

# Blair Road / Cedar Street / 4<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvements





# PROJECT TEAM

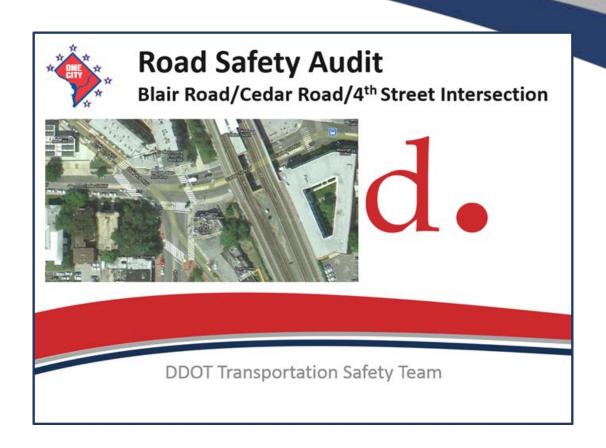
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- Volkert Engineer of Record
- Parsons Construction Manager
- Capital Paving Contractor





### 2014 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

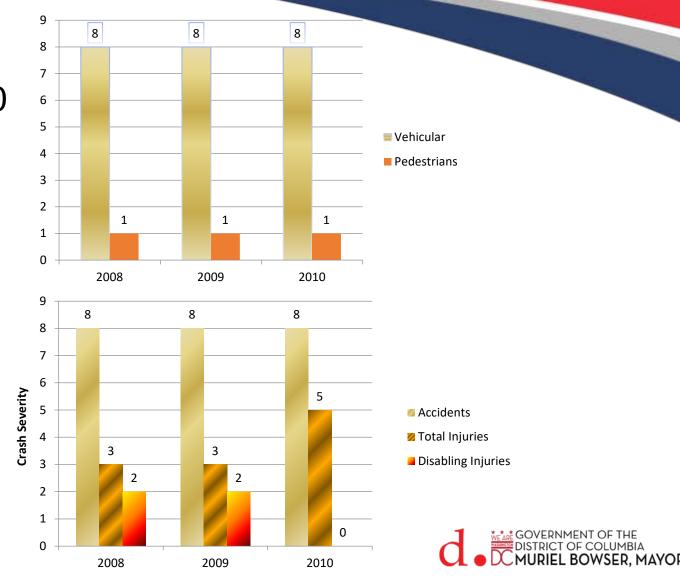
- 3-Year Safety Audit was released in 2014
- Provided accident and traffic analyses
- Demonstrated need for improvements





### **ACCIDENT ANALYSIS**

- 3-year accident analysis
- Total 24 accidents from 2008-2010
  - Blair/Cedar 15 accidents (60%)
  - 4th/Cedar 7 accidents (30%)
  - Blair/4<sup>th</sup> 2 accidents (10%)
- 11 out of 24 accidents (50%) resulted in injuries
- 4 out of 24 accidents (20%) resulted in disabling injuries



### TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

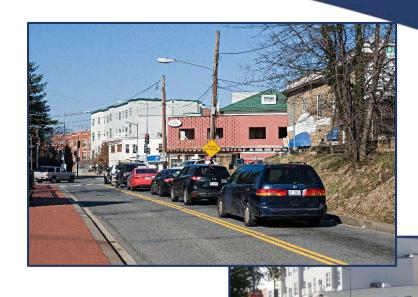
- Estimated 2010 Average Daily Traffic Volumes
  - Blair Road 15,000 vehicles
  - Cedar Street 5,300 vehicles
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Street 1,600 vehicles
- Speed study shows 32 mph speed on Blair Road which is significantly higher than posted 25 mph speed limit





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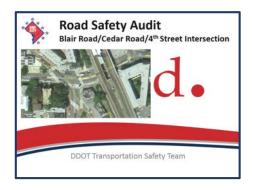
- Existing level of service (LOS) analysis at 21 intersections along Blair Road, Piney Branch Road, Aspen Street, Butternut Street, and Cedar Street
- Blair Road/Cedar Street/4<sup>th</sup> Street intersection:
  - LOS E during AM peak-hour
  - LOS F during PM peak-hour
- Blair Road intersection at Piney Branch Road:
  - LOS E during AM peak-hour
- Remaining study intersections:
  - LOS D or better during both AM and PM peak-hour





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- Safety issues identified are as follows:
  - Inadequate sight distance
  - Pedestrian/vehicle conflicts
  - High accident frequency
  - Insufficient traffic signs
  - Potholes, cracks and faded pavement markings
  - Pedestrian facilities not compliant with ADA requirements















### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Re-configuring the Blair Road / Cedar Street intersection
- Convert 4<sup>th</sup> Street to one-way southbound and add bicycle lane
- Re-constructing pavement, median, and sidewalk sections including new accessible curb ramps and a new ornamental median safety fence at Cedar Street
- Roadway widening to provide adequate turning movements for WMATA buses
- Upgrading traffic signals, parking meters and other traffic control devices
- Installation of new street lights (poles, arms, and luminaires)
- Adjusting and upgrading water and sewer lines, as well as new fire hydrants
- Installing low impact stormwater management facilities and green planting areas



# MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT) CONSIDERATIONS

- Design incorporates MOT considerations as HIGH PRIORITY to protect public
- During construction, Contractor shall open all lanes to traffic during peak hours – Monday thru Friday (6:30 – 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
  - One lane in each direction maintained at all other times
  - Construction related disruptions shall be minimized
  - Maintain ADA compliant safe flow of pedestrian traffic within and adjacent to project area
  - Maintain pedestrian access to abutting properties
  - Provide notification to affected parties for temporary curtailment of access
  - Contractor shall install appropriate signage





### **CONSTRUCTION PHASES 1 – 4**

- Phase 1. Removal and pavement restoration of median along Cedar Street west of Blair Road.
- Phase 2. Removal and replacement of median along Cedar Street east of Blair Road.
- Phase 3. Reconstruction of northern sidewalk and ramps along Cedar Street east of Blair Road.
- Phase 4. Reconstruction of northern sidewalk, ramps, and LID facility along Cedar Street west of Blair Road, and construction of bus bay along Blair Road.



Extent of Project/
Pavement Reconstruction



### **CONSTRUCTION PHASES 5 – 8**

- Phase 5. Reconstruction of ramps, sidewalk and LID facility along southside of Cedar Street and extension of curb along 4<sup>th</sup> Street west of Blair Road.
- Phase 6. Reconstruction of sidewalk and ramps in the southeast corner of Cedar Street and Blair Road.
- Phase 7. Construction of bulb out along 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection with Blair Road.
- Phase 8. Construction of sidewalk, ramps and curb extension along 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Butternut Street.





### PROJECT SCHEDULE & WORK HOURS

- Construction Schedule
  - Construction Begins: August 2019
  - Construction Complete: Summer 2020
- Work Hours
  - Weekdays: 9:30 AM 3:30 PM
  - Saturdays: 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
- Stay Alert while traveling through the work zones





### **KEEP UP-TO-DATE**

- View the Project Website <u>https://ddot.dc.gov/page/4thblaircedar-nw-intersection-improvements</u>
- Sign Up for Project Mailing List
- Watch for DDOT Traffic Advisories
- Contact the Project Team

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