

The OREGON AVENUE OBSERVER

Best wishes for a safe & prosperous new year

from the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project Community Engagement Team

THE PROJECT UPDATE

The Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project team continues to perform at an accelerated level. From the kick-off meeting one year ago to the concurrent completion of Phase 1 and start of Phase 2, this team is working tirelessly to deliver a completed project that the community will proudly embrace. In order to continue to maintain the progress of the project, we advanced the start of Phase 3, Section 1, ahead of schedule.

The contractor will continue roadway work activities on Phase 2B from Military Road to Rittenhouse Street, residential side, and Phase 3 of the project between Tennyson Street and Oregon Knolls Drive. This strategic move will allow us to compensate for anticipated weather-related delays. During these times, we ask that you please remain alert while traveling along Oregon Avenue. We've included additional information on project detours, safety and awareness on the following page.

DC PLUG

The District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) initiative is jointly funded by Pepco and the District and is focused on the underground placement of up to 30 of the most vulnerable power distribution lines. In the face of increasingly severe storms, the DC PLUG initiative is expected to improve resiliency and reliability on selected feeders by an estimated 95%. As part of the DC PLUG initiative, residents will see activity in Public Space such as the installation of Transformer Enclosures, Switch Manholes and Tapholes.

- **Transformer Enclosures** are the facilities that house transformers.
 - There will be four Transformer Enclosures included in Phase 3:
 - M20 – Between 6310 Oregon Ave and 6300 Oregon Ave
 - M16 – Near 6120 Oregon Ave
- **Switch Manholes** are the facilities that house switches. Switches are used for sectioning and restoration of the main feeder segments that provide backup to another feeder. There will be 2 switch manholes and 7 manholes included in Phase 3.
- **Tapholes** are the facilities that provide a three-phase open point within a looped underground system. There will be 4 tapholes included in Phase 3.

For more information on the DC PLUG initiative, please visit www.dcpluginfo.com.



Transformer Enclosure



Switch Manhole



Taphole

NORI THE REPORTER

Hi, it's Nori The Reporter and here is your Oregon Ave Reconstruction Project update. The District Department of Transportation approved a revised schedule that will allow work to commence on Oregon Avenue between Tennyson St. NW and Oregon Knolls Dr. NW ahead of schedule, in an effort to deliver this project on time. Phase 3 construction activities began on the park side of Oregon Avenue NW, between Tennyson St. NW and Oregon Knolls Dr. NW behind the concrete barrier. Construction activities will take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. Although the roadway may be blocked to through traffic at times, access to driveways will be maintained at all times.



Please note that access to residences in the Knollwood and Chatsworth communities, as well as those homes on Oregon Avenue, will be maintained, unless notified and coordinated within a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Traffic controls and signage will be in place to safely guide all motorists through the work zone. Traffic attempting to travel on Oregon Avenue will follow the detour and signage in order to regain access in either direction on Oregon Avenue. Motorists are urged to use caution as they travel in these areas, anticipate moderate delays and be mindful of pedestrians and construction personnel.

For project updates and more visit our website, www.oregonavenueproject.com.

THE OBSERVER SAFETY INTERSECTION

Phase 3 of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project is advancing ahead of schedule. This is great news for residents along Oregon Avenue. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all motorists that construction activity is occurring on both Phase 2B (residential side from Military Rd. NW to Northampton St. NW) and the first section of Phase 3 (park side from Tennyson St. NW to Oregon Knolls Dr. NW). This concurrent construction will require two active detour routes and it is imperative that these detours are strictly adhered to. In Phase 3, motorist traveling northbound on Oregon Avenue will turn left on Tennyson Street, following the road to Utah Avenue. Proceed on Utah Avenue and make a right turn onto Western Avenue. Follow the detour signs along Western Avenue and turn right onto Beech Street. Motorists will regain access to northbound Oregon Avenue by making a right turn at Beech Street and Oregon Avenue. It is important to note that southbound travel along Oregon Avenue is still permitted from Western Avenue to Nebraska Avenue at which point the detour will safely guide motorists back to Military Road. With your continued help we can move forward with construction and complete these phases safely and on schedule.

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“ Neighborhood Buzz
We LOVE our new sidewalk. It's such a pleasure to have a safe way to walk on Oregon Ave. We use it every day. – Carol N.
...Just wanted you to know that we are super delighted with the look of the sidewalk. – Beth L. ”