Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation

July 1, 2019

Dear Adjacent Property Owner/Resident:

New sidewalks are being built across the District to improve pedestrian safety and access for all as part of Mayor Bowser's Vision Zero initiative.

Clay Street, NE between 47th Street and 49th Street has been identified as an important street on which sidewalks are needed.

The Priority Sidewalk Assurance Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-227, § 2, 57 DCR 6923) and the Priority Sidewalk Assurance Amendment Act of 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61, § 6062, 60 DCR 12472) authorizes the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to construct sidewalks where they are missing in District streets.

All sidewalk installation work will be done within the public right of way and not on private property. All costs associated with sidewalk construction will be borne by the District and no cost will be assessed to adjacent property owners in accordance with the Sidewalk and Curbing Assessment Amendment Act of 2002 (D.C. Law 14-136, §2, 49 DCR 3441). Therefore, no petitions or votes for or against the sidewalk are required. DDOT will work with property owners to address and mitigate any impacts to adjacent property.

Sidewalk projects may include, but are not limited to the installation of new concrete sidewalks, low retaining walls, new driveway aprons, new curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, crosswalks, and porous flexible paving in selected areas to protect tree roots.

District law requires that affected parties (adjacent property owners) receive a notice of intent to design and construct a new sidewalk no less than 60 days before construction is scheduled, as well as a 30-day period for public comment on the proposed design. This letter is to notify you of DDOT's intent to begin drafting sidewalk design plans. Once the plans have been drafted, you will receive a second notice including a copy of the plans. At that time, you will have an opportunity to provide comments and instructions of how to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-671-2561 or by email at george.branyan@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

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