

The OREGON AVENUE OBSERVER



THE PROJECT UPDATE

Great News! The switch from Phase 1A to Phase 1B took place on time, without a hitch. Kudos to our team of contractors who worked tirelessly to make that switch as seamless as possible. As you are aware, all construction activities shifted to the residential side of Oregon Avenue between Beech Street and Western Avenue. We are in the process of reconstructing the roadway, driveway aprons transition and tie in and the installation of sidewalks. The District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) system installation will also begin and we have provided more information on that process on the following page.

The Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Outreach Team also provided timely updates to impacted residents during the transition and have added a new feature to our outreach arsenal: **Nori the Reporter!** Have you seen her on our project website? Nori The Reporter will bring you actual footage of construction milestones and interviews that will offer valuable information to our residents. Her videos will be loaded to the project website and sent to our project database. Check the project website often for important updates and footage from our newest addition to our outreach team.



Nori the Reporter

MEET THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM AECOM, Construction Management Team

When it comes to Construction Management firms, AECOM stands above the crowd. A Fortune 500 Company, AECOM is the world's premier infrastructure firm and is comprised of planners, designers, engineers, consultants and construction managers driven by a common purpose to deliver a better world. The Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project is led by Joseph Chukwueke whose 22 years with AECOM has placed him at the helm of many Metropolitan D.C. infrastructure projects. The reconstruction of The Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge was his most recent project. When asked what sets this project apart from his past projects, Chukwueke replied that this infrastructure project situated between the National Park Services, Rock Creek Park, and the residential communities traversing along Oregon Avenue is unique because it has a direct impact on the residents here. He appreciates the support of the community and takes pride in the fact that the construction office on site is open for residents like James Harrod who always has a warm greeting and kind word. Chukwueke's team of experienced engineers include Olumuyiwa Adebamiro, Ibrahim Muili and Glea Butty and they collectively bring over 20 years of talent and knowledge to the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction Project. This team looks forward to enhancing the landscape of Oregon Avenue and presenting a final project that is designed to create a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians for generations to come.



Ibrahim Muili, Document Control Manager/Office Engineer; Glea Butty, Inspector; Olumuyiwa Adebamiro, Lead Inspector; Joe Chukwueke, Construction Manager/Resident Engineer

GET PLUGGED IN WITH DC PLUG

The District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) initiative is a multi-year program focused on the underground placement of the most vulnerable distribution power lines. In the face of increasingly severe storms, the DC PLUG initiative is expected to improve resiliency and reliability. As we work to underground the power lines, you will see infrastructure enhancements in your community.

Transformer enclosures are facilities that house transformers. Transformers step down voltage from primary distribution lines to secondary lines that provide power to customers. As part of phase 1B, there will be six new transformer enclosures installed. Three will be installed on the park side of Oregon Avenue and the remaining three will be installed near the following locations:

- 6820 Oregon Ave NW
- Between 6830 Oregon Ave NW and 3001 Birch St NW
- 7420 Western Ave NW

All transformer enclosures are placed within public space.



Transformer enclosures will look similar to the one pictured above.

THE OBSERVER SAFETY INTERSECTION

Spring! What a beautiful time of year to take in the beautiful views along the Oregon Avenue corridor. As the global society adjusts to our new normal, many of us have found contentment in the time we can spend exercising and enjoying the outdoors. **The Observer Safety Intersection** will highlight the importance of safety when engaging in outdoor activities along Oregon Avenue. We believe safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists take precedence and we will use this segment to reinforce safe practices. Motorists should follow the appropriate detours and pedestrians should always remain mindful of their surroundings.

The northbound lane between Beech Street and Western Avenue is now open and the speed limit has been reduced to 15mph. In the event that the northbound lane is shared by a pedestrian and vehicle, the motorist should slow down and allow the pedestrian to safely tuck into a driveway opening when possible. The pedestrian can then safely return to the roadway when access is clear.

It is extremely important that pedestrians and cyclists stay clear of the construction lane, as travel behind the barrier can be very hazardous. With your continued support we can all safely exist on the roads together and enjoy the benefits of the great outdoors.



Cyclist on Oregon Avenue

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE	2020					2021			
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Phase 1 Activities - Beech St. to Western Ave.		█	█						
Phase 2 Activities - Military Rd. to Rittenhouse St.				█	█				
Phase 3 Activities - Rittenhouse St. to Beech St.							█	█	█