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## **Ward 4 Development and Infrastructure Update**

(Washington, DC) – Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser is pleased to announce a number of exciting development and infrastructure projects coming soon to Ward 4.

### **Safeway announces new store coming to Petworth**

The Pleasanton, California based company announced at Councilmember Bowser's community meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> that it will build a new store on the site of the existing store at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Street NW, two blocks north of the Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro station. Plans tied to the new 50,000-square-foot Safeway store include housing above and a parking lot beneath.

"It's a small, very old store," said company spokesman Craig Muckle. "What's timely about this is that we're in the midst of renovating our entire store base."

Councilmember Bowser said, "Residents feel a better Safeway is long overdue at this location. People are excited about having a brand-new store. I understand from Safeway representatives that the new store will have the company's latest and best offerings including a bakery, deli, florist and pharmacy."

Neil Albert, the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, during the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, mentioned that his office plans to seek developers interested in a city-owned property at 3813 and 3815 Georgia Ave. NW.

### **Councilmember Bowser toured Walter Reed and met with Federal Government agencies regarding relocation of Engine Company #22**

Councilmember Bowser, the Office of Planning, DC Fire/EMS and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development met last week to tour Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and continue to explore relocating Engine Company #22 (currently located at 5760 Georgia Avenue, NW) and 11 firefighters and paramedics to the WRAMC property. The proposed site would be on the corner of Aspen Street and Georgia Avenue, NW. This location is one mile north of the current location. "I'm

pleased that the Federal agencies have affirmed “in concept” their commitment to working with DC government to move the fire house to the grounds of the WRAMC,” said Councilmember Bowser, “But we still have work to do to finalize the details of the agreement. I will continue to work closely with all the parties involved to make this happen.”

### **Councilmember Bowser met with close to a hundred Riggs Park residents about redevelopment of the Riggs Road/South Dakota Avenue intersection**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association and the Lamond-Riggs Development Task Force hosted a community meeting on Saturday February 23 to announce an exciting new mixed-use, project coming to Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue.

Beginning this Summer, DDOT will reconfigure the intersection of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue and construction will begin on a mixed-use residential and retail facilities. This project, Fort Totten Square, will include approximately 690,000 square feet of residential space, including affordable units, approximately 100,000 square feet of retail space, ample parking and a pedestrian-friendly streetscape with landscaping. “The community has been eager for the redevelopment of the Tiger Mart site. This project will bring much needed retail and housing to an underutilized corner and make this intersection much more pedestrian friendly,” Councilmember Bowser said during the meeting.

### **All Ward 4 ANC and Civic Association Presidents meeting**

Councilmember Bowser will again host an all Ward 4 ANC and Civic Association Presidents meeting this Saturday. These quarterly meetings address quality of life issues affecting Ward 4 neighborhoods. This meeting will focus on DDOT issues and the upcoming construction season—streets, trees, sidewalks, alleys and traffic calming will all be on the agenda. “I think it is really important that our ANC Commissioners and Civic Association leaders play an active part in helping to guide the work of government. They are our eyes and ears on the street and we value their commitment to our neighborhoods,” Councilmember Bowser added.

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