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Kensington Heights Community Concrete Repairs (Phase 2)

Project to Begin Soon, Driveway Apron and Lead Walk Repair Program to be Offered to Homeowners

INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming roadside concrete curb and sidewalk repairs in the Kensington Heights subdivision.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation (DOT), Division of Highway Services (DHS) is responsible for maintaining over 5,085 lane-miles of streets in Montgomery County. Many of those streets are in neighborhoods such as yours, and include concrete sidewalks and/or curbs. The DOT conducts routine inspections of roads including adjacent sidewalks and curbs in an effort to maintain its transportation infrastructure. As a result of such inspections, DOT programs replacement of defective sections of sidewalk and/or curb to ensure structural integrity, proper drainage and to address possible tripping hazards.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Conduct field surveys to specifically identify areas of curbing and sidewalk in need of repair or replacement. Areas to be repaired or replaced will be marked with bright pink spray paint.
2. Remove and replace damaged sidewalk. This work activity will also ensure that curb ramps comply to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards to ensure access to all residents.
3. Remove and replace deteriorated, damaged and misaligned curb.
4. Replace driveway aprons of those residents taking advantage of the Driveway Apron and Lead Walk Repair Program. (see additional project notes).
5. Restore disturbed areas with soil, grass seed and straw mulch.

SCHEDULE

This project is expected to start on or about July 11, 2011 and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

IMPACTS

Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times utilizing alternate one-way traffic patterns, when necessary. However, minor traffic delays may be experienced as our flaggers manually direct traffic safely through the work zone.

This project may necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted in advance identifying such restrictions. Access to homes will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as workers reposition machinery or materials.

This type of comprehensive neighborhood system preservation project is generally characterized by some noise and low levels of dust. However, DOT will do its best to keep the site in good housekeeping order.

We apologize in advance for any unavoidable inconvenience this project may cause and appreciate your cooperation. We are confident that residents of Kensington Heights will welcome the results of this program.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT NOTES

Driveway Aprons and Lead Walks:

The sidewalk and curb replacement work will be performed by a private contractor under contract to the Department of Transportation. While our contractor is in your neighborhood performing repairs, you may want to take advantage of our popular **Driveway Apron and Lead Walk Repair Program**.

The driveway apron is defined as that portion of the driveway that is within the public right-of-way, generally from the curb to the back edge of the sidewalk or to the property line. The lead walk is the sidewalk that leads from the edge of the road to your property line and usually connects to the sidewalk that leads to your front door.

Montgomery County is not responsible for maintaining your driveway apron or lead walk because those elements provide access to your home and benefits only the property owner not the general public. County policy requires that the private property owner bear responsibility for the maintenance of the apron and associated drainage pipe, if present. The **Driveway Apron and Lead Walk Repair Program** allows homeowners to take advantage of the county's competitively bid contract prices (public procurement process) to repair your existing driveway apron or lead walk.

When work begins in your neighborhood, an Inspector will evaluate your apron or lead walk to determine if its condition qualifies you to exercise the replacement option. The Inspector will then leave instructions at your door.

If you do not find a notice left at your door and you believe that your apron or lead walk should be replaced, you may request an Inspector to review the condition of your apron. Please contact the Inspector while crews are working in your neighborhood or call the Project Manager.

Driveway apron and lead walk services are provided by the contractor at the square yard unit price established by the competitive bid process. The Inspector will measure your driveway apron or lead walk and provide you with the estimated cost, based on both the square yard unit price and those measurements.

CONCRETE REPAIR PROCESS

Defective concrete is removed

Forms are set

New concrete is poured into forms

Concrete is smoothed and finished

Completed sidewalk repair

IMPORTANT! Lawn Sprinkler Systems and Invisible Dog Fences

If your home has either a buried lawn sprinkler system or invisible-type dog fence installed, please make sure that the system DOES NOT extend into the county right-of-way. If it does, please mark the locations of buried pipe or wire so that our equipment can attempt to avoid it. However, such systems are NOT permitted by the County Code to be located in the right-of-way and neither the County nor its contractors are responsible for any damage to ANY systems located there. If you do not know the locations, look in your phone book under UTILITIES, UNDERGROUND CABLE, PIPE AND WIRE LOCATING SERVICE.

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NOTICE OF KENSINGTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONCRETE REPAIRS (Phase 2)

SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that while repair work is proceeding, construction personnel and construction equipment will be busy moving around throughout the neighborhood. Additionally, some materials may be stored in the area. Please drive gently and use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone for the safety of all involved in the work. Also, please be advised that children may be attracted to the noise and the machinery itself, so please keep all children under close supervision at all times, even after 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

The concrete repair work is managed by DHS personnel. Should you wish to contact us concerning the repairing of sidewalks, curbs or driveways in your community please contact:

Project Manager:	Adam Derrick	240-777-7637
Project Contractor:	M. Luis Construction	301-868-7416
Program Manager:	John Birton	240-777-7616

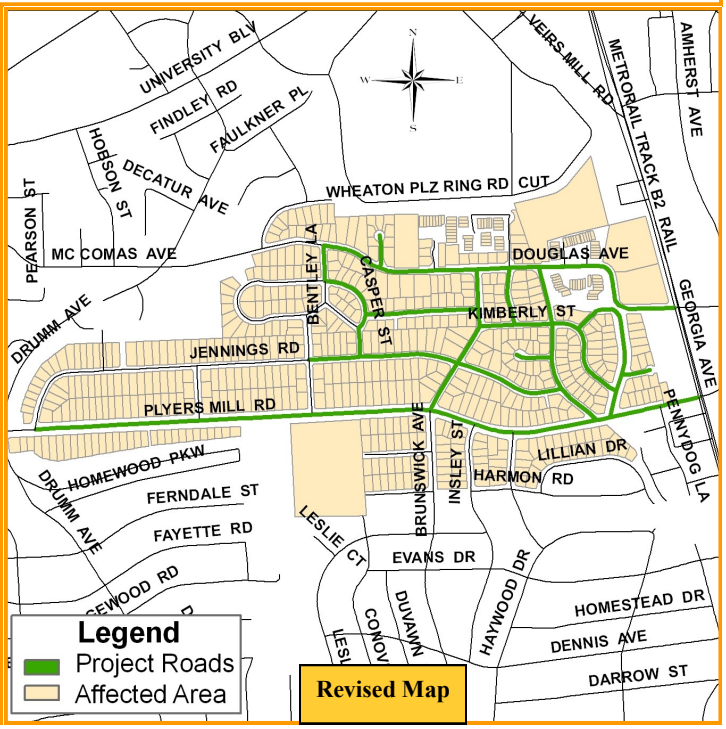
Should your questions be of a more general nature please contact Customer Service at 240-777-6000.

DHS Email: mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov

DHS Website:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/index.asp

On the map, click on the **Silver Spring Service Area**, where information is available describing the sidewalk and curb repair processes.



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