

**dc**streetcar



# Media Briefing

December 13, 2012

# Welcome

## **DC Streetcar Team**

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# Program

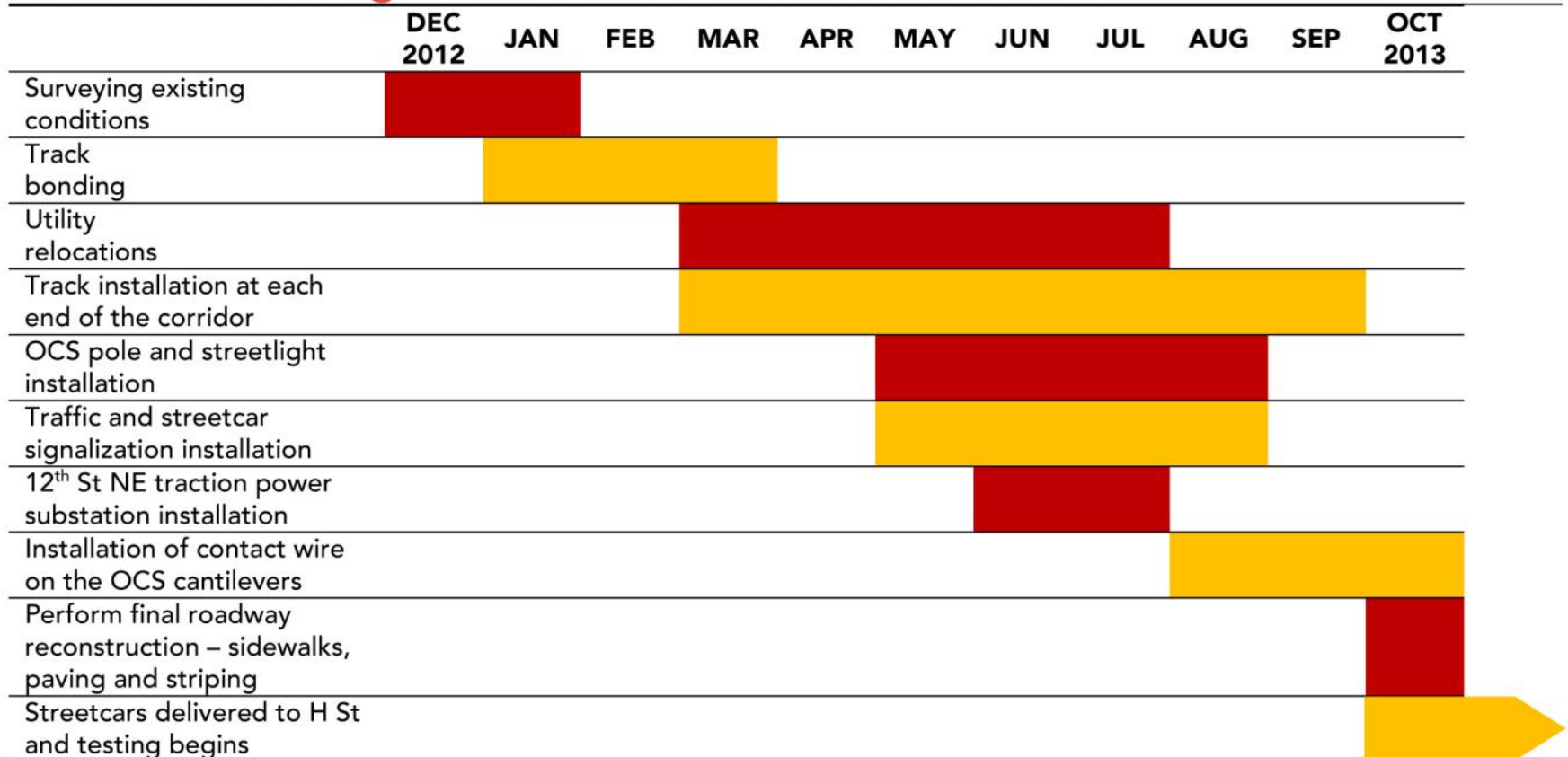
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# H/Benning – Construction

