



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

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Director

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RE: Proposed Sidewalk Installation
Rippling Brook Drive from Bel Pre Road to Existing Sidewalk

Dear Property Owners:

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has designated the **east side (odd-numbered properties) of Rippling Brook Drive** from **Bel Pre Road to the existing sidewalks** as a high-priority installation to tie existing sidewalks together and enhance pedestrian safety. MCDOT staff conducted an on-site field evaluation to identify and determine the feasibility of installing sidewalks on Rippling Brook Drive, which has a priority rating of 94.5 out of 100.

The Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) manages and administers the County's Annual Sidewalk Program for MCDOT. The Sidewalk Program's major goals are to provide safer access for people with disabilities and to improve pedestrian access to schools and nearby public transportation or public facilities. A public hearing may be required as part of the final decision-making process; however, if all adjacent residents agree to the installation, the public hearing can be bypassed and the vital safety project installed.

Please visit the project website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/RipplingBrookSidewalk/index.html>) to view the project documents, which include:

- An engineered concept drawing, which identifies the limits and installation specifications for the proposed sidewalk construction on Rippling Brook Drive, and
- The Sidewalk Inspection and Right-of-Way Construction Impacts report, which lists by address the specific installation impacts to the public right-of-way adjacent to your property.

Learn more about the Sidewalk Program's priority rating with its Frequently Asked Questions, which may be accessed on the Sidewalk Program's website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/index.html>).

If you would like to receive upcoming notifications and project documents via email or request that copies of the project documents be mailed to you, please contact Lori Main at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.



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If approved, the new sidewalks will be fully installed within the County's public right-of-way adjacent to your property. No trees will be impacted by the proposed sidewalk.

An on-site field meeting at your property may be scheduled to ask questions and discuss the impacts of the proposed installations on the public right-of-way. To schedule a field meeting, please email Construction Representative Daniel Hagos Kamara at DanielHagos.Kamara@montgomerycountymd.gov.

If the installations are approved, the proposed sidewalk will be field-marked, a construction notice will be mailed, and "no parking" signs will be erected with the potential installation date, weather permitting. A County Construction Manager will be available during the full construction process to answer questions and address any concerns you may have. Every effort will be made to cause as little disruption as possible to the construction area.

Your input is key to the success of a public infrastructure project because it helps the County understand the community's concerns. Please provide your valuable comments and questions by **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, via:

- the online comment, located on the Project Documents tab of the project website, link and QR code above, or
- via email to Planning Specialist Lori Main at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

No response from you within the designated timeframe will be considered an agreement to the proposed sidewalk installations.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of the proposed sidewalk project. I am confident that the proposed installation will greatly enhance pedestrian safety in your community.

Sincerely,



Robert Gonzales
Chief, Sidewalk Section