



2412 Rand Place, NE (1.)



Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (3.)



2701 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (4.)

Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following action under the Commission's delegation authority. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Highway plan amendment for the Modification of the Permanent System of Highways at Square 4408, Lot 812 and Square 4396, Lot 805 - S.O. 21-02601, 2412 Rand Place, NE. (8259)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for a permanent radio tower installation at the Elephant House, National Zoological Park. (8260)
3. Final site and building plans for the Joint Air Defense Operations Center Phase II Expansion, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, 20 MacDill Boulevard, SE. (8217)
4. Preliminary and final site development plans for the St. Elizabeths West Campus Mass Notification System, 2701 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE. (8264)
5. Preliminary and final building plans for the BARC water tower antenna relocation and installation, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (8266)
6. Preliminary site and building plans for Army Family Housing Renovation Program at Fort McNair and Fort Myer, Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall. (8166)
7. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for Design Review for Parcel H of The Yards, 110 N Street, SE. (ZC 21-06)
8. A report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Text Amendment to Subtitles Y and Z. (ZC 20-26A)

During the past month, NCPD staff determined that the following projects are exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for Golden Triangle BID temporary sculptural benches, Murrow Park located at Pennsylvania Avenue and 18th Street, NW. (8261)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for an infrastructure modernization - work package 1, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (8263)

Planning Updates

Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

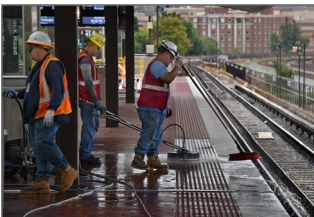
Staff will present an information presentation to the Commission at the June 3 meeting on the progress of the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. The briefing will provide an update on the Executive Committee's strategic plan that includes efforts to improve programming and physical conditions. The Executive Committee and an expert panel are meeting in June to review a range of vision concepts that will be released for public comment in the fall. On June 29, NCPD will host a public discussion on ways the Avenue can become a beautiful and lively capital city destination.





Monumental Core Streetscape Project

In late April, the Interagency Working Group (IWG) met to review pavement and landscape guidelines for the update to the *National Mall Streetscape Manual*. NCPC staff is working closely with the District of Columbia on coordinating streetscape guidelines within important transition areas between the monumental core and surrounding neighborhoods. The IWG is working to scope the update to the construction manual that will accompany the new guidelines.



Regional Capital Improvement Plans

Staff reviewed and provided comments on five local jurisdictional Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) in the National Capital Region. The Alexandria City Manager's *Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2031 Proposed Capital Improvement Program* featured funding requests to study the (Alexandria) Union Station Improvements, improve multiple existing Metrorail stations, and support projects that protect cultural resources and landscape improvements. The Prince George's County's *Proposed Capital Budget and Program FY 2022-2027* and the Prince William County's *Proposed FY 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Plan* include multiple projects that will improve regional mobility. The Montgomery County Executive's *Recommended FY 2022 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program* featured Seneca Science Corridor Transit Improvements and the US 29 Managed Lane projects. Lastly, Fairfax County's *FY 2022-2026 Advertised Capital Improvement Program* included investment in the Dulles Corridor rail, commuter rail, and Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Initiative projects. All these initiatives are consistent with federal Comprehensive Plan policies.



Comprehensive Plan's District Elements

On April 14, the Council of the District of Columbia's Committee of the Whole released the staff draft of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan's District Elements in Bill 24-1, the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2021. Council is expected to markup the legislation and vote on Bill 24-1 this spring. NCPC anticipates a formal review of the District Elements this summer and will then certify to the Council whether the elements have a negative impact on federal interests.

Public Outreach



National Capital Commission Urbanism Lab

On April 29, Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** represented NCPC on a panel in the National Capital Commission Urbanism Lab webinar series. The discussion focused on the creation and maintenance of green spaces, considerations that inform where they are located, their shape and dimensions, and uses they should be geared toward. Other participants were **Jonathan Cha**, Jean-Drapeau Park, Montréal and **Lori Ellis**, Toronto Island Park Master Plan, City of Toronto. The National Capital Commission, based in Ottawa, is the main federal urban planner in Canada's Capital Region.

American Planning Association National Conference



On May 6, as part of the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** joined **Timothy Canan**, Planning Data and Research Program Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and **John Chow**, Vice President, WSP USA in a session to discuss strategic planning for emerging travel trends post-pandemic. They provided an overview of the travel patterns developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, explored strategies to incorporate in future planning, and shared how NCPC's new transportation management program developed from the recently updated Comprehensive Plan's Federal Transportation Element can help assess pandemic impacts and overcome impediments to sustainable transportation demand.

Blog: Recent data on COVID-19's impacts on transportation

The pandemic's one-year anniversary provides a timely milestone for evaluating its near-term impacts. At NCPC's April meeting, **Timothy Canan** from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments shared a multi-sector snapshot of COVID-19's regional impacts to date with a focus on transportation. Communications and Research Support Specialist **Bsrat Mezghebe** presented highlights of the region's public and personal transportation trends.



Blog: A Vision for Sustainability: Revisiting the SW Ecodistrict Initiative

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton recently highlighted the SW Ecodistrict Initiative in response to President Biden's proposed American Jobs Plan. In light of this news, **Bsrat Mezghebe** revisited the initiative's innovative approach to transform an isolated federal precinct into a highly sustainable workplace, livable neighborhood and high-performance environmental showcase.

