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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

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Reminders

- Hours of Work:
 - Permitted Hours: Monday - Saturday (7am - 7pm)
 - Projected Workday: Monday - Saturday (7am - 5pm)
- [Link to the recording from December 14, 2023 Pre-Construction Community Meeting](#) - hosted at the Southeast library for the broader Community
- [Link to the presentation from December 14, 2023 Pre-Construction Community Meeting](#)
- [Link to the Construction Sequence](#) video presented by Whiting-Turner

NOTE:

Traffic Control measures in place supersede the plan shown and shared on December 14, 2023 - Reference [slide 4](#) of this update.

Pedestrian Safety Measures Discussed Onsite w/ DDOT March 6, 2024

Attendees: Library, Whiting-Turner, DDOT, ANC Commissioner, Taskforce members & Neighbors

Here is the [Link](#) to the letter issued by ANC Transportation Committee to DDOT on February 22, 2024

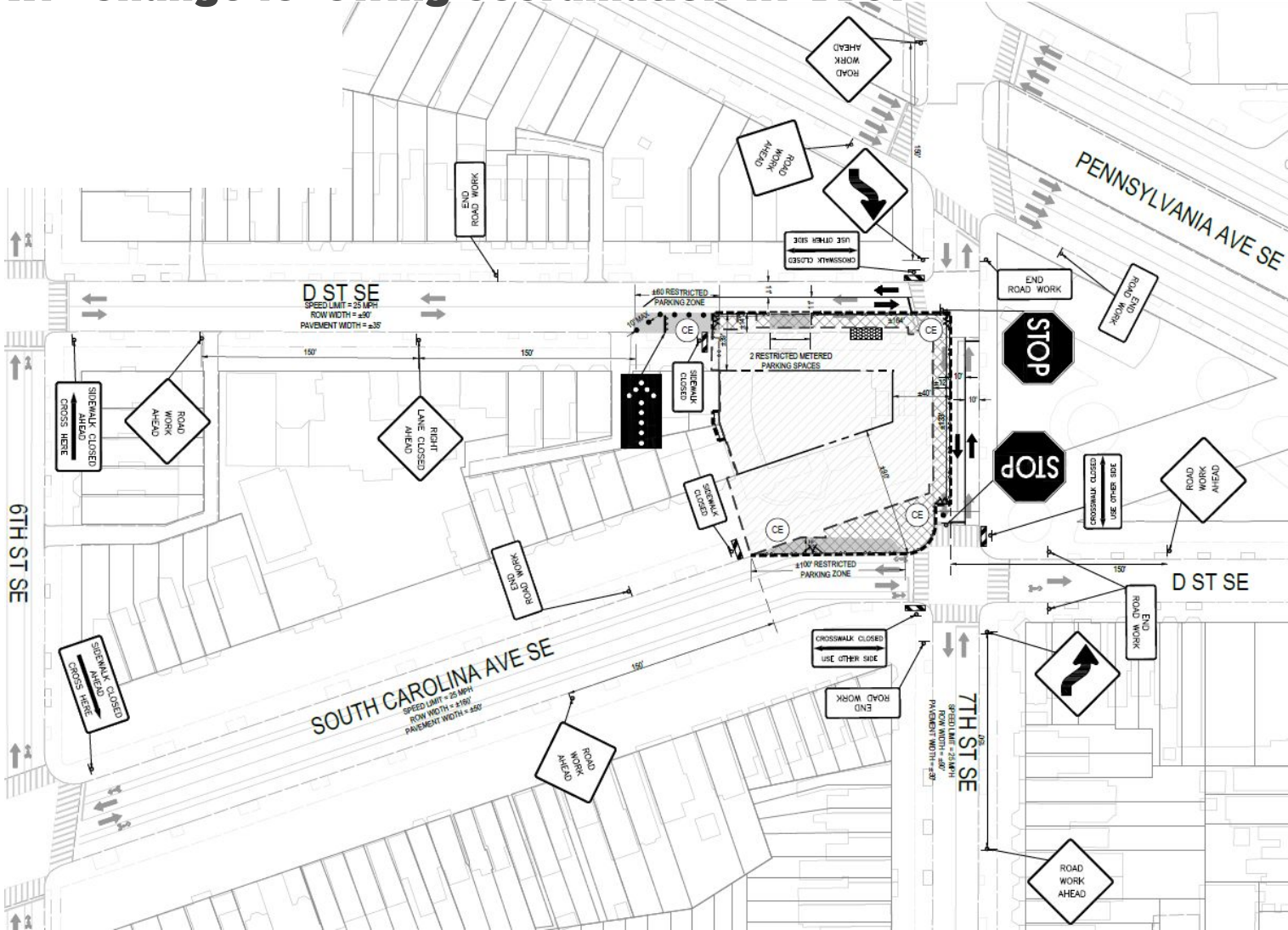
Action items from Meeting:

- **7th Street Traffic Pattern** - DDOT to provide analysis to ANC. No action item for Library or WT.
- **D St Temporary Crosswalk** - Library directed WT to install the temporary mid-block crosswalk per direction from DDOT.
- **South Carolina Pedestrian Path** - Requires engineering coordination including design of a temporary ADA ramp. Library is enabling this through Civil Engineer of Record for the project to ultimately seek a revised Traffic Control Plan from DDOT.
- **Scrim on fencing for improved pedestrian/traffic sight-lines** - In discussion w/ DDOT, WT has peeled back scrim from 2 additional panels.



Traffic Control Measures Currently in Place

Will change following coordination w/ DDOT



Safety mirror installed on 7th Street



Scrim from 2 additional panels removed for pedestrian & vehicular safety on March 7, 2024

Construction Progress - Main Floor



Ceiling Stripped Interior Walls Exposing Terracotta and Brick



Demolition of Existing Plaster Ceiling to Expose Historic Laylight that will be Restored

Construction Progress - Lower Floor



Plaster Ceiling Removed & Concrete Slab Exposed

Construction Progress - Floor and Wall Demolition



Demolition of Existing Walls underway



Demolition of Concrete Slab underway



Construction Progress - Elevator Demolition



Demolition of Existing Elevator & Shaft

One Month Look Ahead

- Installation of mid-block crosswalk & DDOT required street signage on D St
- Initiate revision of Traffic Control Plan via DDOT for pedestrian path on South Carolina Ave.
- Completion of lower level Interior slab demolition
- Completion of exterior retaining wall demolition - **Noisy work - similar to previous weeks**
- Exterior earthwork removal at the berm
- Haul-off old equipment, exterior railings, old fence, generator
- Start installation of Interior structural steel to enable demolition of old load bearing walls
- Start underpinning along adjoining walls of Townhomes and existing Library Wall on D Street late March
 - **WT will maintain contact with the 2 adjoining neighbors and monitor vibration readings**
- No watermain replacement or shut-off expected in the next 4 weeks
- No lane closures projected **but an uptick projected in Construction Trucks on D Street and South Carolina Ave**

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Periodic Construction Updates & Notifications from DC Public Library

By: Director, Capital Planning & Construction, Jaspreet Pahwa

Next update in approximately 4 weeks

Time-Sensitive Construction Safety Issues

Superintendent, Nathan Shields: 443-900-2117

General Questions

Email, Director, Community Engagement: Martha.Saccocio@dc.gov

Additionally:

Library & Whiting-Turner Construction leads in attendance at the ANC hosted Library Taskforce meeting on Jan 21, & Feb 19, 2024. Team plans to attend the future Taskforce meetings in lieu of presenting construction updates at the ANC meetings.