

Southwest Freeway



View of Southwest Freeway from the west

(top image) - Existing Conditions Study Model (2012)

(lower image) - Recommended Revitalization Scenario Study Model (2012)

REVITALIZATION OBJECTIVE

Decking and developing the Southwest Freeway air-rights will contribute to the neighborhood's use mix, add to the area's renewable energy supply, and improve connections between the National Mall and waterfront. The primary objectives are:

- › Balance the office, residential, and institutional use mix.
- › Improve connectivity between the National Mall and waterfront.
- › Provide pedestrian connections east-west between 7th and 10th Streets.
- › Increase opportunities for private development.
- › Buffer nearby residential and office uses from the freeway.

TODAY

Today, the 10-lane Southwest Freeway and its ramps and frontage access roads slices through the area; the street grid has been elevated to cross over the freeway and ramps have been constructed to provide access to all streets between 6th and 12th Streets except for 10th Street. The freeway and the tangle of ramps are unattractive and create a physical and psychological barrier, making it difficult and unpleasant to traverse south and north of the freeway between the waterfront and the Mall.