

Project Update Forum 3.2.2021

Question	Response
Can the construction crews take more proactive steps to control dust? While we certainly hope there won't be any more major collapses, it seems inevitable there will be dust connected to the demolition work, so it ought to be planned for as a standard part of the ongoing activity.	Water is being used to control dust and we continue to re-evaluate as activities move forward.
Dave: Any water outages related to Takoma Ave. work? Thank you.	We do not anticipate any water outages.
The other side of Fenton is NOT a sidewalk. It's a bike path.	Thank your for your feedback. We are coordinating with the City of Takoma Park to ensure the safety of pedestrian traffic.
If asbestos was not an issue with the roof collapse, why were there abatement crews onsite the morning after the collapse?	Barton Malow did not call any abatement crews to the site. The subcontractor vehicles that you are referring to may have had advertisements listing hazardous abatement as one of the activities they perform.
Can you assure us that dust will be focused on? is the mist sufficient if there is a big dusting event?	Misting is the most effective way to keep water from ponding and leaving the site. BMC uses 2" hoses, which are the size of regulation fire department hoses. We also use smaller hoses for cleaning debris from trucks as they enter and exit the site.
For the Takoma Ave. water line tie-in, why again did we say boring is not possible?	Boring a utility under a road poses challenges and risks. It will require trenching pits on either side of the road to allow operation. There would also be a higher risk of other underground existing utilities being hit during the operation if using boring.
It hasn't been that noisy so far— thank you for your efforts to minimize noise— do you expect the next couple of months to be noisier?	The water line work at Takoma Avenue could be more noisy, as the worksite is very close to residences along Takoma Avenue. During demolition work, the placing of debris into dumpsters could cause additional noises. We will continue to monitor and manage the noise generated from onsite activities.
I run down Fenton toward Takoma several times a week around noon. Crews are NOT masked-up, for what it's worth.	We require our crews to wear masks except when they are eating or hydrating. We will reinforce our masking rule to all workers and hold accountable those that do not comply.
No, it's a multi-use path, but less pleasant for pedestrians. It's polite to the cyclists for pedestrians to not use the bike path since pedestrians have sidewalks, and bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk.	Thank your for your feedback. We are coordinating with the City of Takoma Park to ensure the safety of pedestrian traffic.
Along Fenton it's a multiuse path. It would be nice if folks working the site understood that it's a path and not a sidewalk. There just ISN'T a sidewalk there.	Thank your for your feedback. We are coordinating with the City of Takoma Park to ensure the safety of pedestrian traffic.
How will you communicate to us if there is big noise coming?	We will continue to post updates to our email list and on our website weekly, as we have been doing for the past few months. We will include notification in the updates if we foresee any significant noise. If we expect a significant noise in between weekly updates, we will post an additional update on our website and send an email to the project listserv.

<p>Can someone comment on steps that are being taken to comply with tree protection requirements? It appears from ruts in the ground that some heavy equipment was used to remove older light poles by the edge of the campus by the trees that are being retained (in the area across from Belle Ziegler Park). Normally driving across root zones requires a tree protection plan or at least consultation with the City's Urban Forest Manager.</p>	<p>We have reviewed our work with the regulatory arborists several times to make sure we comply with tree protection rules. During the light pole removal, a vehicle did enter a root zone. We immediately met with the City and County to review the area and discuss procedures to mitigate any potential damage. The City and County and project arborist agreed that no damage appeared to have occurred. BMC will infill with topsoil in the disturbed area. The Inspectors reviewed all locations where root mat projection was already put into place to ensure safety and compliance.</p>
<p>How are we doing on the schedule? Are we on schedule or behind?</p>	<p>The overall schedule is running later than originally anticipated as result of delays in permitting, however continues to progress in a timely manner.</p>
<p>When will demolition be done?</p>	<p>Building demolition and removal of debris are anticipated to be complete by the end of May 2021.</p>
<p>Normally demolition is more noisy than construction would you say?</p>	<p>Demolition is one of the noisiest activities. Other noisy activities include saw cutting and steel erection. We will continue to manage and mitigate noise in accordance with the noise suppression plan.</p>
<p>The back up devices you are using are pretty good. The noise so far has been good</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p>
<p>Please answer Comments posted on the design web site.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p>
<p>Making sure there is protection for exposed tree roots</p>	<p>Following this meeting, we inspected the site with the City and County again to review protection measures and the root mats that have already been established.</p>
<p>Make sure fence does not encroach on sidewalk area to ensure safe passage</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We will continue to monitor.</p>