

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Project Update

Highlights:

- *Phase 1 of construction starts May 15*
- *New Traffic patterns and lane closures*
- *Drivers can expect additional 15 minute delays*

(Washington, D.C.) The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is making progress on the Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Project, a \$30 million construction project east of the Anacostia River that is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The project is on schedule and on budget. DDOT is wrapping up preliminary work and will start Phase 1 of the construction between 27th Street and Branch Avenue, SE on or about May 15, 2010. The work will include the reconstruction of the roadway and sidewalks on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, which will require lane closures and a shift in the traffic patterns. Residents and motorists should be aware of the following important changes:

- **The far-right eastbound lane and sidewalk will be closed** and marked off with barriers, although residents and business owners will still be able to access their driveways.
- **DDOT will maintain three open travel lanes at all times.** A reversible lane will ensure there are two lanes for peak traffic during rush hours, and one lane for traffic in the opposite direction.
- **Temporary, overhead lane-signals will be placed along the corridor** to indicate the correct inbound and outbound lanes for motorists.
- **Motorists are encouraged to look for the overhead signals of green ‘arrows’ and red ‘Xs’** as you travel along the roadway. This will aid in knowing what lanes are open in the direction you are traveling on the corridor.
- **DDOT advises drivers to add 15 minutes to their commutes** to cover the additional delays that are anticipated during the project. If possible, motorists are encouraged to use mass transit or alternate routes.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets project covers 2 miles of construction, from 200 ft. west of 27th Street to Southern Avenue. It will dramatically improve the physical character of the corridor and enhance transportation operations and safety for all users. The construction is scheduled to be completed in several phases over the next two (2) years.

To obtain more information about this project, you can visit our field office at 2410 Minnesota Avenue, SE. go online at www.greatstreetspennave.com or Contact DDOT's Project Engineer Luan Tran at 202-671-4649.

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