



Information Presentation

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The purpose of this Information Presentation is to provide an update to the Commission regarding the development of *Streetscape Design Guidelines* for the monumental core within downtown Washington, DC. At the November 7, 2019 meeting, the Commission commented favorably on the Monumental Core Streetscape Project's *Urban Design Streetscape Framework* and *Lighting Policy* and directed staff to use these as the basis to develop *Streetscape Design Guidelines*.

As a reminder, the *Urban Design Streetscape Framework* and *Lighting Policy* are the first part of the Monumental Core Streetscape Project; a multi-phased effort to update the 1992 National Mall Streetscape Manual. The purpose of the 1992 Streetscape Manual was to "provide guidelines for a coordinated and consistent streetscape treatment for roadways in the central area of the city in the vicinity of the National Mall." The 1992 National Mall Streetscape Manual and Monumental Core Streetscape Project are guided by an Interagency Working Group (IWG) comprised of 11 federal and local stakeholder agencies.

Staff has continued collaborating with the IWG to advance *Streetscape Design Guidelines* to guide the future development of streetscapes within the Area of Work (see Attachment 1). In accordance with the *Urban Design Streetscape Framework*, the *Streetscape Design Guidelines* are organized into the following categories:

- Vertical Elements: addresses streetlight fixtures and street trees
- Surface Elements: addresses stormwater management and landscape features; sidewalk pavement, curb, and gutter; and pedestrian zones; and
- Small-Scale Elements: addresses furnishings and civic infrastructure features

Staff will inform the Commission on the status of work, including the IWG's recommendations for the Vertical Element Guidelines, current work on Stormwater Management Guidelines, and next steps to advance Surface Element Guidelines.

Staff anticipates presenting the *Streetscape Design Guidelines* for Vertical and Surface Elements to the Commission for Preliminary Review in late 2021.

PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

Previous actions	<p>May 3, 2018 – Information Presentation on the Monumental Core Streetscape Project.</p> <p>September 6, 2018 – Information Presentation on the Urban Design Streetscape Framework.</p> <p>April 4, 2019 – Information Presentation on the Lighting Policy and Framework.</p> <p>November 7, 2019 – Comments on Concept for the Urban Design Streetscape Framework and Lighting Policy.</p>
Remaining actions (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary/Final Review of the Monumental Core Streetscape Design Guidelines.• Review and accept the Monumental Core Streetscape Guide.• Review and accept the LED Streetlight Specification Amendments to the 2013 Streetscape Manual.

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ATTACHED:

1. Area of Work

Area of Work: The General Scope of Work for the new Streetscape Guide will include the Radiating & Edging Streets and Connecting & Traversing Streets (shown in magenta and pink) inside the 1992 National Mall Roads Boundary identified on the map below as expanded to include Banneker Park and the Kennedy Center. The Banneker Park and the Kennedy Center boundaries will be further refined before completion of the scope of work to align with federal land area or architectural and landscape character, as mutually agreed upon. A separate Memorandum of Understanding among DCOP, DDOT, and NCPC known as the Center City Companion Streetscape Review Guide 2020 MOU (CSRG 2020 MOU) will guide a Limited Scope of Work for areas outside the 1992 Boundary, which will help achieve a coordinated urban design streetscape.

