

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File Nos. 6951/6955



11TH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND RELATED TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF RESERVATION 343D

Southeast
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the District Department of Transportation and the National Park Service

September 3, 2009

Commission Action Requested

Approval of transfer of jurisdiction pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8124(a) and approval of comments on concept design pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the transfer of jurisdiction of approximately 1.5 acres of Reservation 343D (Anacostia Park) to the District of Columbia government for transportation purposes as shown on NCPC Map File No. 8.10(63.00)42815.

Supports the bridge replacement project because it improves local multi-modal connections and repairs aging infrastructure; however, the Commission also continues to support the future removal of barriers such as the Southeast/Southwest Freeway (Interstate 695) in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital (National Capital Image, p. 161).

Comments favorably on the concept design for the reconstruction of the 11th Street Bridges as shown on NCPC Map File No. 8.10(48.37)42815.

Supports the city's streetcar initiative but notes concern about the use of an overhead wire system within the historic Washington City (L'Enfant City) and Georgetown because of its conflict with federal law that maintains the unobstructed views to important landmarks along city streets and avenues integral to the District's unique character.

Notes the District's commitment to study the impacts of the proposed streetcar system on the L'Enfant City, Georgetown, and on the important values protected by the federal NEPA law in an environmental impact statement.

Encourages DDOT to pursue alternative propulsion technologies for the proposed streetcar system that do not require overhead wires in accordance with its January 24, 2008 commitment to include dual vehicle propulsion requirements in a solicitation package for the development and implementation of the broader streetcar system beyond the Anacostia and H Street/Benning Road corridors.

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