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**DDOT Takes Major Step Toward More Open Data**

**Traffic Control Plans Now Published Online**

**Washington, DC** – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced that traffic control plans (TCPs) for occupancy permits at construction staging areas are available for viewing online.

With a focus on Mayor Muriel Bowser’s InnoMAYtion initiative this month, DDOT is publishing this information in an open data format through the [Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS)](http://www.tops.ddot.dc.gov).

Greater access to agency data, which includes approved TCPs, is one of the core strategies in Mayor Muriel Bowser’s [Vision Zero Action Plan](http://visionzero.dc.gov).

Through TOPS, residents are now able to download TCPs and any permit issued by DDOT. To view TCPs for construction staging events, users must search for occupancy permits. The data will be available in open format for thorough analysis, and can be accessed using DDOT’s mobile application.

The TCPs outline the portions of roadways, sidewalks, bike lanes and other types of public infrastructure that will be temporarily occupied or altered as part of an approved occupancy permit. The basic objective for each TCP is to permit the contractor to work within the public right of way efficiently and effectively while maintaining a safe, uniform flow of traffic.

Searches for construction and occupancy permits can be performed on permits that are up to 6 months old. Additionally, unlike some TOPS features, you do not have to be a registered user to perform a permit search.

For more information about TOPS, please visit [http://www.tops.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.tops.ddot.dc.gov)

Questions can be directed to PSRD’s Customer Relations Branch at (202) 442-4670.

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