



THE VIRGINIA AVENUE TUNNEL

December 30, 2015

Dear Capitol Quarter Neighbors:

Over the next several weeks the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel team will make the final changes to the temporary vehicle driveways and pedestrian sidewalks in the 300 block of Virginia Avenue. These temporary facilities will remain in place for the duration of the tunnel construction process. The arrangements have been developed with significant input from residents, and with detailed analysis, review and refinement by DDOT, in keeping with our commitment to be responsive to the community's needs and feedback. In addition, the plans have been reviewed and approved by DC emergency services' providers, to ensure the plans meet emergency services' access requirements.

We appreciate that these facilities represent a disruption to the neighborhood, and we apologize for the inconveniences that these arrangements may cause. We remain committed to completing this project as quickly as safety allows, so we can restore the community as soon as possible.

Changes will occur in four steps over the next 4 to 6 weeks. A description of each step of the changes follows, and a diagram of each step is attached for your reference.

Capitol Quarter Access Plans

Step 1 (Current Conditions)

Existing driveways are now open from Virginia Avenue to the Capitol Quarter alleyways, and temporary driveways and sidewalks have been installed that allow vehicles and pedestrians to access the Capitol Quarter driveways from 3rd Street and 4th Street. The 3rd Street driveway is capable of supporting two-way vehicle traffic (in and out of alleyway); the 4th Street driveway, due to the configuration of 4th Street, is only to be used as an exit. Signs are in place to direct traffic at each location, mirrors have been installed to assist drivers and pedestrians to safely cross the temporary sidewalks in those areas and signage has been added to 3rd Street to encourage drivers not to block access to the temporary driveway. [Pavement markings and striping indicating sidewalks and the driveway entrance on 3rd Street will be added soon; weather has delayed pavement marking.]

(please see reverse for Steps 2 - 4)

Capitol Quarter Access Plans (cont.)

Step 2

Effective Date: Week of January 4-8, 2016

In Step 2 of this plan, access from 3rd Street to Virginia Avenue will be blocked and traffic to and from the Capitol Quarters' alleyway will be directed to the temporary driveway from 3rd Street. The existing driveway from the Capitol Quarters' alleyway to Virginia Ave on the 4th Street side will remain open while preparations continue for installation of the temporary 4th Street street-deck and pedestrian walkways over Virginia Avenue.

In addition, DDOT has authorized the complete closing of 4th Street during construction hours (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for two days during the week of January 4-8, to allow crews to move the fire hydrant that is currently close to the temporary driveway on 4th Street. The hydrant will be moved south on 4th Street to create addition space between it and the driveway, in response to requests from Capitol Quarter residents. More information about schedule will be provided when it is available.

Step 3

Estimated Effective Date: Week of January 11-15 or January 18-22

In Step 3, following completion of the temporary 4th Street street-deck and east-side pedestrian walkway across Virginia Avenue, access to the east end of the 300 block of Virginia Avenue will be closed, including the existing driveway from the Capitol Quarters' alleyway to Virginia Ave on the 4th Street side. At that time the temporary 4th Street driveway will become the only access to 4th Street from the alley, and it will be an exit only. Due to the required configuration of the 4th Street street-deck, the temporary driveway will not be accessible to cars from 4th Street.

