



Commission Action

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PROJECT District of Columbia FY 2018 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan FY 2018-2023 Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 0348
SUBMITTED BY Mayor of the District of Columbia	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 00.00(07.00)44557
REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8723(b)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments to the Council of the District of Columbia
	ACTION TAKEN Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia

The Commission:

Commends the District of Columbia on the inclusion of many projects that support federal interests as established in the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* and other planning documents, that:

- Invests in the city's transportation system including the completion of the South Capitol Street Corridor and Frederick Douglass Bridge, H Street Bridge, the Streetcar system, and continued funding support to other modal system enhancements.
- Develops new parks and recreation centers and enhances existing parks and open spaces throughout the city.
- Funds long-term planning efforts linked to important capital projects of federal interest.

Notes that the following general areas and topics are of special interest to the Commission, and should be coordinated with NCPC on an on-going basis:

- Streetcar System and the development of future segments including consultation regarding the potential use of overhead wire systems within the historic L'Enfant City. The use of overhead wires within the L'Enfant City conflicts with federal law.
- Park and open space improvements including coordination of future projects with the Federal Parks & Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Regional multi-modal transportation initiatives and projects, such as WMATA funding, and Travel Demand Management.
- DC Water, which supplies water to the federal government installations and participates in the federal Clean Water Act.

Requests that the District of Columbia government agencies coordinate with NCPC to identify submission requirements, schedules, and potential planning issues prior to formal

review of the following projects and studies. These major projects and studies have the potential to affect federal interest:

- South Capitol St/Frederick Douglass Bridge (KA0-AW031) – This ongoing project funds the replacement of the Frederick Douglass Bridge and improvements to the intersections of South Capitol Street with Suitland Parkway and the Anacostia Freeway. Future land use and design issues are critical to transforming this area into a prime gateway to the city.
- South Capitol Street Corridor (KA0-AW000) – Continued coordination related to design, land use and enhancements to establish a grand urban boulevard along South Capitol Street.
- Streetcars (KA0-STC00) – This project funds the planning for multiple phases of the streetcar system. Continued coordination with the Commission as additional phases are developed is needed to address potential impacts to federal interests;
- Streetcar (KA0-LMTCE) – This ‘master’ project provides funds for infrastructure improvements for various phases of the streetcar project;
- H Street Bridge (KA0-BR005) - This project funds the full replacement of the H Street “Hopscotch” Bridge. The H Street Bridge spans over 1st Street NE, WMATA tracks, Amtrak tracks and platforms and 2nd Street, NE at Union Station. The redevelopment of the Union Station area will require continued coordination with the Commission and other parties to resolve all planning, design, and land use concerns.

Notes the following additional projects that supports the federal interests as established in the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* and related sub-plans:

- McMillan Site Redevelopment (EBO-AMS11) – As the Commission approved master plan redevelopment begins continued review of this development’s phases is anticipated;
- New Communities (EBO-EBO08) - This projects intent is the provision of new, mixed income neighborhoods and address the physical architecture and human capital needs for quality living, of particular interest is redevelopment of communities adjacent to the Saint Elizabeths Campus;
- St. Elizabeths East Campus Infrastructure (EB0-AWR01) – This project will fund necessary infrastructure improvements for future development on the east campus, including roadway, street lighting, and streetscapes. These improvements are needed to alleviate any impacts to the west campus;
- Renovation of University Facilities (GF0-UG706) - This project will renovate the Van Ness Campus and facilities at other locations within the University of the District of Columbia;
- Walter Reed Redevelopment (EBO-AWT01) – This project redevelops the former military facility as a mixed-use development. Continued ongoing coordination is anticipated, as this portion of the campus is adjacent to federal property intended to be developed as a Foreign Mission Center;
- Circulator (KA0-LMCIR) – This project provides for infrastructure improvements to the circulator system;

- Travel Demand Management (KA0-ZU000) This project funds any projects that employ strategies to reduce single occupancy driving in the city and seek to reduce roadway congestion;
- Washington Aqueduct Authority – This capital funded authority provides water to the federal government through federal legislation enacted and a memorandum of understanding executed in 1997.

Notes the statutory requirement mandating the District's submission for Commission review of a number of CIP projects, such as:

- Acquisition or disposition of land or buildings by the District of Columbia government (40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b) (1) and § 8734 (a));
- Development projects undertaken by the District of Columbia government that affect District of Columbia public buildings and grounds, including parks (40 U.S.C. §8722 (b) (1) and § 8722(e).

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