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## Old Courthouse Road Sidewalk Project to Begin

Beginning Monday, May 23, 2022, construction crews will begin a long-awaited sidewalk improvement project on Old Courthouse Road between Battery Park Street and Pine Valley Drive. Once construction begins, the area will be closed to pedestrian traffic for the duration of the project.

"The current asphalt sidewalk is unsafe for pedestrians, and it is not ADA compliant," Town transportation engineer Andrew Jinks said. "The new sidewalk will be able to safely accommodate pedestrians and people with disabilities who use a wheelchair or other assistive devices, and the overall project will enhance the neighborhood appearance."

The scope of the project includes the portion of Old Courthouse Road that runs through the Town of Vienna and adjoining sections located in Fairfax County. The new sidewalk will provide neighborhood children a safe route to school, and it will include additional neighborhood stormwater drainage, curb and gutter improvements.

The project has been in the works since 2013, when the Town applied to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for a Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant. Later, the Town and Fairfax County Government entered an agreement to expand the project with VDOT approval. The \$1.2 million project is being funded by the grant and local and state government resources. The project is expected to be completed in January 2023.

For project updates, visit www.viennava.gov/OCR.