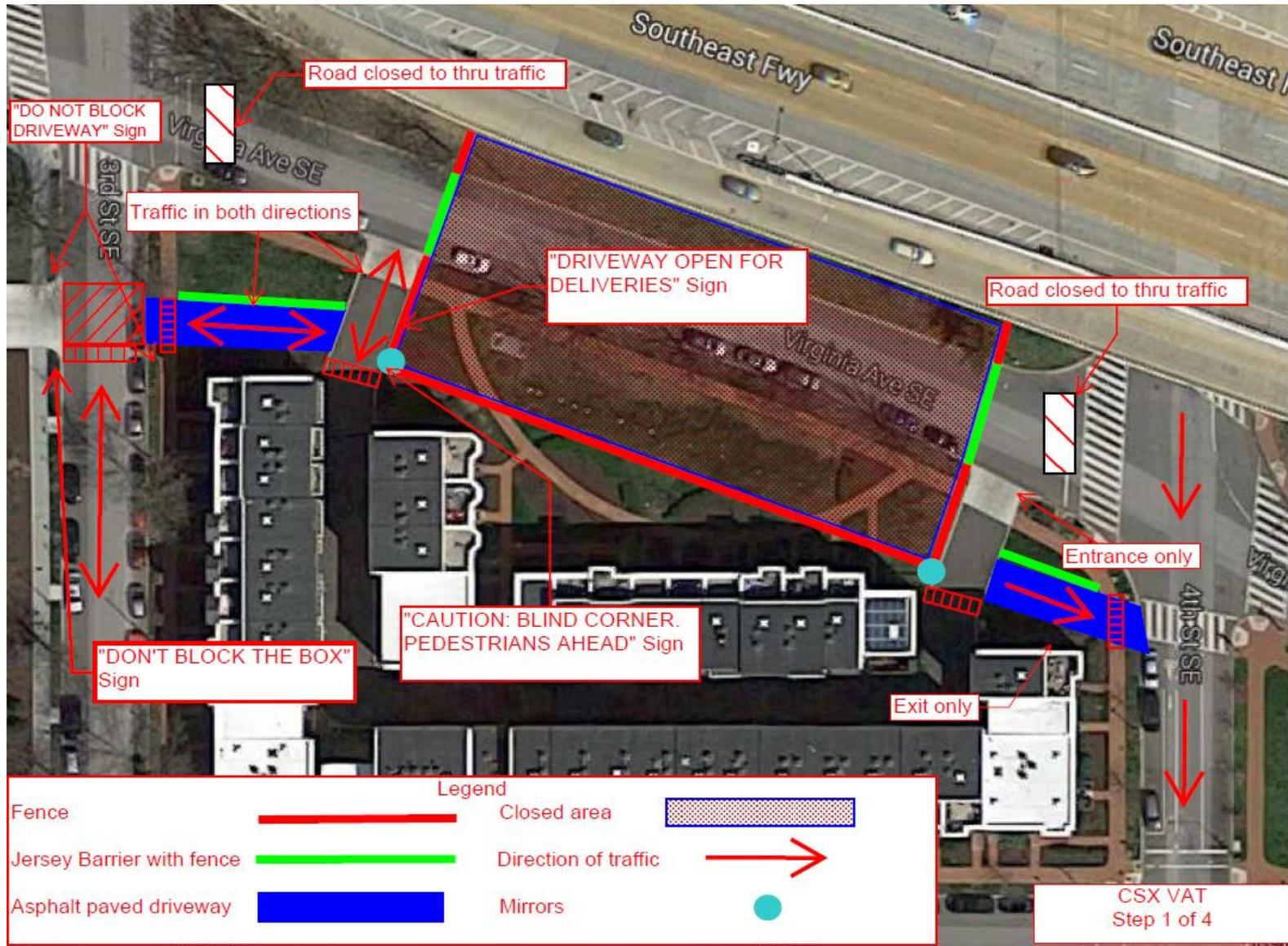
Step 4

Estimated Effective Date: End of January – Early February

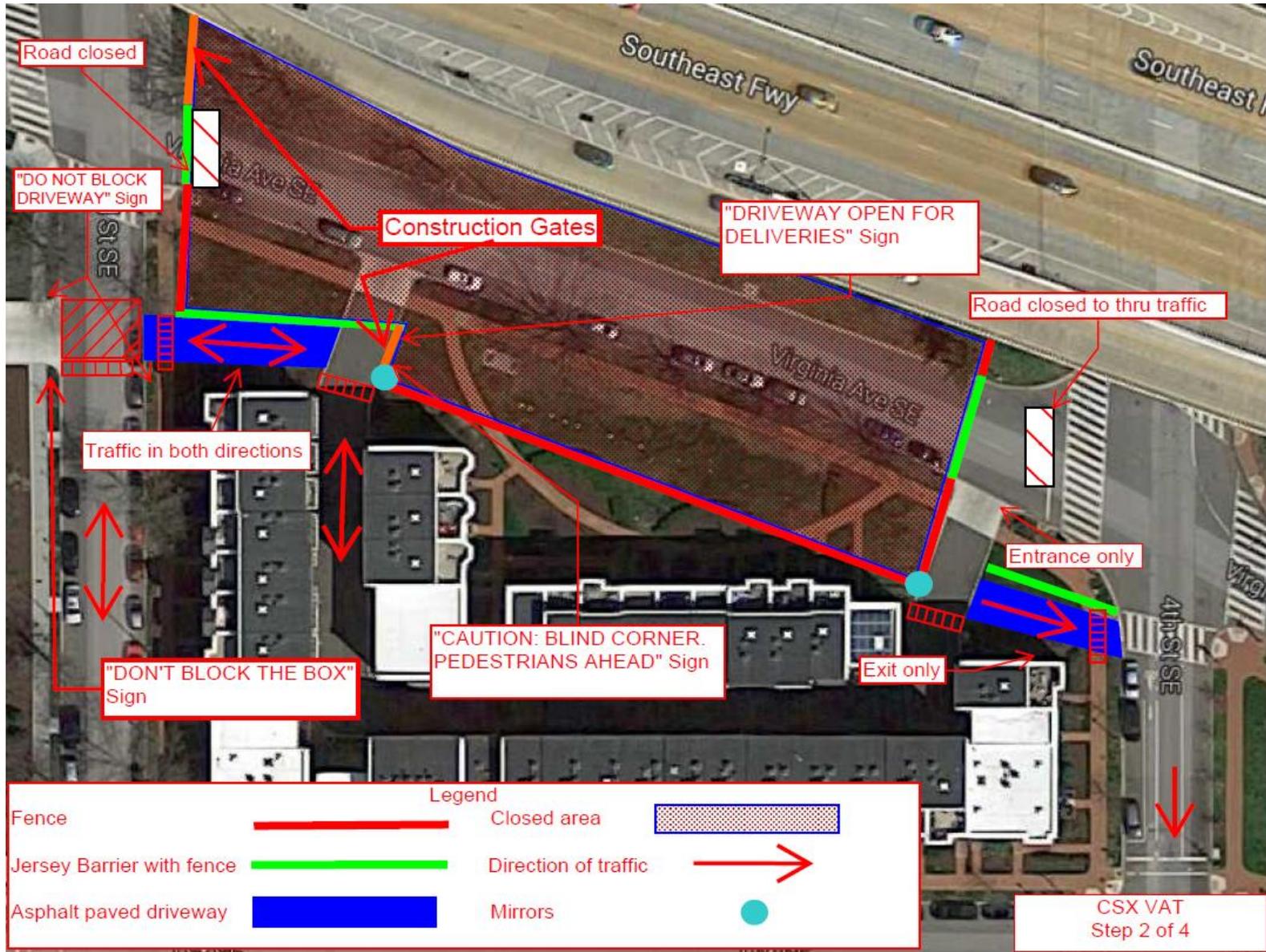
In Step 4, the final configuration, an additional pedestrian walkway will be added to 4th Street across Virginia Avenue. This will allow pedestrians to walk on either side of 4th Street when crossing the excavation at Virginia Avenue. Two-way vehicle access will continue to be available between the Capitol Quarters' alleyway and 3rd Street, and vehicles will continue to be able to exit the temporary 4th Street driveway.

We hope these materials are helpful to you and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about how changes will be implemented. Please contact us at [\(800\) 494-1049](tel:8004941049), by email at VAT@csx.com, or feel free to drop by the community office.

