

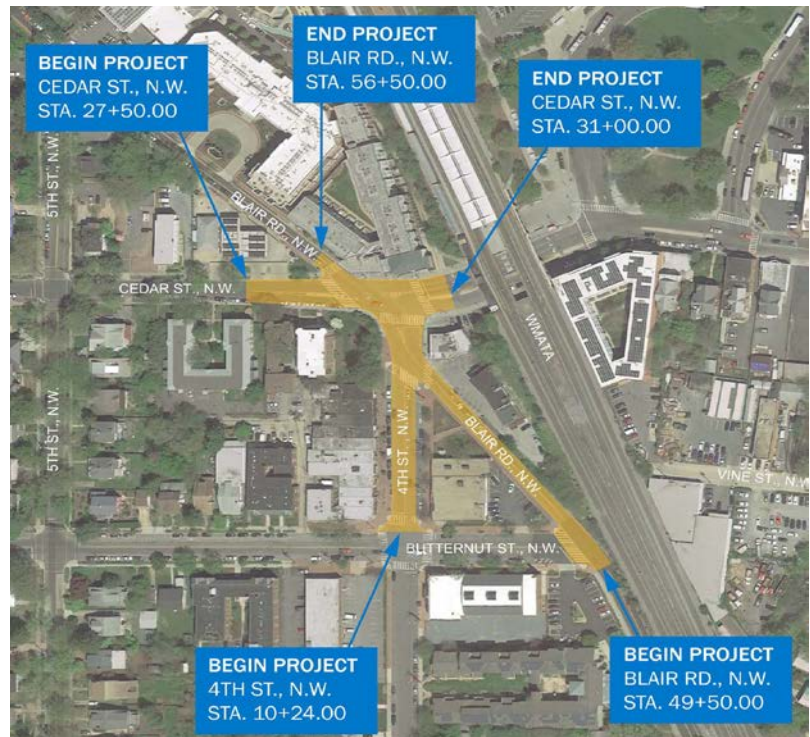
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Blair Road / Cedar Street / 4th Street, NW Intersection Improvement Project

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is implementing improvements to the Blair Road / Cedar Street / 4th Street intersection in the Takoma neighborhood. Improvements to the intersection and associated roadways are being undertaken per the recommendations of a Safety Audit Report prepared by DDOT in 2014.

The complex configuration of the intersection creates challenges regarding the efficiency of current traffic control devices. Bound by an active community of residential and commercial properties as well as the Takoma Metro station, the intersection must accommodate cars and buses as well as bicyclists and pedestrians. As a result, there has historically been a significant number of vehicular-pedestrian-bicyclist conflicts and a high accident frequency at the intersection.

The intersection improvements are being implemented to reduce these conflicts and improve safety – consistent with the city-wide initiative for Vision Zero.



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Proposed Improvements

The proposed intersection improvement project will consist of converting 4th Street to a one-way street southbound and re-configuring the Blair Road/Cedar Street intersection to minimize vehicle and bicycle-pedestrian conflicts and at the same time provide much needed improvements and upgrades to the existing infrastructure. The \$1.9 million construction cost has been financed with District and Federal funds.

In general, improvements include the following:

1. Re-constructing pavement, median and sidewalk sections including new accessible curb ramps and a new ornamental median safety fence at Cedar Street;
2. Roadway widening to provide adequate turning movements for WMATA buses;
3. Upgrading traffic signals, parking meters and other traffic control devices;
4. Installation of new street lights (poles, arms and luminaires);
5. Adjusting and upgrading water and sewer lines as well as new fire hydrants; and
6. Installing low impact stormwater management facilities and green planting areas.

Construction Schedule

Construction started in August 2019 and will be completed by Spring 2020. To ensure efficient and “painless” traffic movements, a comprehensive maintenance of traffic program has been developed and will be implemented as a multi-phase program that shifts as construction activities move from one location to the next. Close coordination will be maintained with local residents, business owners, and WMATA as each phase is rolled out.

Keep Up-to-Date

The general public, including motorists travelling to and through the Takoma area, will be kept apprised through the DDOT website as well as via email and other social media outlets.

The DDOT website address is <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/4thblaircedar-nw-intersection-improvements> and will include up-to-date information on the project and provides points of contact throughout the duration of the project. We encourage you to visit the website and sign up for all future notices to keep up with project’s progress.

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