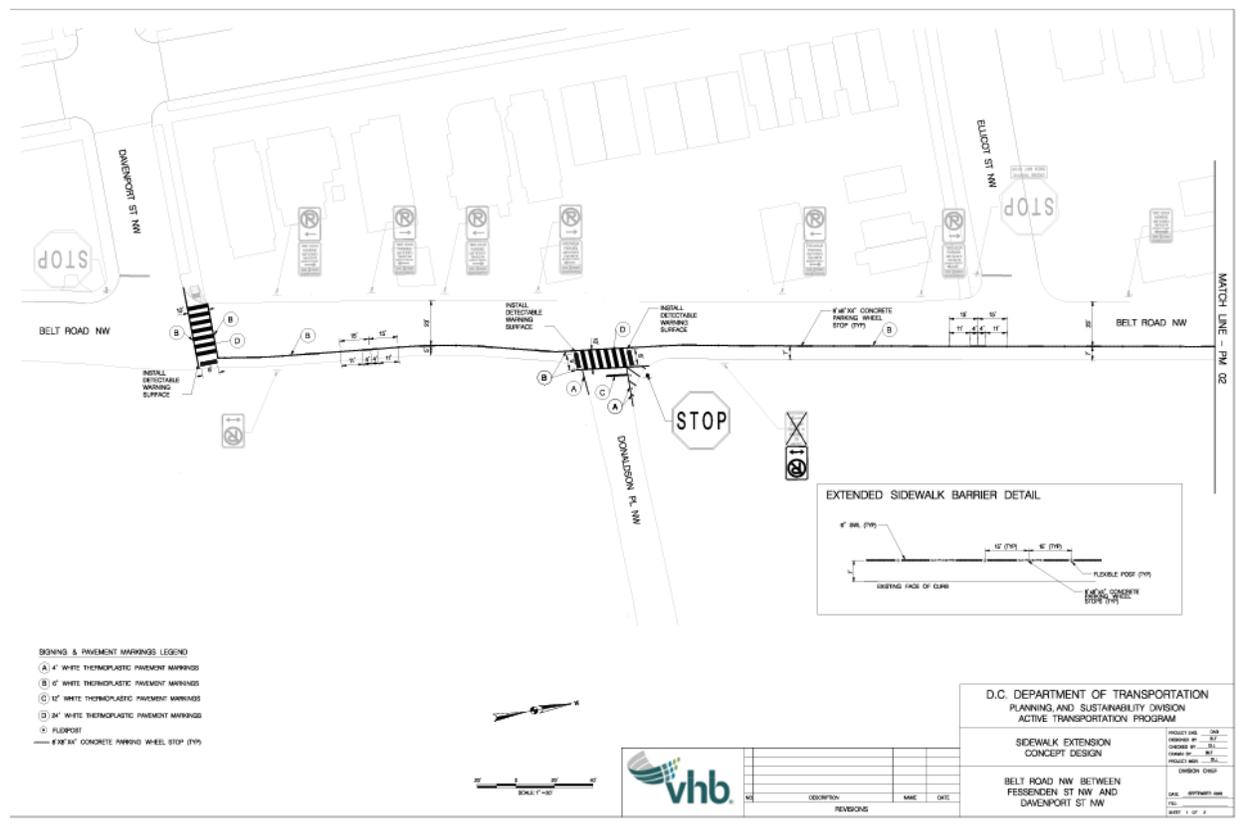


Figure 5: Current design of Belt Road in-street sidewalk

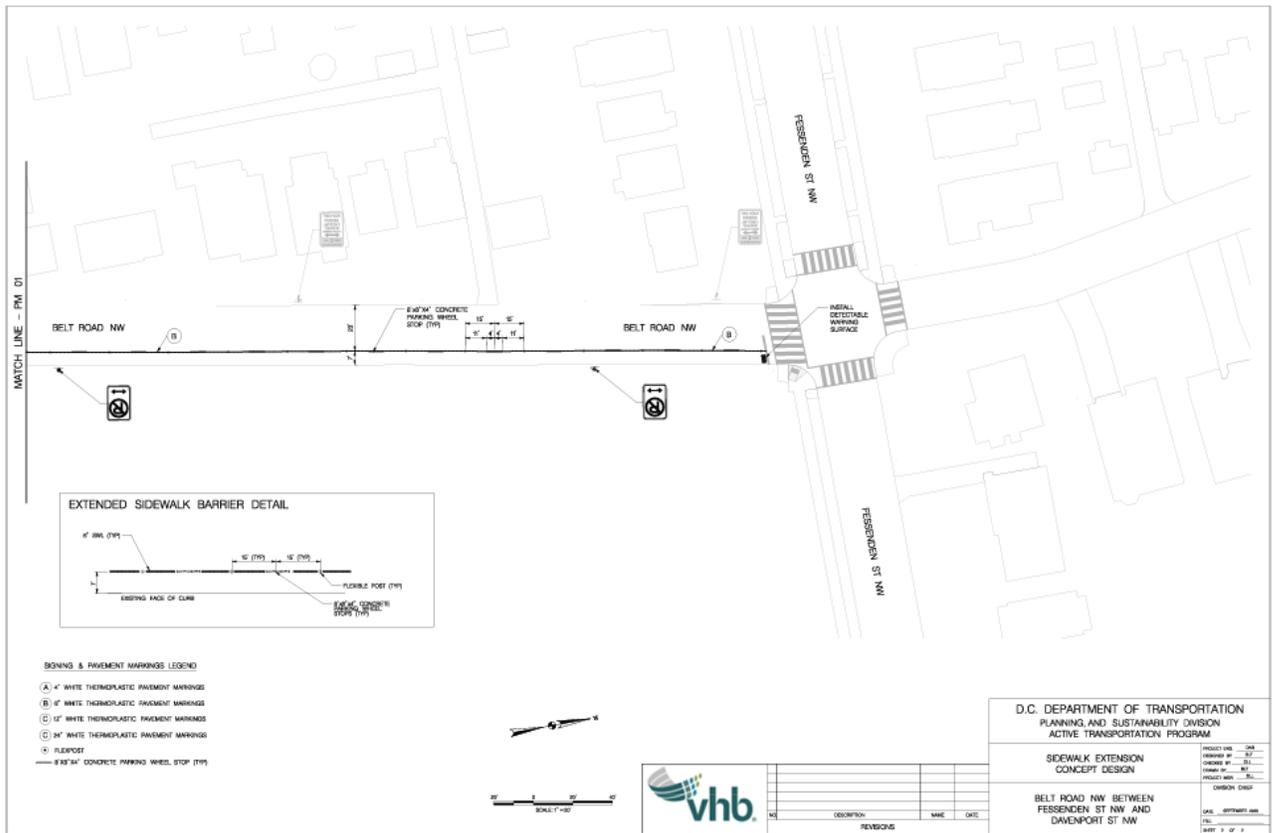


Figure 6: Current design of Belt Road in-street sidewalk

PROJECT BENEFITS

DDOT anticipates the following benefits:

- A safer route for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Reduction of cut-through vehicle traffic
- A contiguous and safe facility for users of all ages and abilities.

COMMENTS

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by April 23 (fifty-one business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 55 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Notice+of+Intent>

If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,



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If you need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Karen Randolph at 202-671-2620 or Karen.Randolph@dc.gov.

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Si necesita ayuda en Español, por favor llame al 202-671-2700 para proporcionarle un intérprete de manera gratuita.

