



Commission Action

May 3, 2018

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| PROJECT District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan FY 2019-2024 Washington, DC | NCPC FILE NUMBER 0348 |
| SUBMITTED BY Mayor of the District of Columbia | NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 00.00(00.00)44735 |
| 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 as requested |

The Commission:

Commends the District of Columbia on the inclusion of projects that support federal interests set forth in the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* (Comprehensive Plan) and other planning documents, that:

- Invests in the city's transportation system, including the South Capitol Street Corridor and Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, the H Street Bridge, and the Streetcar, and continues funding support for other modal system enhancements;
- Develops new parks and recreation centers and enhances existing parks and open spaces; and
- 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, including consultation regarding the potential use of overhead wire systems within the historic L'Enfant City which 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;
- Multi-modal transportation projects that have regional impacts, such as Travel Demand Management and WMATA projects; and
- DC Water and Sewer Authority projects, which supply water to the federal government installations and support 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. The following projects and studies have the potential to significantly affect federal interest:

- South Capitol Street/Frederick Douglass [Memorial] Bridge (KA0-AW031), South Capitol Street Corridor (KA0-AW000) and South Capitol Street Bridge – GARVEE (KA0-SCG19) – These ongoing projects fund the replacement of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and improvements to South Capitol Street intersections with the Suitland Parkway and Anacostia Freeway. Future land use and design issues are critical to transforming this area into a prime gateway to the nation’s capital.
- Streetcars (KA0-STC00) and Street Car (KA0-LMTCE) – These projects fund the planning and infrastructure for multiple phases of the streetcar system. They will improve connections between the Benning Road and Union Station Metrorail Stations. Continued coordination with the Commission as additional phases are developed is needed to address potential impacts to federal interests.
- 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 and 2nd Street NE; WMATA tracks; and Amtrak tracks and platforms at Union Station. The redevelopment of the Union Station area requires continued coordination with the Commission and other parties to resolve all planning, design, and land use concerns.

Notes the following additional projects that support the federal interests as established in the Comprehensive Plan and may require future coordination with NCPC:

- Franklin Square Park (AM0-QN751) – This project, which funds improvements to Franklin Park, a federally-owned park requires close collaboration between the National Park Service and the District. The Commission reviewed and approved preliminary plans for this project in December 2015.
- NOMA Parks & Rec Centers (AM0-QM802) – This project funds parkland acquisition and improvements to existing and building new park spaces near Union Station and the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Headquarters.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Central Library (CE0-MCL03) – Continuing efforts to fully modernize the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, this project renovates and reconfigures this historic landmark.
- McMillan Site Redevelopment (EB0-AMS11) – The Commission approved the master plan for this former federal property in 2016. The plan would redevelop the site into a mixed-use project, while retaining many of its historic features.
- 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.
- New Communities (EB0-EB008-MP) – This project’s intent is the provision of new, mixed income neighborhoods that address the physical architecture and human capital needs for quality living. Of particular interest is redevelopment of communities adjacent to the St. Elizabeths Campus.
- Hill East (EB0-EB422) – Design and construction of Reservation 13 infrastructure, to include the following: Massachusetts Avenue, C Street NE, and 20th Street NE extensions; and possible WMATA entrance-related infrastructure.

- Walter Reed Redevelopment (EB0-AWT01C) and Walter Reed Pool (AM0-W4PLC) – These projects redevelop 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 being developed as a Foreign Mission Center.
- 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.
- 11th Street Bridge (KA0-HTF00) and 11th Street Bridge Park (KA0-ED0D5) – These projects provide multi-modal transportation options for cars, pedestrians, bicycles, and the future DC Streetcar; creates an elevated park; replaces existing structures that are both functionally deficient and structurally obsolete; provides an additional alternate evacuation route from the nation’s capital; and supports the overall mission of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.
- Power Line Undergrounding (KA0-LMGGR) – This focuses on undergrounding electrical feeders most vulnerable to outages during storm conditions. It may affect streetcar propulsion.
- Streetlight Management (KA0-LMLIG) – This master project supports the rehabilitation, replacement, and expansion of the District’s streetlight portfolio.
- 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.
- Kingman Island Education Center (KG0-KINGI) – The project lays out educational and recreational improvements at Kingman & Heritage Islands that include several outdoor classrooms, bathrooms, and accessible routes and pathways.
- 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)); and
- 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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