- Phase 1 (completed in 2011) – 80% of work completed
- Phase 2 (underway this month) – final push to make streetcar-ready

## Phase 2 H/Benning Streetcar Construction - 2012-2013



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# H/Benning O&M

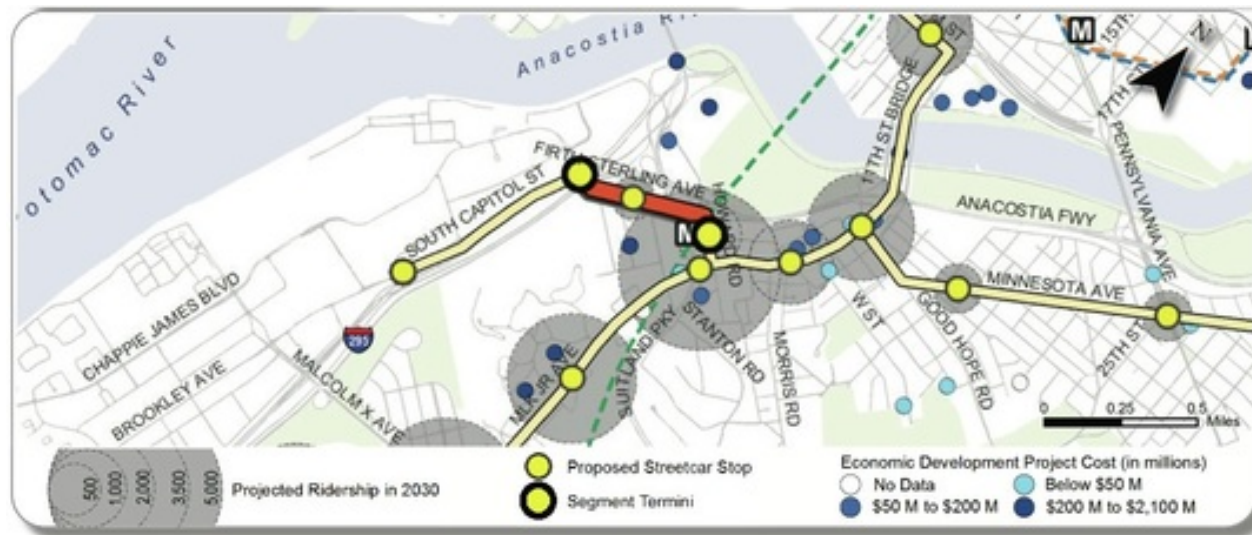
## Operations & Maintenance Team

- RATP Dev McDonald Transit (RDMT) selected in July
  - RATP Dev America - U.S. branch of RATP Group
  - McDonald Transit Associates, Inc.
- Streetcar vehicle operation
- Maintenance of vehicles
- Inspection and maintenance of electrical systems
- Inspection and maintenance of tracks
- Management, hiring and training of staff

In-house with DDOT at present

# Anacostia Initial Line Segment

- 1.1 miles from Firth Sterling at Suitland Parkway to South Capitol Street at Naval Annex Anacostia
- Constructed within District right-of-way
- Combination Alignment
  - Mixed traffic operation at Firth Sterling
  - Exclusive right-of-way west side



# Anacostia Initial Line Segment



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## AILS Implementation Schedule

	December 2012	January 2013	February 2013	March 2013	Beyond
Storage yard prepared for arrival of streetcar vehicles	█				
Secure fence erected at the storage yard			█		
Streetcars offloaded at the storage yard			█		
Streetcar operator occupies space at the storage yard			█		
Traction power system testing			█		
Systems integration testing			█		
Vehicle testing and commissioning				█	
Driver testing and training at the commissioning tracks				█	
Ongoing planning, engineering, and construction	█				

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DDOT will begin the planning process for this line's passenger service in 2013.