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Este documento contiene información importante. Si necesita ayuda en Español o si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, por favor llame al 202-671-2620. Infórmele al representante de atención al cliente el idioma que habla para que le proporcione un intérprete sin costo para usted. Gracias.

AIDE LINGUISTIQUE

Si vous avez besoin d'aide en Français appelez-le 202-671-2700 et l'assistance d'un interprète vous sera fournie gratuitement.

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Nếu quý vị cần giúp đỡ về tiếng Việt, xin gọi 202-671-2700 để chúng tôi thu xếp có thông dịch viên đến giúp quý vị miễn phí.

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언어 지원

한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하신 경우 202-671-2700로 연락을 주시면 무료로 통역이 제공됩니다.

안내

이 안내문은 중요한 내용을 담고 있습니다. 한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하시거나 질문이 있으실 경우 202-671-2700 로 연락을 주십시오. 필요하신 경우, 고객 서비스 담당원에게 지원 받고자 하는 언어를 알려주시면, 무료로 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다. 감사합니다.

語言協助

如果您需要用（中文）接受幫助，請電洽202-671-2700，將免費向您提供口譯員服務

重要通知

本文件包含重要資訊。如果您需要用（中文）接受幫助或者對本通知有疑問，請電洽202-671-2700。請告訴客戶服務部代表您所說的語言，會免費向您提供口譯員服務。謝謝！