

HPC-20-79 – Vicinity of 3711 Maryland Avenue, parallel to Main Street, Ellicott City

Applicant: Robert Z. Hollenbeck on behalf of Howard County Department of Public Works

Request: The Applicant, Robert Z. Hollenbeck on behalf of Howard County Department of Public Works, requests a Certificate of Approval to make exterior alterations in the vicinity of 3711 Maryland Avenue, parallel to Main Street eastbound just prior to the Baltimore County line.

Background and Site Description: The area in vicinity of 3711 Maryland Avenue, parallel to Main Street eastbound just prior to the Baltimore County line, is located in the Ellicott City Historic District.

This application proposes to continue work that was approved in HPC-20-25 in regards to replacing bituminous sidewalks. The application explains, “Shortly after receiving approval for case 20-25, DPW received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that it had approved additional funding for Ellicott City based on a disaster declaration made after the 2018 Flood. At the time of the prior application, DPW did not know if or when FEMA’s notification would be made. Had DPW known at the time of the prior application, the work included in this application would have been included. Generally speaking, FEMA’s declaration makes proposed concrete sidewalk work eligible for reimbursement up to 75% of its cost. FEMA approved funds allocated directly for this task.”

Scope of Work: The Applicant proposes to replace temporary post-flood bituminous sidewalks with gray tinted concrete sidewalks, to match those previously installed on other sections on Main Street (HPC-20-25). Prior to the 2016 flood, this portion of sidewalk was brick.

The application states that funding was requested and received from FEMA for this work. The application explains that “replacement of asphalt sidewalks with concrete sidewalks is eligible for reimbursement at 75% of cost. FEMA will not cover costs of brick sidewalk replacement, only concrete.” The application further explains that DPW views the proposed concrete sidewalks as a temporary solution and has budgeted for comprehensive streetscape improvements in future years. DPW recognizes the Guidelines recommend replacing concrete sidewalks with brick when opportunities arise, but DPW does not believe this is possible until the EC Safe and Sound mitigation projects have been completed and shear stresses are reduced to a level that permit the safe installation of brick paving.

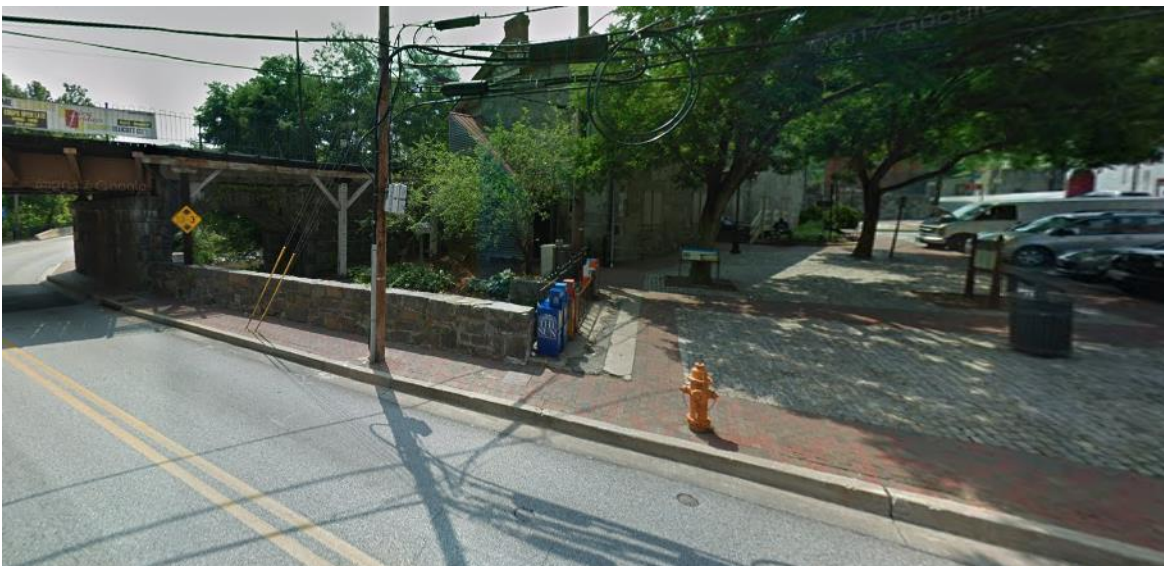
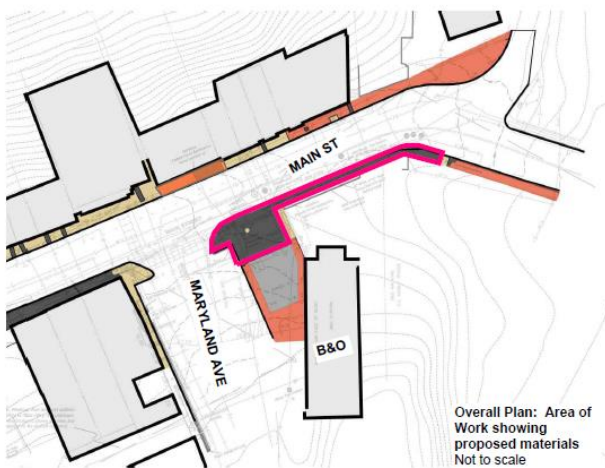


Figure 8 - Streetscape conditions prior to 2016 flood. Image dates to 2011 Google Streetview photography.



Figure 9 - Condition after 2016 flood



Attachment C: Proposed Plan and Details for Implementation of Concrete Sidewalks
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Figure 10 - Area of proposed replacement shown in pink outline.

The area of proposed concrete sidewalk installation is shown below, in Figure 11 and 12.



Figure 11 - Area of replacement parallel to Main Street



Figure 12 - Limits of work along Maryland Avenue