



Commission Action

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PROJECT Proposed District of Columbia Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2020 - 2025 Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 0348
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REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8723(b)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments to the Mayor of the District of Columbia
	ACTION TAKEN Approved

The Commission:

Commends the District of Columbia on the inclusion of projects that support federal interests. As set forth in the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* (Comprehensive Plan), federal interests are characterized by one of the following general types:

- Public space improvements that respect the historic character and importance of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans;
- Transportation systems that provide safe, reliable, and sustainable mobility options for the region;
- Infrastructure improvements of the highest design quality;
- Preservation, enhancement, and development of parks and open space that can accommodate a range of uses and programming;
- Development that protects the environment and balances accessibility and security needs; and
- Construction and rehabilitation of public buildings that reflect the image of the nation's capital.

Requests that the District of Columbia government agencies coordinate with NCPC and affected federal agencies to identify submission requirements, schedules, and potential planning issues prior to formal review of projects and studies.

Finds that the following projects and studies may significantly affect federal interest and require coordination with NCPC and affected federal agencies:

- S. 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. NCPC approved the final landscaping design in February 2019. Future land use and design issues are critical to transforming this area into a prime gateway to the nation's capital.

- Streetcars (KA0-STC00), Street Car (KA0-LMTCE), K Street Transitway (KA0-LMC02) and Project Development (KE0-TOP02) – These projects fund the planning and infrastructure for mass transit systems. NCPC welcomes these projects, which are expected to improve east-west connections between Washington Circle, Union Station and the Benning Road Metrorail station. Continued coordination with the Commission as additional phases are developed is needed to address potential impacts to federal interests, including federal properties and important viewsheds within the L'Enfant City.
- H Street Bridge (KA0-BR005) – This project funds the full replacement of the H Street “Hopscotch” Bridge. The bridge spans over 1st Street NE and 2nd Street NE; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) tracks; and Amtrak tracks and platforms at Union Station. NCPC is coordinating with the Federal Railroad Administration on the Washington Union Station Expansion Project, which the Commission will review in the near future. As such, replacement of infrastructure and the redevelopment of the Union Station area requires continued coordination with the Commission and other parties to resolve these complex planning, design, and land use concerns.
- Streetscapes and Beautification (KA0-LMBSS) – This project funds streetscape improvements and beautification efforts. It includes the Florida Avenue/New York Avenue/1st Street intersection, which was the focus of earlier NCPC mobility planning efforts and is adjacent to the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) headquarters. This project presents opportunities to improve connectivity and the pedestrian environment; we particularly encourage construction and design efforts to be coordinated with this agency.

Notes the following additional projects and studies are potentially of federal interest and may require future coordination with NCPC:

Revitalization

- McMillan Site Redevelopment (EB0-AMS11) – This project funds the redevelopment of the site into a mixed-use area, while retaining many of its historic features. The Commission reviewed the redevelopment of this former federal property in 2014 and 2016.
- Walter Reed Pool (AM0-W4PLC) and Children's National (EB0-CHN19) – These projects are part of the redevelopment of the former military facility into 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.
- New Communities (EB0-EB008-MP) – This project provides funding for new, mixed-income neighborhoods. Of particular interest is the plan to redevelop communities adjacent to the St. Elizabeths East Campus.
- Hill East (EB0-EB422) – This project redevelops Hill East, also known as U.S. Government Reservation 13. Specifically, it funds the design and construction of infrastructure for the following: Massachusetts Avenue, C Street SE, and 20th Street SE extensions; and possible WMATA entrance-related infrastructure.

