



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

Division of Capital Development
*QUINCE ORCHARD ROAD—SOUTH OF MD 28 TO SOUTH OF
HORSE CENTER WAY*

Construction Update No. 1

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PURPOSE

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (MCDPWT) project for the construction of improvements on Quince Orchard Road. This is the first of a series that will provide information about the project.

INTRODUCTION

The segment of Quince Orchard Road being improved by this project is approximately 1.4 miles long and begins at Pissaro Drive and ends approximately 800 feet south of Horse Center Way (see enclosed map). The approximately 1,200 feet of road between Pissaro Drive and MD 28 (Darnestown Road), in front of Quince Orchard High School, was completed earlier.

The project will improve vehicular safety, roadside drainage efficiency, and provide improved bikeway and pedestrian safety and connectivity.

PROJECT SCOPE AND DESIGN

The proposed construction provides several safety improvements. The major enhancements include:

- Along the east side of Quince Orchard Road we will construct the missing

segments of sidewalk, between Darnestown Road and Quince Mill Road to provide a continuous pedestrian facility;

- Along the west side of Quince Orchard Road from Pissaro Drive to 800 feet south of Horse Center Road, we will construct an 8-foot wide asphalt bike path;
- At the intersection with Damson Drive, the slope of the existing pavement will be changed for a distance of approximately 300 feet to help guide the traffic safely through the curve. Design speed will be 35 mph;
- At the intersection with Wonder View Way about 400 feet of Quince Orchard Road will be reconstructed to improve Sight Distance of the vertical curve. Design speed will be 35 mph.
- Additionally, more than 1000 feet of worn roadway will be milled and resurfaced.

PROJECT AND TRAFFIC PHASING

Much planning was required to design the traffic management for this project. Several

traffic configurations will be required to maintain the safe flow of traffic around the various construction phases. The sequence of construction for the project begins at Pissaro Drive, at the northern limit of the project, and progresses in stages towards the southern limits of construction.

Clear direction will be provided to motorists for each change in traffic configuration, such that the safe flow of vehicles will be maintained.

Some of the driveways will receive new drain pipes and entrance aprons. Homeowners will have full access to their driveways during non-construction hours. During work hours, the contractor will coordinate with individual property owners for all work in and around existing driveway entrances to ensure that disruption to traffic entering and exiting driveways is kept to a minimum.

At the end of each work day, as well as on weekends and Holidays, two-way traffic will be restored. During the course of this project, there may be times when the flaggers briefly stop traffic entirely while the contractor completes a critical operation.

CONTRACTOR

The contractor for the project is Concrete General, Inc. of Gaithersburg, Maryland. They have previously successfully completed numerous projects for the County and the Maryland State Highway Administration. The construction cost is approximately \$1,370,000.

SCHEDULE

Work on the project is expected to begin on or about mid-August. The contract term to complete all work is 270 calendar (consecutive) days.

CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Construction is scheduled to take place weekdays between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM with lane closures occurring between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM. The contractor may work an occasional Saturday to make-up days lost to unfavorable weather.

INSPECTION

Montgomery County will establish a field office and will assign a full time inspector to monitor the progress, assure full compliance with the specifications, and to answer any questions that may arise during the construction of this project. Please do not hesitate to stop by the field office if you have concerns or questions for the on-site inspector.

IMPACTS ON COUNTY SERVICES

We apologize in advance for the impact this construction will have on your community. Services including mail delivery, leaf and garbage collection, emergency vehicle access and school bus access will be informed of the impending construction and will be maintained during the construction of the project.

WHO IS RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being sent to all residents who are on the project's mailing list and to the owners of businesses located in the immediate vicinity. Please share this information with your neighbors. If they would like to receive future newsletters, they can contact the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Construction Section, at 240-777-7210, to have their names added to the mailing list.

WEB SITE INFORMATION

For information on this, and other transportation projects in the County, please visit our Web site at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dpwt/capital/dcd/index.asp>

If you have any questions about the upcoming project, please contact us at 240-777-7210 or by e-mail at:

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the appropriate County representative at one of the following numbers:

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