

Findings of the EA

BENEFITS

Both Alternatives

- Improved intersection operations and safety at Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue
- Replacement of the functionally obsolete Benning Road Bridges over DC-295 and CSX tracks (including improved pedestrian access)
- Improved pedestrian safety and bicycle operations
- Increased transit operations and accessibility (Benning Road Metrorail Station to Union Station)
- Extended streetcar service to key activity centers east and west of the Anacostia River (no property relocations or ROW acquisition)

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Build Alternative 1 – Curbside Running

- Eliminates on-street parking along Benning Road, including residential area between 42nd Street and 44th Street
- Some noise and vibration impacts
- Some intersections operating at LOS E or worse during peak periods in 2018 and 2040
- Relocation of two existing bus stops

Build Alternative 2 – Median Running

- Some noise and vibration impacts (less than Alternative 1)
- Some intersections operating at LOS E or worse during peak periods in 2018 and 2040
- Relocation of one existing bus stop

Both Alternatives would result in the removal of approximately 175 street trees and require some utility relocations.

