







Responses to Design-Related Public Comments from the Benning Road and Bridges Transportation Improvements Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

Topic (# of Comments*)	Comment Received	Response
 Transportation (67 + 8 parking)	Improve bicycle access and paths	The DDOT Preferred Alternative includes a shared-use path and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities between Oklahoma Avenue and Minnesota Avenue.
	Place streetcar stops near bus stops	The DDOT Preferred Alternative places streetcar stops near bus stops.
	Concern about congestion with project	The DDOT Preferred Alternative would achieve same or better levels of traffic congestion when compared to the No Build Alternative.
	Provide intersection safety enhancements, including sidewalk and crosswalk connections	The DDOT Preferred Alternative would provide safety enhancements, including reconstruction of the intersection of Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and pedestrian safety improvements at Benning Road and 36th Street.
	Improve Whitlock Bridge	The DDOT Preferred Alternative would install infrastructure improvements, including Whitlock Bridge replacement, and provide travel lanes, streetcar, sidewalks, and a shared-use path.
	Avoid on-street parking impacts	The DDOT Preferred Alternative's median-running streetcar alignment would not remove on-street parking.
 Visual Quality (8)	Avoid street tree removal to accommodate project elements in existing Benning Road right-of-way	The DDOT Preferred Alternative requires removal of street trees within DDOT right-of-way to accommodate roadway widening. The trees would be replaced as part of mitigation.
	Include art and streetscape improvements in design	The public will have opportunities to participate in the design of bridge and streetscape improvements in the current design phase of project.
 Neighborhood Impacts (11)	Avoid displacements and minimize property impacts	The DDOT Preferred Alternative would use existing DDOT right-of-way and will not result in any displacements and property impacts. A Construction Management Plan would ensure access to properties during construction.
 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (10)	Provide detail on accommodation for persons with disabilities accessing improvements within corridor	The DDOT Preferred Alternative would meet ADA requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks/crosswalks • Shared-use paths • Streetcar stops with ramp connections to sidewalks

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