

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



March 15, 2022

**Dear Property Owner/Resident/Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner:**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) intends to widen the sidewalk along the **west side of Nebraska Avenue, NW between Van Ness Street and New Mexico Avenue, NW**. In accordance with the Priority Sidewalk Assurance Act of 2010, the Priority Sidewalk Assurance Amendment Act of 2013, and the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Act of 2020, the first step in the process is to provide adjacent property owners the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed sidewalk plans. The plans that accompany this letter are for your review.

The Nebraska Avenue NW sidewalk widening project is part of Mayor Bowser's commitment to building a safe multimodal transportation network across the District. The District's multimodal long-range transportation plan, *moveDC*, designated Nebraska Avenue a priority bicycle corridor. DDOT plans to widen the sidewalk by up to four feet to create a 10-foot multiuse trail that can be more safely used by both pedestrians and bicyclists. A multiuse trail was selected because the width and configuration of Nebraska Avenue does not provide adequate space for an on-street bicycle lane without significant impacts to traffic and parking.

All sidewalk installation work will be done within the public right of way and not on private property. All costs associated with sidewalk construction will be borne by the District and no cost will be assessed to adjacent property owners. In some cases, landscaping, ornamental trees, or other structures that have been placed in public space may need to be removed or modified for sidewalk construction.

DDOT will begin sidewalk construction on April 1, 2022, or soon thereafter. Written comments from adjacent property owners and community members may be submitted by email to the DDOT project manager, Karyn McAlister at [karyn.mcalister@dc.gov](mailto:karyn.mcalister@dc.gov). These comments will be posted on the DDOT Notice of Intent webpage and available for public review at <https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent>.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me at 202 285-7791 or [karyn.mcalister@dc.gov](mailto:karyn.mcalister@dc.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Concept plans for Nebraska Avenue, NW sidewalk widening