Friends & Neighbors,

After almost 14 years of planning, construction of the new sidewalks got underway this morning.

This week, the contractor will be conducting curb cuts, first on North Main street and then moving to Bridge Street on Wednesday. This line of saw cuts in the roadway will eventually be excavated to provide the 'workspace' for the contractor during demolition and construction of the sidewalks.

We know this is a very busy time of year for our businesses, especially this weekend with the Kent Sidewalk Sale Days. From the initial kick-off meeting with the contractor, we were clear that there were a number of times of year that disruption from project work needed to be kept to a minimum. To this end, sidewalk demo and construction will start on Bridge Street at the concrete bridge to take advantage of fewer students walking from KCS and Kent School during the summer months, and once that work is complete, moving to the northern end of Phase I to avoid construction in the highest pedestrian areas of the village till later in the season.

Some other details:

- work will be conducted Monday through Friday, no earlier than 7:00a, no later than 4:00p.
- certified traffic controllers are on site to ensure pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety through the use of appropriate traffic control patterns.
- no equipment or materials will be stored in the highway right-of-way.
- all roadway pavement shall be replaced at any excavation sites.

We appreciate the community's patience and support during the project. We're all anxious to bring this project to fruition!