

Civic League of North Portal Estates Update

Traffic Safety Assessment of North Portal Drive

Updated November 19, 2020

Traffic Safety Assessment of North Portal Drive

- **CLNPE formally submitted request on Feb 10, 2020 for DDOT assessment.**
- **Status:** Pending, with **overdue estimated completion date of August 14, 2020.**
- **North Portal Drive Concerns Expressed to the City:**
 - Speeding.
 - High volume of suburban commuter cut-through traffic.
 - Endangered pedestrian crossings and vehicular egress from intersecting streets.
 - Endangered pedestrian travel along the entire length of North Portal Dr..
 - No all-way stop signs at 3-way intersections at:
(1) North Portal Dr. with Tamarack St. and (2) North Portal Dr. with Birch St.
 - No crosswalks at Spruce Dr. or at East Beach Dr. (for crossing North Portal Dr).
 - Vehicles too often fail to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks at North Portal Drive's intersections.
 - Rolling stop at Spruce Drive's three-way stop sign.
 - Failure to stop and yield to traffic on East Beach Dr.
 - Vehicle speeds and blockage by commuter traffic back-ups inhibit and endanger North Portal Drive residents' attempts to exit their driveways.

Excerpt from CLNPE's Traffic Safety Assessment Questionnaire (Submitted on Feb 10, 2020)

Any other information you would like to share?

NPE Recommended Solutions:

1. Install new all-way stop signs at North Portal DR's intersections with: (a) Tamarack ST and (b) Birch DR.
2. Install stop sign cameras along North Portal Drive NW.
3. Install speed cameras on North Portal Drive NW in both directions.
4. Install new pedestrian crosswalks, for crossing North Portal DR NW, at (a) Spruce DR and (b) East Beach DR.
5. Install in-street signs reminding drivers of the law requiring them to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
6. Install posted speed limit signs along North Portal Drive NW in both directions.
7. Implement rush-hour restrictions for accessing North Portal Drive NW (from 16th Street and from East Beach Drive), which limit traffic to NPE residents and visitors.

While awaiting DDOT's conduct and completion of our requested traffic safety assessment, CLNPE's Infrastructure Committee submitted the following safety-related DC 311 Service Requests for DDOT's action.

North Portal Dr. at Tamarack St.



Sep 7, 2020



Oct 12, 2020



Nov 13, 2020

STATUS: Resolved

North Portal Dr. at Birch Dr.



Status: Resolved

North Portal Dr. at 16th St.



Jan 31, 2020



Sep 7, 2020

Status: Pending

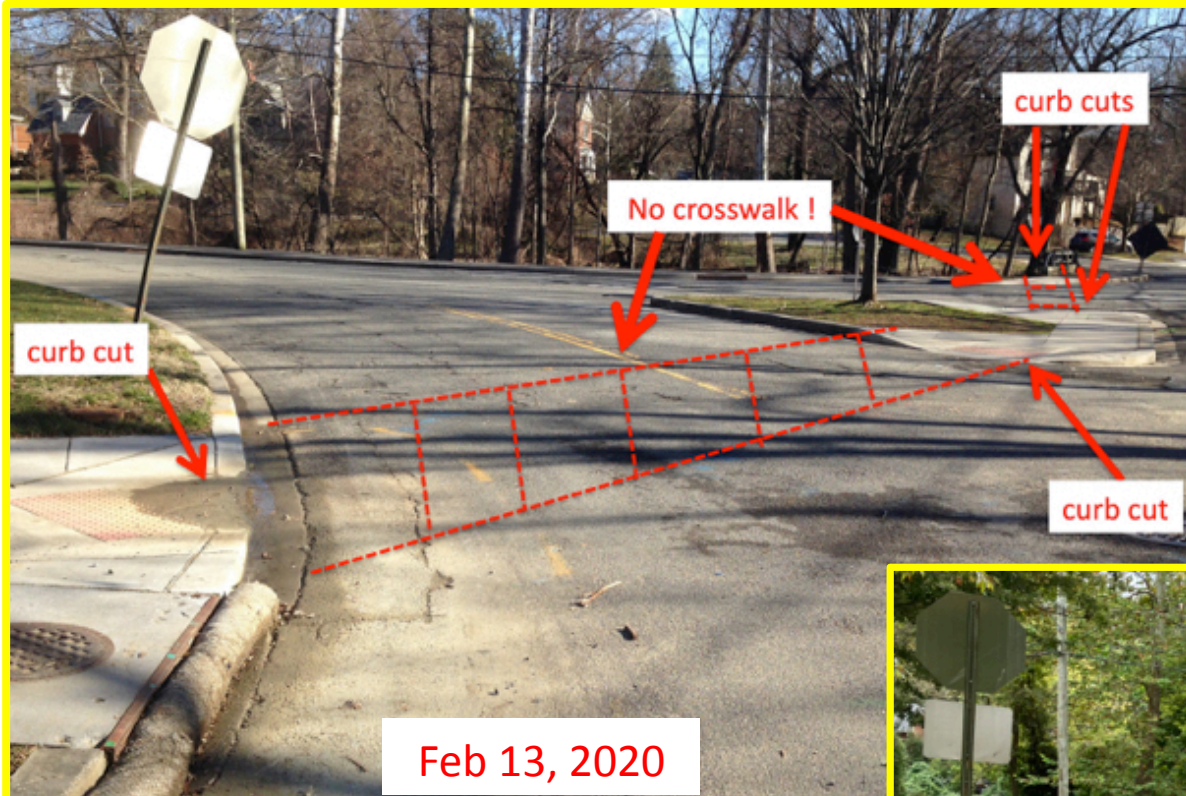
Need new crosswalk
for many years now



North Portal Dr. and Spruce Dr.

