



## Transportation Department

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Dear Wall Street Residents and Property Owners,

Commissioner Elise Jones has asked me to respond to (and thank you) for your January 24 letter to her expressing your concerns with the plans for repair of Upper Fourmile road through the historic Wall Street Town Site.

It is clear from your letter that we have not effectively communicated that we have heard the concerns you have expressed to our project team over the past few months, nor how we are responding to those concerns with changes to the design of the road through Wall Street. Many of the points made in your letter and in the recent individual meetings with local property owners are very valid and we will redouble our efforts to be clearer in our communications as we move forward.

I would like to summarize the changes we are incorporating into the design plans as a direct result of your feedback.

- The road alignment remains the same as prior to the flood.
- The paved surface of the road through Wall Street will have uniform 14 feet width instead of the varying historic 13-16 feet width, and will include an unpaved shoulder on both sides of the road.
- There will be no centerline stripe on the paved section of road.
- Speed humps will be installed at the locations discussed with property owners at earlier meetings.

While our negotiations with individual property owners for easements necessary to implement the flood repairs are confidential, where property owners request, the Transportation Department is willing to commit to initiating and supporting the process of vacating the unused portions of the current ROW, as well as platted, but never developed, roads and alleys within the historic town site with the goal of removing clouds on property titles resulting from the long standing lack of clarity between what is platted and what physically exists on the ground. This can only be successful if adjacent property owners agree on the proposed disposition of these rights of way.

I want to underscore that our goal is to repair the flood damage to the road in a way that respects the historic character of the Wall Street community and is more likely to withstand the next major flood event.

Thank you again for reaching out to let us know your concerns. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

George Gerstle  
Transportation Director

CC: Board of County Commissioners  
Mr. Dan Betts, Office of US Senator Cory Gardner