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## **Traffic Pattern Change on 1<sup>st</sup> PI NE from Fort Totten Metro Station to Riggs Road NE Beginning, July 19, 2023, to October 10, 2023**

(Washington, DC)—The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is advising all stakeholders to continue to expect intermittent lane closures and traffic pattern changes on northbound and southbound 1<sup>st</sup> PI NE. Please see the following information for updated lane closures and traffic pattern changes:

### **Roadway Construction**

As part of the Metropolitan Branch Trail Fort Totten to Takoma Project, roadway widening is planned to begin for the northbound curb lane (east side of roadway) of 1<sup>st</sup> PI NE from Fort Totten Metro Station to Riggs Road NE starting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. There will be one travel lane maintained during construction for each direction of 1<sup>st</sup> PI NE for vehicle traffic. Coordination with the impacted individual locations will be performed by the project public outreach team to accommodate access to these facilities.

These lane closures and traffic pattern changes are necessary to complete planned roadway widening in the most efficient manner as a part of the Metropolitan Branch Trail Fort Totten to Takoma Project. Updated traffic advisories will be posted prior to moving to the next phase of roadway and intersection reconstruction.

### **Sidewalk and Trail Construction**

As part of the planned work in the abovementioned area, a temporary sidewalk closure on the northbound side of 1<sup>st</sup> PI NE will be taking place. Due to safety concerns and spacing limitations pedestrian detours will be in place, where possible, to move pedestrians to the opposite side of the roadway at the closest accessible crosswalk. Each impacted location will be contacted directly to coordinate a location specific pedestrian egress plan through that specific section of sidewalk. The DDOT Project Team apologizes in advance for any inconveniences as a result of the work.

Traffic controls, including signage, will be in place to guide motorists and pedestrians safely through the work zone. All users of the roadway are advised to stay alert and be observant of signage and work zones.

while traveling in this area.

Once complete, the Metropolitan Branch Trail Fort Totten to Takoma Project, will include improvements such as new multi-use trail section, sidewalks, streetlights, green area revitalization, and other streetscape elements.

For more information about this project and to stay up to date on traffic related impacts and construction progress, please visit <https://mbt-forttotten-takoma.ddot.dc.gov/>.

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