CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: 11th Street Repaving & Safety Project

WHAT DOES CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE?

- Repaving on 11th Street, Bainbridge - Reed Streets
- Repaving over the trolley tracks
- New painted bump-outs at intersections, shortening crossing distances for people walking
- A new two-way parking protected bicycle lane on the west side of the street
- Loading zone creation and relocation along 11th Street
- Refreshed crosswalks and lane markings

WHEN DOES WORK START?

Construction will start in early July 2019. Construction will occur at night and day hours and will include four phases:
1. Milling the streets to remove existing asphalt
2. Adjusting manholes and grates
3. Paving with new asphalt
4. Installing new line striping, flexible delineator posts, new bike and signage

Details for the construction on each block, including dates and hours, will be posted on regulatory signs.

CAN I USE 11TH STREET DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Yes, a travel lane will be open for people biking and driving to share during the majority of construction. Periodic nighttime closure will occur. Remember, Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code defines bicycles as vehicles and people biking are permitted to take the entire lane.

People walking should follow posted signs with pedestrian directions. People driving should follow regulatory signs posted with detour directions and alternative parking locations. People biking should follow posted signs with detour directions.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

This repaving project is an opportunity to make safety improvements to 11th Street. The project objectives include:
1. Increase safety by creating dedicated spaces for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit
2. Provide a smooth road surface
3. Install a link in the high-quality bicycle network
4. Increase comfort for people walking and taking transit

New intersection treatments at key locations will help all travelers by increasing predictability and awareness.
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EXISTING

LOOKING NORTH

Existing Layout, west to east:
• Head-out angle parking
• 1 vehicle travel lane with sharrows southbound
• 1 vehicle travel lane northbound
• Conventional painted bike lane
• Head-out angle parking

FUTURE

LOOKING NORTH

Future Layout, west to east:
• Two-way protected bikeway
• Painted buffer with delineator posts
• Head-out angle parking
• 1 vehicle travel lane southbound
• 1 vehicle travel lane northbound
• Head-out angle parking

HOW WILL RECONFIGURATION IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY?

• Adding painted bulb-out pedestrian areas at intersections will reduce the long pedestrian crossing distance.
• Installing flex posts will:
  • Prevent illegal car parking at corners that obstruct sight lines for drivers making turns.
  • Define pedestrian bulb-out and improve waiting area for transit riders.
• Adding a two-way parking protected bicycle lane will separate people biking from people driving, parking, or loading.
• Enhancing the city-wide bicycle network will create a connection to Washington Avenue, the 13th Street Neighborhood Bikeway via Fitzwater Street, and 10th Street via Reed Street.

HOW WILL REPAVING IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY?

• Paving over the unused trolley tracks will address issues such as tripping, skidding, and bicycle wheel trap hazards.
• Paving will smooth out the existing deteriorated roadway surface.
• Adding new line-striping will improve the visibility of crosswalks and lane markings.

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