

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICY ADMINISTRATION

October 22, 2009

Installation of South-Bound Bicycle Lane on 15th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and U Street NW

Dear Resident:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will start the installation of a protected south-bound bicycle lane on 15th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and U Street NW between Monday, October 26 and Monday, November 2, weather permitting. Work is expected to last approximately 5 days. The contractor will work during the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00pm. During the work, parking on the west side will be restricted and will be released as work on each section is completed. Before the work begins, DDOT will be conducting bicycle counts to evaluate the effectiveness of the bike lane using a before/after study.

The decision for this protected bicycle lane was the result of the 15th Street NW Reconfiguration Alternatives Analysis (www.ddot.dc.gov). DDOT studied this corridor because of resident concerns of safety and speeding and analyzed 4 alternatives. Because of lack of clear consensus, Alternative 5, a hybrid alternative, was developed to address the issues raised (attached).

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with the rehabilitation of the roadway. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. James Cheeks at james.cheeks@dc.gov. Also, if you have any comments on the functioning of the bicycle lane once implemented, please contact me at christopher.ziemann@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ziemann".

Christopher Ziemann
Ward 2 Transportation Planner