STATUS: Pending

Needed Two New Crosswalks for Years



STATUS: Still need perpendicular hash lines within these crosswalks.

North Portal Dr. & East Beach Dr.



Stop Sign Faded

Birch Dr. at North Portal Dr.



Feb 13, 2020

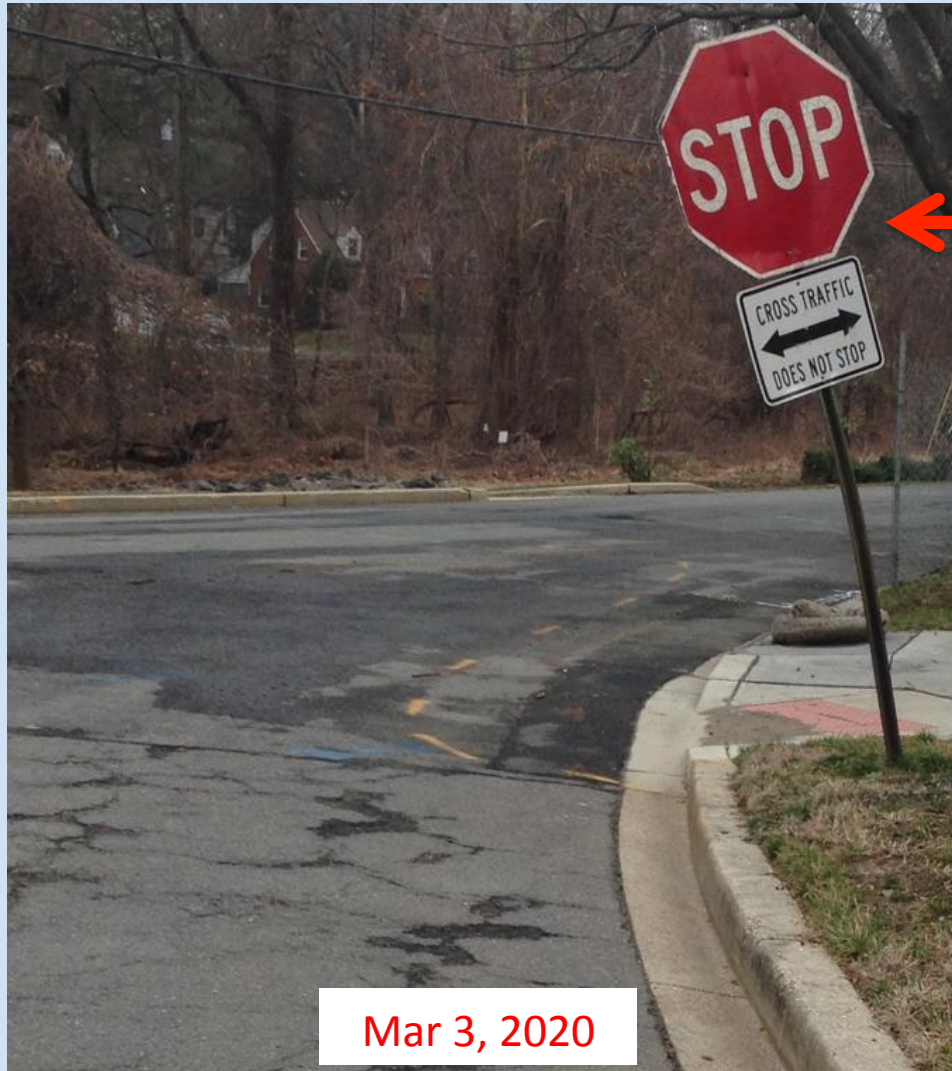


Mar 2, 2020

Accomplished in fewer than 3 weeks!

Bent / Twisted Post

North Portal Dr. at East Beach Dr.



Mar 3, 2020



Oct 10, 2020

Required three 311 submissions and three separate jobs!

Bent / Twisted Post

North Portal Dr. at East Beach Dr.



TO INITIATE A SERVICE REQUEST

D.C. 311 (for most issues handled by City of D.C.):

- <https://311.dc.gov/citizen/home>
- Call 311 or (202) 737-4404

D.C. Water (for water and sewer issues):

- <https://www.dewater.com/report-problem>
- Call 202-354-3600 for regular issues
- Call for emergencies 202-612-3400

PEPCO 1-877-737-2662.

Washington Gas Emergencies 1-844-927-4427

(Also call 911, for DC Fire and EMS Department reporting)

*North Portal Estates will be...
as safe, functional, and beautiful
as we all strive to make it!*