Transportation and Mobility

- 11th Street Bridge (KA0-HTF00) and 11th Street Bridge Park (KA0-ED0D5) – These projects fund an enhanced transportation corridor for cars, pedestrians, bicycles, and the DC Streetcar; create an elevated park; replace existing structures that are both functionally deficient and structurally obsolete; provide an additional alternate evacuation route from the nation’s capital; and support the overall mission of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. The Commission approved a final design for the 11th Street Bridges project in 2011 and concept for the 11th Street Bridge Park in November 2017.
- Transportation Mitigation (KA0-LMMIT) and Travel Demand Management (KA0-ZU000) – These projects will support transportation management and mitigation such as pedestrian area improvements, bicycling infrastructure and intermodal facilities. Such improvements help federal facilities meet NCPC’s automobile parking ratio policies.
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Building Enhancement and Modernization

- Archives (AM0-AB102) – This project funds the construction of a purpose-built facility for the District of Columbia Archives that would improve the preservation of and public access to archival records of federal interest.
- Daly Building Rehabilitation (AM0-DLY19) – This project funds the design and modernization of the Daly Building, which is adjacent to John Marshall Memorial Park, U.S. Department of Labor Headquarters, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- General Renovation (AM0-CGN02-CTF) – This project funds upgrades to the current DC Jail, which has been a primary use of Hill East/Reservation 13. The project also funds the initial design of a new correctional facility.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Central Library (CE0-MCL03) – This project fully modernizes the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The Commission approved the modernization of this historic landmark in October 2016 and signed a Section 106 memorandum of agreement.
- Renovation of University Facilities (GF0-UG706) – This project will renovate the University of the District of Columbia Van Ness campus and other facilities. In December 2011 the Commission approved plans for the project and requested the applicant to closely coordinate with NCPC staff and the Department of State due to potential impacts of the proposed student housing adjacent to the International Chancery Center.

Parks and Open Space

- Eastern Market Metro Park (AM0-EST01) – This project funds modifications to the public space surrounding the Eastern Market Metro Station and along the Pennsylvania Avenue SE corridor, both federal reservations. The Commission will review this project at their May 2019 meeting.

- Small Park Improvements (AM0-QE384) – This project funds capital improvements for triangle, pocket, and circle parks. These parks may be under National Park Service (NPS) jurisdiction and the subject of NCPC’s April 2017 Small Parks Study.
- Franklin Square Park (AM0-QN751) – This project funds improvements to Franklin Park, a federally-owned park. The Commission reviewed and approved final plans for this project in April 2019.
- NOMA [North of Massachusetts Avenue] Parks & Rec Centers (AM0-QM802) – This project funds parkland acquisition and improvements to existing and new park spaces near Union Station and the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Headquarters.
- Kingman Island Education Center (KG0-KINGI) – This project provides funds for educational and recreational improvements at Kingman & Heritage Islands, including outdoor classrooms, bathrooms, accessible routes, and pathways. The Commission approved an improved entrance in November 2007.

Environment and Infrastructure

- Powerline Undergrounding (KA0-LMGGR) – This focuses on undergrounding electrical feeders most vulnerable to outages during storm conditions. It may enable reduced reliance on overhead propulsion infrastructure for the streetcar.
- Streetlight Management (KA0-LMLIG), Core Infrastructure Network Upgrade (TO0-CNU00-MP), and Infrastructure and Security – DPR (TO0-NPR15-IT) – These projects fund rehabilitation and expansion of the District’s streetlight portfolio and the addition of Wi-Fi in public spaces. NCPC, on behalf of the National Mall Road Interagency Working Group, is preparing lighting policy and criteria to coordinate street light improvements with DDOT and the District of Columbia Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3).
- Stormwater and Flood Mitigation (KA0-LMWWM), Waterway Restoration (KG0-BAG04), Stream and Wetland Restoration (KG0-SAWRN) and Integrated Flood Modeling (KG0-IFM20) – These projects support stormwater management; flood modeling and mitigation; and stream, wetland, and waterway restoration. NCPC coordinates with other federal and local agencies to improve water management; recently approving multiple components of the DC Clean Rivers Project, and in partnership with the DC Silver Jackets, released the Flood Risk Resource Guide.
- Combined Sewer Overflow Service Area – This DC Water project funds large-scale green infrastructure installations and a series of deep diversion facilities to capture combined sewer overflow and route it to the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Facility. NCPC has reviewed several portions of this project and will continue to coordinate with partner agencies such as NPS when federal lands may be impacted.
- Washington Aqueduct Authority – This DC Water project supports water distribution 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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