



CHARLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
25th Street to University Parkway
Baltimore City Department of Transportation

5.5.2003

YEAR 2003 PROGRESS, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2003

◆ **January, 2003**

- January 7: **Stakeholders Committee presentation to project owners:**
Laurie Schwartz, Mayor's Office
Dominick Murray, Mayor's Office
Al Foxx, Director Department of Transportation
See meeting notes, on website.
- January 28: **City-Stakeholders Committee coordination meeting with:**
Dominick Murray, Mayor's Office
Al Foxx, Director Department of Transportation
See meeting notes, on website.

◆ **February, 2003**

- mid-February: City initiated discussion on traffic simulation for Charles Street project.
- February 18: Presentation to Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance cancelled due to snow storm

.. **March, 2003**

- early March: Developer for Johns Hopkins University bookstore initiated traffic/parking surveys in the vicinity of the proposed bookstore north of 33rd Street.
- March 18: **Community meeting held with Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance;** approximately 12 to 15 community/business individuals present.
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.. **April, 2003**

- late April: Developer for Johns Hopkins University bookstore completed assessment of existing traffic/parking conditions in the vicinity of the proposed bookstore north of 33rd Street.



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General Status Updates

1. **Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) review of design contract for Charles Street:** COMPLETED; contract now being finalized by City Audits and Legal departments.
2. **Re-Opening of Charles Street bridge at Penn Station:** expected in late June/early July 2003 (pouring of concrete deck was delayed this winter).
3. **Re-paving North Avenue (near Charles Street):** Construction contract has been awarded to Machado Construction Company; work underway this spring.
4. **Economic development strategies along Charles Street at North Avenue (by BDC):** no update.
5. **The Smokler Center for Jewish Life:** (3100 block of Charles Street, at Art Museum Drive): Under construction by Samuel A. Kroll, Inc. (contractors); setting of steel is underway, with completion of all construction expected Winter 2003/2004 (not Fall 2003 as stated on sign). Under City Permit #03P000443 (valid through 5.31.2003; likely to request an extension), has closed Service Drive/sidewalk and a portion of the alley.
6. **Johns Hopkins University acquisitions:** the Baltimore Sun (4.19.2003) reported that JHU intends to purchase the Dell House Apartments and the former Seton High School; plans for these buildings were not announced, but Hopkins stated that they intend to continue renting them to current tenants.
7. **City's 12-mile Bicycle Routes:** the Baltimore Sun (5.2.2003) reported that Baltimore City is actively updating its bike plan (last updated in 1978) and will produce a new master plan by the end of next year. The planned route will connect JHU and Loyola College with Lake Montebello and the Jones Falls Trail. Community meetings will be held.

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