

**STREETSCAPE OF CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW
PHASE III, FROM DUPONT CIRCLE TO K STREET
D.C. Contract No.: DCKA-2013-C-0140
Federal Aid Project No. NH-1114(020)**

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT**

10/25/2014 – 10/31/2014

Project Website: www.connecticutavestreetscape.com



Completed paving on northbound Connecticut Avenue and N Street



Curb and gutter installation on Connecticut Avenue and N Street at the John Witherspoon Park

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Description:

The new Connecticut Avenue N.W. project is the third phase of a DDOT-sponsored streetscape upgrade program. The project encompasses an approximate one mile 4-lane corridor between DuPont Circle and K Street. The street, streetscape, and associated infrastructure improvements are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014. The DDOT right-of-way to be improved includes the roadway, curb/gutter, sidewalks and upgrades to street lights, traffic signals and utilities. Access will be provided to businesses during construction, and work will be coordinated closely with WMATA to make sure access is maintained at all bus stops and metro stations. Located in the Golden Triangle BID, one of the prominent commercial and business corridors within the District, the project's effects on the area will be closely monitored with daily outreach to area businesses and citizens to be sure that construction efforts are well-planned and as least disruptive as possible.

Proposed work will include but not be limited to:

- Street resurfacing and milling
- Replacement of deteriorated sidewalks with new block concrete paver sidewalks with ADA compliant curb-cut ramps, brick gutters, and granite curbs
- New bus pads at WMATA bus stops
- Replacement of driveway and alley entrances
- Streetscaping enhancements such as new tree fences, benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks
- Installation of a new electrical duct bank system and upgraded storm drainage inlets, storm sewer pipes, and fire hydrants
- New Teardrop and Washington Globe street lights
- Installation of centralized parking meters
- New traffic signs and pavement markings
- Traffic signal replacements

2. STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION / PROGRESS SUMMARY

Progress Summary: The contractor, FMCC continued with the excavation and installation of the curb, gutter, and concrete base on southbound Connecticut Avenue from N Street to DuPont Circle. FMCC continued the milling and paving on Connecticut Avenue from M Street to DuPont Circle at night.

3. ISSUES / ACTION ITEMS

- Ongoing Issues / Items: Change Order # 1 has been approved and Change Order # 2 is under processing at DDOT.
- New Issues / Items: Volkert time extension has been approved
- Action Items: Change order # 1 has been approved
Change order #2 will be approved this month as per DDOT
- New action items: None at this time

4. MEETINGS / PROJECT COORDINATION

Volkert team and Golden Triangle BID Representatives met with the property manager of 1800 M Street, on Tuesday, October 28, to discuss possible structure damages caused by construction activities. The property manager will send another report from their structural engineer. Volkert team and Golden Triangle met with the owner of Proper Topper (1350 Connecticut Avenue) on Wednesday, October 29, to discuss the noise level from the construction activities, maintaining access to the business, and the sidewalk completion. A follow up meeting the owner was held on Thursday, October 30, and all issues were resolved in the field. Lastly, a progress meeting was held in the Volkert field office on Thursday, October 30.

5. DAILY WORK PERFORMED

Field construction activities performed during this period:

Saturday, 10/25/14:

No construction activity on this date.

Monday, 10/27/14:

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:

1- FMCC milled the area of northbound Connecticut Avenue from M Street to DuPont Circle and placed tack coat and asphalt. FMCC closed two lanes in order to mill and pave the road and allowed traffic to pass through the third lane. Once it was completed, FMCC opened the lanes for traffic and closed the third lane for milling and paving

- * Work zones were set in accordance with the project plan and the DDOT manual with regard to devices utilized and time of closure.
- * Flagger services utilized to slow/stop traffic when construction equipment or trucks enter or exit work zones.
- * Proper signs installed for the sidewalks. Pedestrian traffic was made easy and smooth.
- * Zones installed provided safe work areas to workers and to the public.

WORK PERFORMED:

*Block 1300 Connecticut Avenue east side:

1- Continued paving

*Block 1300 Connecticut Avenue west side:

2- Continued paving at the southwest corner of Connecticut Avenue and N Street (at Starbucks and John Witherspoon Park)

*Connecticut Avenue and N Street:

3- Milled the area of northbound Connecticut Avenue from M Street to DuPont Circle

4- Placed tack coat and asphalt at the above area

SAFETY MEASURES:

The safety measures as defined by OSHA were ensured and satisfied, specifically the work zone including flaggers services, trench safety, use of equipment, backup alert sound for trucks and work equipment, warning lights and worker PPE.

