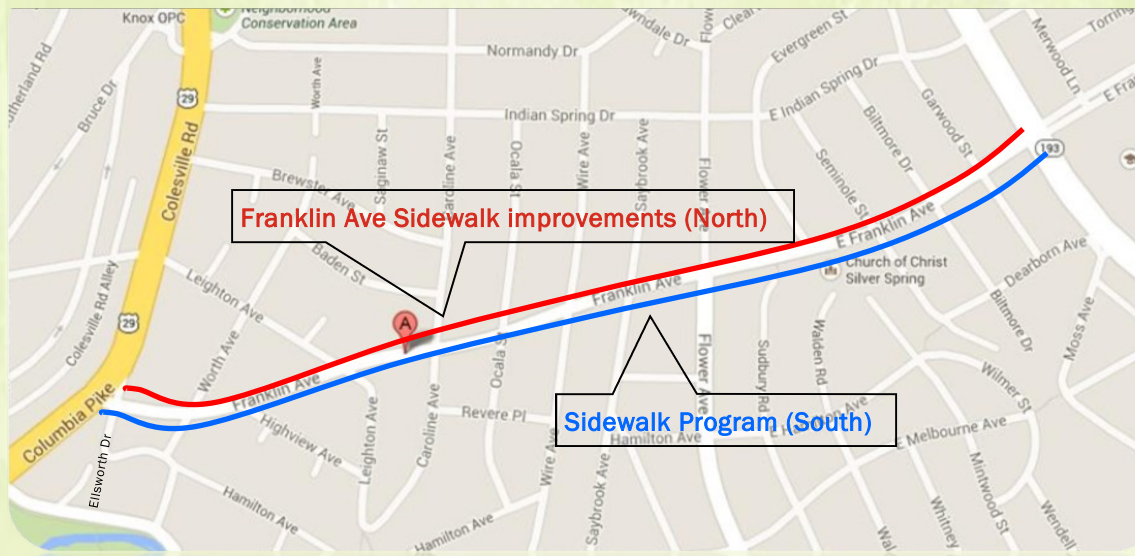


THE PLAN AHEAD

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FRANKLIN AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



Purpose

This newsletter is to update citizens on the County's progress on Franklin Ave Sidewalk improvement project.

Scope

This project provides for continuous sidewalk along the north side of Franklin Ave from Colesville Rd (US 29) to University Blvd (MD 193).

Public Comments

A Public Information meeting was held on July 10, 2013. During the public information meeting, citizens voiced their comments and concerns. In addition, we received written comments.

In summary, the citizen's concerns, along with DOT's responses are as follows:

1. How will trees be affected?

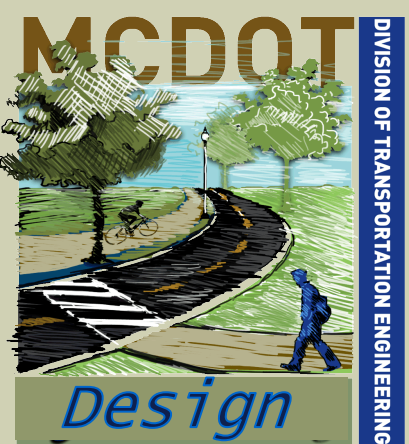
Special construction procedures such as hand excavation and air spades can protect existing trees adjacent to the construction area. Trees along the path of the new sidewalk will be inspected by the County Arborist for necessary trimming or removal. The arborist will also approve the type and species of trees that will be replanted.

2. Why is the implementation schedule for the south side faster than the north side?

The Sidewalk Program can typically implement sidewalk projects quickly as long as it is in public right-of-way and do not require engineering design. South side repairs fall under the Sidewalk program's criteria.

The north side has structural, drainage, curb, parking pad, mature tree, and landscaping issues

that require engineering design and formal plan review and permit process.



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Engineering Design plans typically require 18 – 24 months for review, approval and permit acquisition.

3. Two drainage issues were brought up at the meeting. Can these be repaired?

The 2 drainage issues were investigated. The first pertains to stagnation of runoff on the existing sidewalk approximately at the midpoint between US 29 and Worth Avenue. The second pertains to stagnation near the existing mailbox at the northeast corner of the intersection of Franklin Avenue\Wire Ave. Neither of these requires improvements to the existing drainage system. The first is caused by overgrowth of vegetation in the buffer strip, the second is due to depressions in the asphalt paving. Both will be addressed as part of the south-side sidewalk improvement project.

Schedule

1. The Sidewalk Program construction on the south side of Franklin Ave is anticipated to start this fall. This work will repair and upgrade the sidewalk to meet current ADA standards. Construction should take less than 2 months. Pre-Construction letters will be mailed out to adjacent property owners.

2. Survey work for Preliminary Design for the sidewalk along the north side will commence this fall. The design will take approximately 18 months to complete. Thereafter the cost of the project will be established. Then the project would compete for funding for final design and construction with other budgetary needs in the county.

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