# Commissioning and Testing

## Anacostia

- Streetcar vehicles will run (without passengers) during normal workday hours
- Operator will conduct occasional safety training with local emergency response agencies
- Little impact to traffic
  - Activation of new traffic signal on South Capital Street near storage yard to allow for safe entry and exit of streetcar vehicles

## H/Benning

- Streetcar vehicles to begin commissioning and testing along tracks Fall 2013

# H/Benning – Car Barn Training Center

- Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB)
  - Spingarn granted historic designation November 29, 2012
  - HPRB now has approval authority over design
  - DDOT and Program team continuing to work with HPRB to refine design
- Training Center
  - Working with DCPS on MOU for training program
  - Working with CCDC on curriculum for training program
  - Training will focus on electric vehicle technology and transit
- Community Space
  - 2,500 square feet



# Community Outreach Efforts - 2012

Dates (2012)	Event
1/19, 3/15, 6/22, 11/15	Friends of Kingman Park Civic Association
1/26	Public Meeting: Anacostia Environmental Assessment
2/8, 9/12	ANC 6C Monthly Meeting
2/9, 9/13	ANC 6A Monthly Meeting
2/11	One City Summit
2/14, 4/10, 9/11	ANC 7D Monthly Meeting
2/14, 4/10	Kingman Park Civic Association
2/15	River Terrace Civic Association
3/1, 4/5, 11/1	ANC 5B Monthly Meeting
3/6, 4/10, 10/9	ANC 7A Monthly Meeting
<b>4/12</b>	<b>Public Meeting: H/Benning Line</b>
5/15, 9/11, 10/8, 11/13	Ward 8 Transportation Task Force
5/18	SMD 5B04-Commissioner Vaughan Bennett
<b>5/24</b>	<b>Public Meeting: M Street SE/SW Transportation Study</b>
5/29, 11/27	Anacostia Coordinating Council

Members of the DC Streetcar Team regularly provide updates at local ANC and community meetings.

2012

- Participated in 37 meetings or events
- Held 4 streetcar related public meetings
- Next scheduled for 12/17

# Community Outreach Efforts

Dates (2012)	Event
6/25	Emergency Community Meeting - CM Kenyan McDuffie
8/10-8/15	<i>H Street Businesses - Newsletter Distribution</i>
8/25	DCPS Beautification Day
9/6, 11/28	<b>Public Meeting: Benning Extension Study</b>
9/15	H Street Festival
9/24	Spingarn Back to School Night
9/25	SMD 5B12-Commissioner Bernice Blacknell
9/26	Phelps Back to School Night
11/15	One City Action Plan Community Meeting-Ward 8
11/29	DCPS Consolidation and Reorganization Ward 5 Community Dialogue
12/17	<b>H Street Businesses Meeting</b>



# Vehicles

- Vehicles currently owned by District (3) recently serviced
- 3 additional vehicles on order from Oregon Iron Works
  - 2 arriving August 2013
  - 1 arriving December 2013



# State Oversight - Safety

- The Safety and Security Review Committee (SSRC) ensures that DC Streetcar meets federal and local standards and demonstrates industry practices with safety and security.
- Members include DDOT, the Program Management Consultant, the Operations and Maintenance contractor, key transportation safety stakeholders, law enforcement, emergency services and educators.
- The SSRC meets monthly.

