



## CREATE A GOVERNANCE ENTITY TO PROVIDE DISTRICT-WIDE COORDINATION, FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT

Creating a governance entity managed by a board of public and private representatives will provide the coordination, advocacy, financing, and management necessary to achieve the SW Ecodistrict goals. The entity could be similar in structure to a business improvement district but would also have a large role in developing the sustainable infrastructure of the SW Ecodistrict. Or, an entity could be established through special legislation with the appropriate authorities to carry out actions necessary to implement the recommendations. Some of the key functions of this governing entity could include:

- › Develop a district-wide plan that addresses streetscape, public space, stormwater management, and infrastructure improvements, in coordination with GSA's current efforts.
- › Implement district-wide programs to manage stormwater and reduce energy use, wastewater, and potable water.
- › Champion and coordinate renewable energy improvements, including solar installations, above the Southwest Freeway and at buildings.
- › Coordinate with the District on the prioritization of tax increment financing funds (TIF) or low impact development (LID) property tax assessment funds (generated by the Ecodistrict) for environmental and/or transportation related projects.
- › Finance, construct, and maintain district-wide green infrastructure improvements (this could be done using a combination of LID/TIF funds or through the involvement of a private partner).
- › Administer a green power purchasing program and a stormwater credit program.
- › Define a district identity through marketing and branding strategies, and develop a plan that reflects the Ecodistrict's sustainability goals.

While this entity may not ultimately manage all of the projects, such as the district-scale water and energy systems, it would provide the leadership and coordination to initiate the projects and develop and carry-out the necessary public-private partnerships.

## COORDINATE REGIONAL TRANSIT INVESTMENTS

Union Station and L'Enfant Station are the two busiest transportation hubs in the city. Both stations are working to address how to accommodate increased ridership. Conflicts arise not only with passenger congestion but also with track capacity, train movement, and storage. Any solutions to these challenges will need coordination amongst stations. There is no single entity to manage this effort. The existing Union Station Redevelopment Corporation is charged with managing all transportation and real estate activity at Union Station and could have its authorities expanded to include transportation planning for L'Enfant Station.