



City of Arlington
Public Works

Gifford Avenue Sidewalk Project

Sidewalk construction to begin in Spring 2010

The City of Arlington is designing sidewalk improvements for Gifford Avenue from First Street to Third Street. The sidewalks will provide a pedestrian link between Haller Middle School and Presidents Elementary School.

The Gifford Avenue Sidewalk project will make it safer and easier for residents to walk in their neighborhood, to schools, parks, transit stops, and local businesses.

Sidewalks will remain within City right-of-way

The sidewalks will be on both the east and west sides of the street. In some locations there will be a planter between the sidewalk and the road.

Construction will be contained within the City right-of-way. There are some shrubs and trees in the right-of-way that will need to be moved. The City will coordinate with neighborhood residents to identify which trees and shrubs are in the right-of-way and will provide an opportunity for homeowners to relocate the plants before construction.

Some driveways will need to be reconstructed near the City right-of-way. City staff will contact the affected property owners about this before the project begins.

Low Impact Design

Approximately 1600 lineal feet of sidewalk will be constructed as part of this project. The City is considering the use of permeable concrete due to the environmental benefits. Permeable concrete allows rainwater runoff to drain through it, removes pollutants, protects water quality, and recharges the underground aquifer with clean water. Pavements using this material require about 20 percent less energy to produce and construct than other pavements. Using permeable material will also eliminate the problem of puddles that freeze and cause slippery conditions.

Economic Stimulus Funding Delivers Improvements Sooner

Funding for the Gifford Avenue sidewalks is being provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This funding is also referred to as 'stimulus' funding and is expected to create local jobs.

We realize that living around construction is not easy. We'll do our best to minimize the inconvenience, and appreciate your patience during this work to improve the safety and walkability of your neighborhood. If you have questions you may call one of the contacts listed.

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