



NEPA Public Scoping Meeting Notice
Little Falls Parkway Improvements

February 29, 2024

Dear Interested Party:

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) announces the opportunity to provide public comment and attend an online public scoping meeting as part of the initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for improvements to a 0.4-mile section of the Little Falls Parkway in Bethesda, Maryland.

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce crashes between vehicular traffic along Little Falls Parkway and Capital Crescent Trail users who wish to cross the Parkway, as well as to reduce travel speeds to be more consistent with the intended park user experience. The proposed improvements will include intersection improvements, lane markings, signal timing changes, new lane separators, a new raised crosswalk, turn lanes, new bike lanes, and new signage.

The proposed project is subject to the review of the NCPC under the Capper-Crampton Act. NCPC will serve as the lead and responsible federal agency and work with the Montgomery County Parks Department as the project owner to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NCPC and the Parks Department will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with this project, in accordance with NEPA.

NCPC invites you to attend an online joint NEPA Public Scoping Meeting that will take place on March 12, 2024, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The meeting will include a brief presentation about the project, a discussion of the project's purpose and need, NCPC's review schedule, and issues to be analyzed in the EA. Attendees must register in advance at www.ncpc.gov/event/465/ for the meeting. Those registered for the meeting do not need to complete an additional registration.

Should a federal government shutdown interfere with implementing the above plans, NCPC will reschedule when normal operations resume and adjust the comment period accordingly.

NCPC will accept comments concerning the scope of issues to address in the EA through Friday, March 29, 2024. Comments received during the scoping period will be used to inform the EA analysis. Comments can be submitted in writing via mail or email to:

National Capital Planning Commission
Suite # 500N
401 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004
www.ncpc.gov/participate/notices/MP046/

We look forward to meeting with you online on March 12th. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

To request accessibility services, please email info@ncpc.gov one week in advance of the program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact NCPC at info@ncpc.gov or 202-482-7200.