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# The OREGON AVENUE OBSERVER



## WELCOME

Welcome to the newly designed Oregon Observer. We decided to "reconstruct" this newsletter for Phase 2 of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project. It will continue to have useful updates on traffic detours and interesting facts relating to the project. Each issue will continue to feature the "Meet the Construction Team" which will offer interesting insights on one of the delivery partners on the project. The "Safety Intersection" will continue to include information designed to help you navigate safely along the construction zone. There is something in here for everyone. We hope you enjoy it.

## THE PROJECT UPDATE

These are exciting times as Phase 1 approaches completion and Phase 2 of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project begins. To maintain continued progress on the project, contractors will be working on Phase 2 while advancing remaining elements of Phase 1 to completion. They will continue working on remaining activities at several locations along the Phase 1 corridor of Oregon Avenue which includes completing the remaining Low Impact Development (LID) bioretention locations, sidewalk installation on Phase 1C and roadway paving. Phase 2 began with the placement of the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), DC Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) and DC Water utilities. This was followed by the installation of concrete barriers and silt fencing along the corridor. We are happy to report that the construction office, currently located at the corner of Beech Street and Oregon Avenue, will be moving to its original slated location near Horse Stable Road. This strategic move will enable the construction of the LID at the Beech Street location and give the team immediate access to Phase 2 construction activities. Construction zones consist of many moving parts, so we ask that everyone remain alert while traveling along Oregon Avenue. Additional information on project safety and awareness is provided on the following page.

## MEET THE PROJECT COMMUNICATION TEAM

### Tina Boyd & Associates, LLC

Who do you contact for all your project related questions? Tina Boyd & Associates (TB&A) should be your first point of contact via phone or email with your questions or concerns. TB&A has been successfully cultivating business relationship in the metropolitan Washington, D. C. area for over 15 years. The outreach and engagement team for this project includes Jam Kendrick, Project Manager; Peyton Manning, Outreach Coordinator; Enora Moss, Project Reporter; Carolyn Blasinsky, Website Manager and Designer; and Jaimie Canterbury, Field Outreach Team. This team of professionals is connected to the pulse of the Oregon Avenue community and acutely aware of its interests and the unique environment. When asked what sets this project apart from others that they've collaborated on, the team unanimously agreed that the opportunity to work closely with each of the residents directly impacted by the project provides a sense of connection that is often not seen on infrastructure projects. TB&A's promise is to provide exceptional service and effectively represent the industry and the communities where they work, live and serve. If you see them on the construction site, wave and connect. They are ready to meet the community outreach needs of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project.



## NORI THE REPORTER

The Low Impact Development (LID) bioretention cells along the Phase 1 corridor of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project are almost complete. Residents are now able to visualize what the finished product will look like. These devices have aesthetic features designed to mitigate pedestrian accidents while walking along the newly installed sidewalks. Now that the weather is beginning to change, the planting process will soon begin. The design stage of this project incorporated input from residents who have an LID located in front of their home. They were instrumental in the plant selection process and will soon see the installation of those plants. Green Infrastructure includes LID techniques which mimic nature to capture and treat stormwater as close to the source as possible. Green Infrastructure practices for streets can include bioretentions (also called rain gardens), street trees, landscape areas, permeable pavement, and removal of unnecessary paving. When implemented, Green Infrastructure creates living green streets that capture, store, and infiltrate stormwater to treat it as a resource and improve the urban environment. This project was uniquely designed from the beginning to include community input on features that residents will enjoy today and in the future.



For more information about DDOT's ongoing efforts to improve the Oregon Avenue corridor, visit [www.oregonavenueproject.com](http://www.oregonavenueproject.com).



## THE OBSERVER SAFETY INTERSECTION

Have you noticed the many changes to the roadway with the start of Phase 2 of the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project? Phase 2 introduced several new changes to the roadway from Rittenhouse Street NW to Military Road NW. While construction activities are taking place, we would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to follow the current safety signs, speed reduction and detours. Safety is our first concern and following the posted roadway signage is the most important factor in creating a safe environment for everyone along the construction corridor. The current detour has been updated on Google Maps and Waze and we recommend following that designated route. Currently, traffic is permitted to travel southbound on Oregon Avenue towards Military Road. However, motorists wishing to gain access to Oregon Avenue from Military Road must turn right on 27th Street NW, continue to Utah Avenue NW, turn right on Nebraska Avenue NW and follow the detour signs back to Oregon Avenue. Lastly, we want to remind you that Mooreland Place NW is a cul-de-sac. Please avoid turning on to that street if you are not a resident. We appreciate your support of the project as we make every effort to provide you with the safest construction environment possible.



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