

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

(As of 1/14/08)

Since the last community meeting, the consultant, Rhodeside & Harwell, Inc, has been working on incorporating many of the community's ideas into a workable and beautiful streetscape concept. A business owners' meeting was held to understand issues that affect establishments and patrons along 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, and the comments from this meeting were very similar to those from the second community meeting. The majority of the comments from both meetings included concern about the condition of existing trees and opportunities for new trees, the level of accessibility to destinations along 17<sup>th</sup> Street for disabled citizens, the amount of maintenance needed for streetscape treatments, and the number and types of obstructions within the sidewalk space. The design team has been assessing multiple types of treatments to ensure a smooth, attractive, and navigable streetscape that is inviting, functional and safe.

In addition to drawings, elevations, before-and-after simulations, and a PowerPoint presentation, there will be boards with more specific information at the third community meeting, on **Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Foundry United Methodist Church**. The meeting will be structured as an Open House, where community members are invited to "drop in" between the hours indicated to view the information provided and give input. There will be a brief presentation at 10:45 AM, which will be repeated at 11:45 AM. Below is a list of exhibits that will be shown at this meeting.

A **Tree Inventory** that classifies trees in excellent, good, fair or poor condition.

A **Street Tree Concept Plan** that identifies which street trees should be preserved, which trees should be replaced, and the potential for adding street trees to 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

A **Side Street Transition Study** that indicates where the consultant team recommends ending street and sidewalk resurfacing on each side street that intersects 17<sup>th</sup> Street. This assessment will show building lines, existing paving conditions, walls, and other features that influence ending points of the new pavement.

An **ADA Accessibility Study** to identify which buildings along the street have accessible entrances, which entrances will be made accessible through this project, and which entrances cannot be made accessible within the scope of work of this project.

A **Site Furnishings and Materials Matrix** will graphically illustrate options for each type of furnishing, including light fixtures, paving materials, trash receptacles, planters, newspaper boxes, benches, lighted banners, parking meters, and bike racks.

A **Detailed Preliminary Plan (1/16" = 1' scale)** that illustrates the proposed layout of the project area, including paving, paving markings, traffic signals, wheelchair ramps, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, newspaper vending locations, parking meters, and most other street furnishings and amenities other than signage. This plan incorporates community comments received to date.

After the third community meeting, the consultant will incorporate community comments into the preliminary plans and transform design concepts into preliminary construction documents. The public will have two additional opportunities to see the progression of the project at Community Meetings 4 and 5. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be provided in the future, so stay tuned!