



Thistlebridge Concrete Repair & Replacement Project

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

INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is to update you of the upcoming roadside concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs of the Thistlebridge neighborhood. Please see the reserve for a map.

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Division of Highway Services (DHS) is responsible for maintaining nearly 5,200 lane-miles of streets in Montgomery County. Many of those streets are in neighborhoods such as yours, and include concrete sidewalks and/or curbs.

DHS conducts routine inspections of roads including adjacent sidewalks and curbs in an effort to maintain its transportation infrastructure. As a result of such inspections, MCDOT programs replacement of defective sections of sidewalk and/or curb to ensure structural integrity, proper drainage, and to address pedestrian safety.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

The general scope of work is 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 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 and gutter.
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 scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021 and will take 3-5 weeks to complete, weather permitting. All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 7 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, MCDOT 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 this community will welcome the results of this program.



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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—those elements provide access to your home and benefit 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



Concrete is smoothed and finished

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, please contact or call MC-311.

Driveway apron and lead walk services are provided by the contractor at the square foot unit price established by the competitive bid process. Should the property owner elect to participate in any further improvements outside of the County owned Right-of-Way, they must obtain all appropriate permits from the Department of Permitting Services.



SHOULD THE POLICE TOW YOUR VEHICLE, CONTACT THE POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER (301-279-8000)

DISCLAIMER: MCDOT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PRIVATE WORK

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve the county infrastructure for



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NOTICE OF THISTLEBRIDGE CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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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Should your questions be of a more general nature, please contact the MC311
Call Center by dialing 311 or 240-777-0311

DHS Email: mcdot.highway@montgomerycountymd.gov

DHS Website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/

On the county map, click on the **Gaithersburg East Service Area**, where you will find additional roadway maintenance projects scheduled in your area.

