



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

Fernwood Road Paving Project

Project to Begin Soon, Includes Road Patching, Milling and Paving.

PURPOSE

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming road pavement repairs and resurfacing of Fernwood Road in Bethesda, from Rockledge Drive to Democracy Boulevard, and to describe the process. This pavement system preservation project employs long term strategies to preserve and enhance the physical and operating conditions of the roadway system as it exists and assures a system serviceable for many years. This project falls under the County's Primary/Arterial Roadway Resurfacing Program.

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Highway Services (DHS) maintains over 5,108 lane miles of streets and highways in the county's transportation system. As part of our pavement system preservation efforts, MCDOT initiated a new Pavement Management System in 2008. At that time, MCDOT concluded a complete condition inventory of all County roads, identifying and rating the condition of each. This new system has enabled the development of County-wide road resurfacing schedules based on a formula based objective rating system coupled with budgetary parameters.

SCHEDULE

The project is expected to start on or about the week of August 5, 2013 and will take approximately eight weeks to complete, weather permitting. Working hours for this project will be between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Please visit our website to check on

project status updates.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Overall, pavement conditions of Fernwood Road were generally rated as fair, with some areas described as needing more attention. This rating meets the criteria for Primary/Arterial Roadway Preservation using hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Conduct survey — MCDOT inspectors will identify areas of the roadway that, prior to resurfacing, may require full depth asphalt patching of the pavement or other repairs. Areas of distressed concrete will also be marked for repair/replacement.



Typical paint markings.

2. Concrete Repairs -

Distressed areas of concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk within the work zone will be repaired or replaced.

3. Full Depth Patching — Full depth patching restores the pavement's structural integrity and capacity to support vehicle loads. The areas of distressed pavement marked by the MCDOT inspectors is removed and replaced by new pavement. The final paving of the road will cover these patched areas.

4. Pavement milling, edge and full width - Edge milling/grinding off the edges of the existing pavement near curbs and



Typical milling operation

driveways allows the new pavement to match the level of the existing curbs, etc. In this case, the entire surface of the roadway will be milled off to a depth of 1"-2" to restore the proper highway cross-section and to improve rideability and drainage. The new pavement will provide a smoother ride and assure positive drainage.

5. Utility Adjustments - Sewer and storm drain manholes, water valves and gas valves, and other underground utility access covers need to be elevated to the same grade as the proposed pavement; usually 1" to 2". During construction activities, all utility surface adjustments will be maintained by the placement of temporary HMA ramps until placement of the final paving occurs.

6. Crack Sealing - An additional step may be necessary to clean and seal large cracks that may not require full depth patching. A flexible filler material is injected into the cracks, filling voids and



Typical asphalt paving operation

preventing water damage.

7. Paving with hot mix asphalt - Asphalt is delivered to the site in dump trucks. The hot material is then transferred into the hopper of an asphalt paving machine such as the one depicted in the photo below. The paving machine places the hot asphalt in a uniform thickness and provides initial compaction. Following placement, steel wheeled rollers complete the compaction effort until field testing indicates that all relevant specifications have been met.

8. Replace roadway lane markings - Permanent lane markings, if existing prior to paving, will be replaced shortly after paving operations.

IMPACTS

Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times utilizing lane closures. Street paving will necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted identifying such restrictions. Access to residences will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as workers restrict traffic from freshly placed hot mix asphalt.

Generally speaking this work is best characterized as noisy and disruptive. However, MCDOT and its contractors will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences this work may cause.

Quality control for the entire project will be managed by County inspection staff to ensure that the project meets County specifications.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to improve Fernwood Road for residents and users.



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NOTICE OF FERNWOOD ROAD PAVING PROJECT IN BETHESDA

SAFETY NOTICE

Please drive gently and safely through the work site and kindly remember that while repair work is underway personnel and construction vehicles will be moving around the site. 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 we ask that you please keep all children under close 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 MCDOT CONTACTS

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Should your questions be of a more general nature please contact Customer Service at 240-777-6000.

DHS Email: mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov

Resurfacing Schedule and Status Webpage:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/roadmaint/Pavement_Management/index.html

DHS Website:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-highway/index.html>

On the Highway Services Map, click on the **Bethesda Service Area**, where you will find additional roadway maintenance projects scheduled in your area.

Project Work Zone

