



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

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Director

February 9, 2026

RE: Proposed Sidewalk Installation
Caroline Avenue from Franklin Avenue to Leighton Avenue

Dear Property Owners:

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has designated the **west side of Caroline Avenue** from **Franklin Avenue to Leighton Avenue** as a high-priority installation to tie existing sidewalks together and enhance pedestrian safety. MCDOT staff conducted an on-site field evaluation to identify and determine the feasibility of installing sidewalks on Caroline Avenue.

The Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) manages and administers the County's Annual Sidewalk Program for MCDOT. The Sidewalk Program's major goals are to provide safer access for people with disabilities and to improve pedestrian access to schools and nearby public transportation or public facilities. A public hearing may be required as part of the final decision-making process; however, if all adjacent residents agree to the installation, the public hearing can be bypassed and the vital safety project installed.

Please visit the project website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/CarolineAve/index.html>) to view the project documents, which include:



- An engineered concept drawing, which identifies the limits and installation specifications for the proposed sidewalk construction on Caroline Avenue, and
- The Sidewalk Inspection and Right-of-Way Construction Impacts report, which lists by address the specific installation impacts to the public right-of-way adjacent to your property.

The Sidewalk Program Frequently Asked Questions may be accessed on the Sidewalk Program's website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/index.html>). If you would like to receive upcoming notifications and project documents via email or request that copies of the project documents be mailed to you, please contact Lori Main at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.



An on-site field meeting at your property may be scheduled to discuss the impacts of the proposed installations on the public right-of-way and to ask questions. To schedule a field meeting, please email Construction Representative Daniel Hagos Kamara at DanielHagos.Kamara@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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If approved, the new sidewalks will be fully installed within the County's public right-of-way adjacent to your property; the field will be marked; a construction notice will be mailed; and "no parking" signs will be erected, with the potential installation date, weather permitting. A County Construction Manager will be available during the full construction process to answer questions and address any concerns you may have. Every effort will be made to cause as little disruption as possible to the construction area.

Your input is key to the success of a public infrastructure project because it helps the County understand the community's concerns. Please provide your valuable comments and questions by **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**, via:

- the online comment, located on the Project Documents tab of the project website, link and QR code above, or
- via email to Lori Main at Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

No response from you within the designated timeframe will be considered an agreement to the proposed sidewalk installations.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of the proposed sidewalk project. I am confident that the proposed installation will greatly enhance pedestrian safety in your community.

Sincerely,



Robert Gonzales
Chief, Sidewalk Section