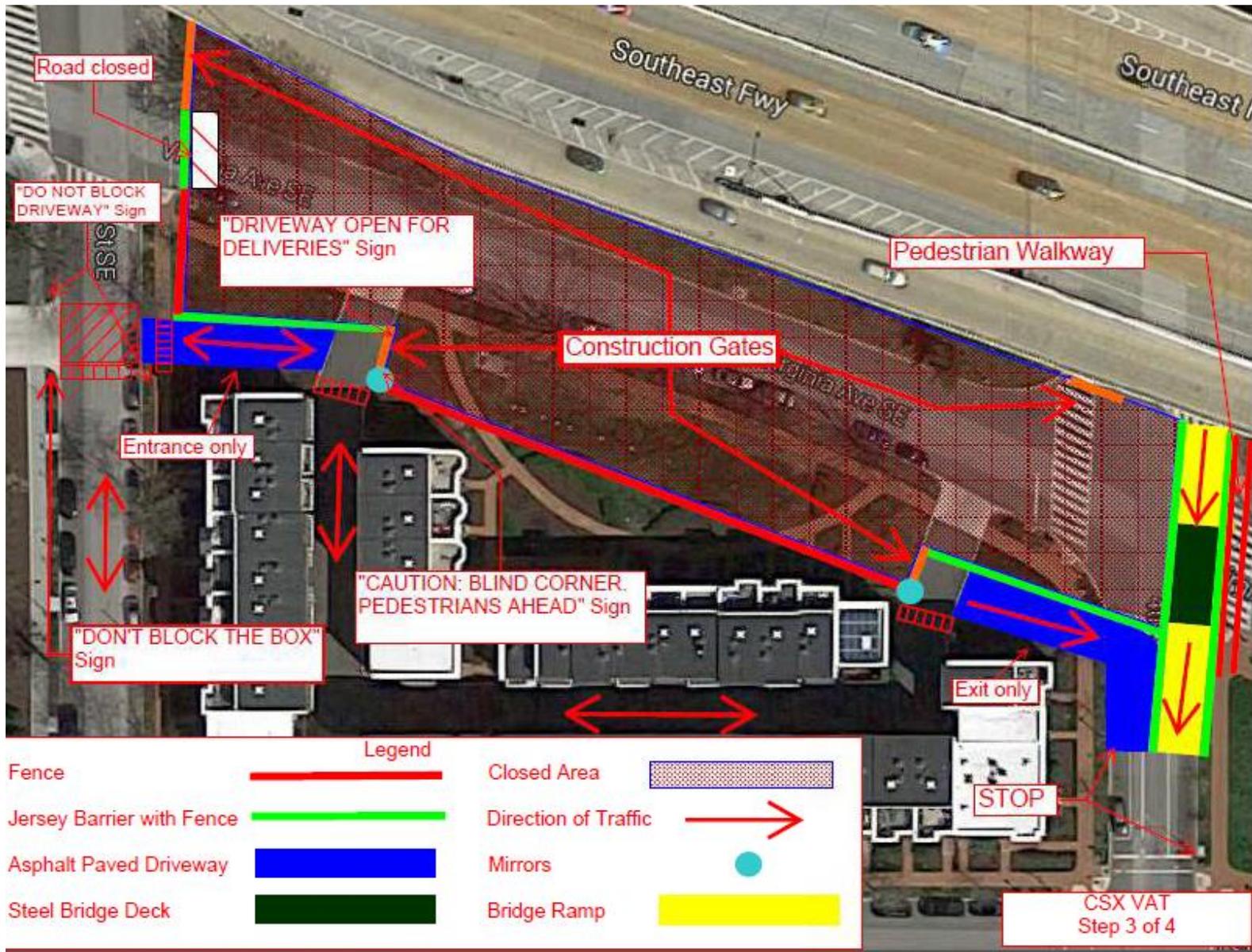
Capitol Quarter Access Plans, Step 1



Capitol Quarter Access Plans, Step 2



Capitol Quarter Access Plans, Step 3



Capitol Quarter Access Plans, Step 4