Tuesday, 10/28/14:

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:

FMCC placed asphalt on the intersection of M Street and 18th Street to Jefferson Place. The two left lanes of M Street and 18th Street were closed for paving. Once they were completed the contractor opened them for traffic and closed the remaining lanes for paving

* Work zones were set in accordance with the project plan and the DDOT manual with regard to devices utilized and time of closure.

* Flaggers services utilized to slow/stop traffic when construction equipment or trucks enter or exit work zones.

* Proper signs installed for the sidewalks. Pedestrian traffic was made easy and smooth.

* Zones installed provided safe work areas to workers and to the public.

Work Performed:

*Connecticut Avenue Block 1300 west side:

1- Continued working on the sidewalk

*Southbound Connecticut Avenue from DuPont Circle to M Street:

2- Placed asphalt at the intersection of M Street and 18th Street to Jefferson Place

SAFETY MEASURES:

The safety measures as defined by OSHA were ensured and satisfied, specifically the work zone including flaggers services, trench safety, use of equipment, backup alert sound for trucks and work equipment, warning lights and worker PPE.

Wednesday, 10/29/14:

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:

FMCC closed the two left lanes of southbound Connecticut Avenue from DuPont Circle to M Street for asphalt paving allowing the traffic to pass through the third lane. Once completed, the contractor opened the two left lanes and closed the third lane for asphalt paving

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 - * Proper signs installed for the sidewalks. Pedestrian traffic was made easy and smooth.
 - * Zones installed provided safe work areas to workers and to the public.

Work Performed:

- * Block 1300 Connecticut Avenue west side:

1- Continued paving the outer sidewalk

- * Southbound Connecticut Avenue from DuPont Circle to M Street

2- Placed Asphalt

SAFETY MEASURES:

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Thursday, 10/30/14:**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:**

No work was performed on the road and street was not closed. All activities occurred on the sidewalk behind the barriers

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WORK PERFORMED:

- * Block 1300 Connecticut Avenue west side:

1- Continued paving the outer sidewalk

SAFETY MEASURES:

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Friday, 10/31/14:**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:**

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WORK PERFORMED:

* Block 1300 Connecticut Avenue west side:

1- Continued paving the outer sidewalk

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6. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public Outreach performed this week:

Monday, 10/27/2014:

- Arranged for meeting with the property manager at 1800 M Street
- Arranged for parking meter pickup

Tuesday, 10/28/2014:

- Meeting with 1800 M Street to discuss possible structure damage in their basement storage area
- Walkthrough of 1300 block with Golden Triangle BID members

Wednesday, 10/29/2014:

- Meeting with Proper Topper owner (1350 Connecticut Avenue) to discuss noise level of work, sidewalk completion, business access
- Parking meter pickup from DDOT
- Correspondence with the property manager at 1201 Connecticut Avenue about sidewalk completion

Thursday, 10/30/2014:

- Attended progress meeting with Volkert Staff, Fort Myer, and Golden Triangle
- Correspondence with 1225 Connecticut Avenue building engineer about water leakage problem
- Follow up meeting with Proper Topper owner (1350 Connecticut Avenue) and resolved all issues in the field
- Follow up with the property manager at 1201 Connecticut Avenue

Friday, 10/31/2014:

- Follow up with Proper Topper owner
- Correspondence with Golden Triangle BID about street markings and electrical conduit installation at 1300 Connecticut Avenue

7. INSPECTION & MATERIAL TESTS PERFORMED

Nuclear density testing on asphalt. Core samples were also cut by an Engineering Technician from FMCC.

8. CHANGE ORDERS/TASK ORDERS

PCO'S:

- WMATA Bike Locker removal
- WMATA Manual
- LED Street lights
- Pavers on Pepco vaults
- Multi-space meters

WMATA Fee increase
Waterproofing of Building #1250
manhole & inlet top adjustments
Deletion of as-built drawings

9. DBE PARTICIPATION SUMMARIES

Volkert has one DBE Senior Inspector from Cube Root on the project.

10. ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS

There were no reported accidents in the project limits during this period.

12. PHOTOS OF WORK PERFORMED THIS PERIOD



Sidewalk installation on the 1300 block of southbound Connecticut Avenue on the west side



Night time milling and paving asphalt at the intersection of southbound Connecticut Avenue and M Street



Night time milling and paving asphalt at the intersection of southbound Connecticut Avenue and M Street