The Commission:

Commends the District of Columbia on the inclusion of projects that support federal interests. Several projects identified in the Capital Improvements Plan help advance the goals and policies in the Federal Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital (Comprehensive Plan) and other NCPC plans and planning initiatives.

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 as well as for any ongoing collaboration projects between NCPC and DC.

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

- 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 District of Columbia’s Monumental Core.

- 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. To date, the Commission most recently heard an information presentation on the Expansion Project, specifically around parking, in July 2020. 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.
K Street Transitway (KA0-LMC02), Street Car (KA0-LMTCE), Capital Bikeshare Expansion (KA0-CBS02C), 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 commuting options as well as 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.

Long Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle (KA0-LMXLB) – The Long Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection is an aspect of a larger capital improvement project to rebuild the Long Bridge which is a railroad bridge carrying both passenger and freight rail. The Long Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection will be a new bridge running parallel to the existing Long Bridge that crosses over the Potomac River. NCPC staff recently participated in the Long Bridge Study as a cooperating agency. Continued coordination with the Commission as future required federal property transfers to accommodate new bridge infrastructure is needed.

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

**Economic Development**
- **Hill East (EB0-EB422)** – This project redevelops Hill East, also known as U.S. Government Reservation 13. Specifically, it would support multiple infrastructure investments on the site, including design and construction of new roads, utility infrastructure, green space, and rehabilitation of the historic building and easements.
- **St. Elizabeths East Campus Infrastructure (EB0-AWR01)** – This project will fund public infrastructure improvements needed to support all future real estate development at St. Elizabeths East, including roadways, water, gas, electric, telecommunications, streetscapes and street lighting, in addition to the demolition of certain non-contributing structures at the campus and stabilization of historic buildings. This site is now within the amended CEA boundary.
- **McMillan Site Redevelopment (AM0-AMS11)** – This project funds the redevelopment of the site into a mixed-use area that will include open space, community center, residential, retail, office, and healthcare uses, while retaining many of its historic features. The Commission reviewed the Master Plan for the redevelopment of this former federal property in 2014 and 2016.

**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, and bicycles; 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, preliminary design for the 11th Street Bridge Park in April 2020, and approval of the
transfer of jurisdiction of approximately three acres from the National Park Service (NPS) to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for the 11th Street Bridge Park.

- Transportation Mitigation (KA0-LMMIT), Travel Demand Management (KA0-ZU000), and Trails Master Project (KAO-TRL00) – 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.

- Streetscapes and Beautification (KA0-LMBSS) – This project funds streetscape improvements and beautification efforts. It includes the Pennsylvania Ave, NW corridor from 17th Street, NW to Washington Circle and Black Lives Matter Plaza, which are important gateways to the National Capital.

- The Business Improvement District (BID) Capital Reimbursement Project (KAO-BIDCR) – This project funds work occurring under the Public Space Maintenance Contracting Authorization Amendment Act of 2014, which allows the Mayor to pay or reimburse to a BID corporation or DC Surface Transit Inc. for reasonably incurred expenses in maintaining or improving the public space, such as sidewalks and signage, within the boundaries of the BID. Specifically supporting improvements in the Anacostia, Golden Triangle, and Southwest BIDs to promote placemaking and vibrancy.

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) – This project funds rehabilitation and expansion of the District’s streetlight portfolio. NCPC, on behalf of the National Mall Road Interagency Working Group, released the concept Monumental Core Streetscape Project Urban Design Streetscape Framework and Lighting Policy in November 2019 to coordinate street light improvements with DDOT and the District of Columbia Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3).

- Stormwater and Flood Mitigation (KA0-LMWWM), Integrated Flood Modeling (KG0-IFM20), Wetland & Stream Mitigation (KGO-WETMI), Hazardous Material Remediation (KGO-HMRHM) – These projects support stormwater management; flood modeling and mitigation; stream, wetland, and waterway restoration, and Anacostia estuary cleanup remedy. 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 Commission has review authority of projects on District land in Washington, DC. The statutory requirement mandating the District of Columbia’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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