



## Arborway Parkways Improvements Project Update for Web Site

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### May 2021

As part of the Arborway Parkways Improvement Project, DCR has committed to completing a series of short-term improvements to the parkway within the project area. In 2020, DCR removed a set of legacy highway-grade guide signs and replaced sidewalks and curb ramps around and between Murray and Kelley Circles.

In May of 2021, DCR installed new lane markings on the Arborway carriage roads, within Murray Circle, and on the southbound direction of Arborway in front of the Arboretum. The work created new bike lanes, delineated traffic in the rotary, and created a safer parking area in front of the Arboretum.

After completing this work, DCR received some complaints about congestion on the Arborway and Centre Street northbound in the afternoon rush hour. DCR Engineering staff responded and found the cause of the congestion. The problem was caused by a traffic signal near the rotary, which was turning red too frequently. Engineers made timing adjustments to the signal, which helped to clear congestion from Murray Circle.

Changes to traffic patterns usually need a few weeks for drivers to get used to the new configurations, and this project is no exception. DCR Engineering staff will continue to monitor traffic flow in Murray Circle and make more adjustments as needed to keep congestion to a minimum.