



### **Welcome to White Flint West Project News!**

White Flint West Project News is an email distribution list that provides frequent updates on the White Flint West project on a regular basis. The purpose of this distribution list is to provide updates on the current and future construction activities of the project as the project progresses. Project updates can also be found on the MCDOT Twitter feed, @MoCoDTE #WhiteFlintWest and <http://www.whiteflintproject.com>.

**Construction activities anticipated for the next month beginning October 4, 2020.**

**As of July 8, 2020, Executive Boulevard between Old Georgetown Road and Grand Park Avenue at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center is permanently closed; look for the "DETOUR" signs that are rerouting traffic.**

Corman Kokosing Construction Company presently uses the closed section of Executive Boulevard as a material and equipment staging area. No access to Old Georgetown Road exists from north/westbound Executive Boulevard after

Marinelli Road/Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. A right turn on Banneker Avenue from northbound Grand Park Avenue only leads to the Marriott Hotel back parking and loading areas. Access to Old Georgetown Road will resume once the Contractor completes the new section of Grand Park Avenue from Banneker Avenue to Old Georgetown Road—tentatively scheduled for completion by late December 2020. During the previous period inside the VOB Property, a Corman Kokosing pipe/utility crew installed drainage pipe and other drain structures within the limits of the new section of Grand Park Avenue; this process has moved the new roadway forward. Corman hopes to begin the process of “fine grading,” placing curb and gutter, and placing a base course of hot mix asphalt (HMA) paving by the first week of November 2020. Again, this would be weather permitting. Look for updates regarding progress on Grand Park Avenue.

As an additional reminder, starting at the T-Mobile entrance, Corman has closed the northbound right lane of Old Georgetown Road up through the front of the VOB property. Concrete “Jersey barriers” closing the lane will remain there until Corman completes the Grand Park Avenue extension. Because of this closure and the barriers, as of 2 September 2020, MCDOT Transit has moved the Ride-On Bus Stop and sign, once located in front of the old VOB Nissan Dealership showroom parking lot, 150’ to the east; the Ride-On Stop is now located past the old Dealership entrance. With the change, the stop is now ADA compliant, accessible to the pedestrian/bike pathway, and out of the way of any construction.

Corman Kokosing under the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract proceeds with other work on Executive Boulevard in order to facilitate both new storm drain system construction, telecommunication & signalization infrastructure installation, and work on the extension of Banneker Avenue. Banneker Avenue will cut across the Gables parking lot and eventually tie into Old Georgetown Road just north of the MNCPPC Aquatic Center rear service entrance. Future updates will provide progress on Banneker Avenue construction as the Contractor is only in the early stages of demolition and construction. Storm drain and storm water management (SWM) structure construction began in September along Executive Boulevard west of Marinelli Road. SWM work begins in this period as the Contractor places Micro Bio-retention facilities on Executive Boulevard between Nicholson Lane and Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

Over the next month, Verizon crews will continue with their cable/wire splicing and other telecom work along Towne Road. Verizon linemen and technicians in multiple vehicles will continue to install overhead cable and work in manholes in that project area. **Verizon should complete all of their work on Towne Road by winter, weather permitting.** In addition, look for Verizon crews working in other parts of the White Flint West project area including on Banneker Avenue, Executive Boulevard and Old Georgetown Road. Keep an eye out for their own lane closures and flagging operations as they are separate from Corman Kokosing and affiliated sub-contractor’s construction operations.

Anchor Construction, a Corman-Kokosing subcontractor, continues with their PEPCO related work in the northbound lanes of Old Georgetown Road between Nicholson/Tilden Lanes and Executive Boulevard; that work will continue for at least another month as the crew will eventually tie into the new PEPCO structure in the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard.

The Anchor crew that began work in the middle lanes of Old Georgetown Road on August 31, 2020 between Executive Boulevard and Grand Park Avenue continues to move east on Old Georgetown Road; they will eventually terminate their work just east of the Grand Park Avenue intersection. As they progress with their work, both the Anchor crews will tie up multiple lanes of Old Georgetown Road in the northbound and southbound directions for at least the next month; the second Anchor crew may finish a bit later. With all of this activity, please be patient with their lane closures

and subsequent delays on both Executive Boulevard and Old Georgetown Road. At any time during the day, all ongoing work could reduce northbound and southbound traffic on Old Georgetown Road to a single drive lane between Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Nicholson/Tilden Lanes. If you can avoid these sections of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard, you may wish to do so.

Corman Kokosing's own crews continue with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) water line upgrades known as Contract "E." As a reminder, all nighttime construction operations have been suspended. The contractor will provide seven days' notice before they resume nighttime operations; look for any future updates regarding night work, especially if the overnight work involves a temporary utility shut-off. The WSSC construction activities are proceeding during the daytime hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm in the northbound and southbound lanes of Old Georgetown Road north of Executive Boulevard, as well as the grassy area in front of the PALLAS Apartment Building. This work will continue with daytime multiple lane closures to facilitate excavation, pipe and structure placement, and backfilling. Periodically, one of Corman Kokosing's general construction crews will complete hot mix asphalt (HMA) paving to replace the roadway steel plates that cover trench work. Contract "E" work should be completed by mid-October 2020, weather permitting. Additional WSSC work is scheduled to begin on or about October 5, 2020. The new WSSC work consists of water and sewer upgrades on Towne Road between the cul-de-sac and Montrose Parkway. Again, look for further possible updates regarding any future nighttime construction operations or any extended hours as well as the new work on Towne Road.

Another Corman Crew began storm drain work on the Guardian Property at 6000 Executive Boulevard in the week of 30 August 2020. That work proceeds over the next month. Eventually the storm drain work will intrude into the lanes of Old Georgetown Road as well as the closed portion of Executive Boulevard. During the upcoming four weeks, the crew working on the Guardian Property will simultaneously be excavating on the south end of Towne Road close to the cul-de-sac.

Parking is still not permitted on either side of Towne Road, or in the cul-de-sac; especially with the uptick in construction activities. Violators will be subject to citations; violators impeding the construction will be towed.

In these active work zones, be sure to look for the orange warning signs, cones and arrow panels, and flaggers! Please pay attention to any temporary road closure(s), look for steel roadway plates, expect probable driving delays, and look for possible pedestrian detours as the multiple contractors conduct these ongoing field operations. White Flint West Project News will update all construction activities.

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