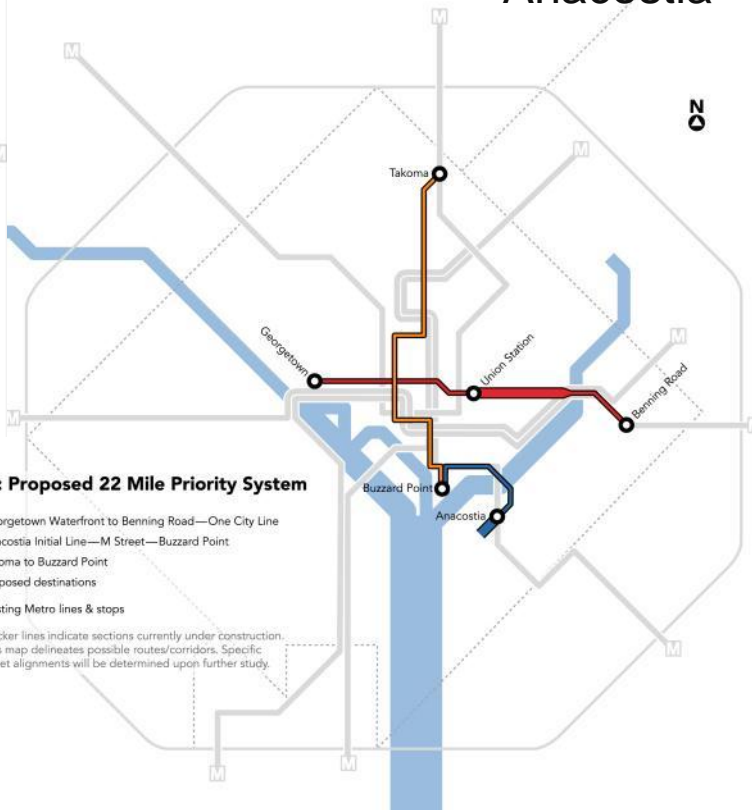
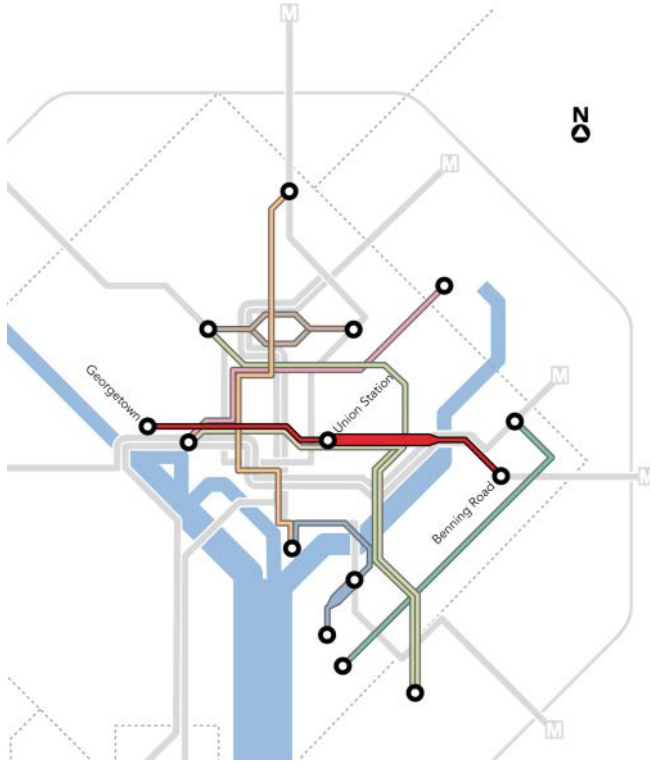
# Public Outreach - Safety

- Robust public outreach program in development
- Campaign will consist of:
  - Public relations activities
  - Targeted community outreach and education at events and online
  - Collaboration with third party advocates
  - Multi-language materials
- Tactics will include:
  - Email
  - Media events
  - Advertising
  - Safety webpage on [DCStreetcar.com](http://DCStreetcar.com)
  - Videos
  - Roster of collateral materials including tools for teachers

# 22-mile Priority System

The Priority System is a subset of the larger planned 37-mile system comprised of 3 corridors:

- Benning Road – Georgetown
- Buzzard's Point – Takoma
- Anacostia – Buzzard's Point



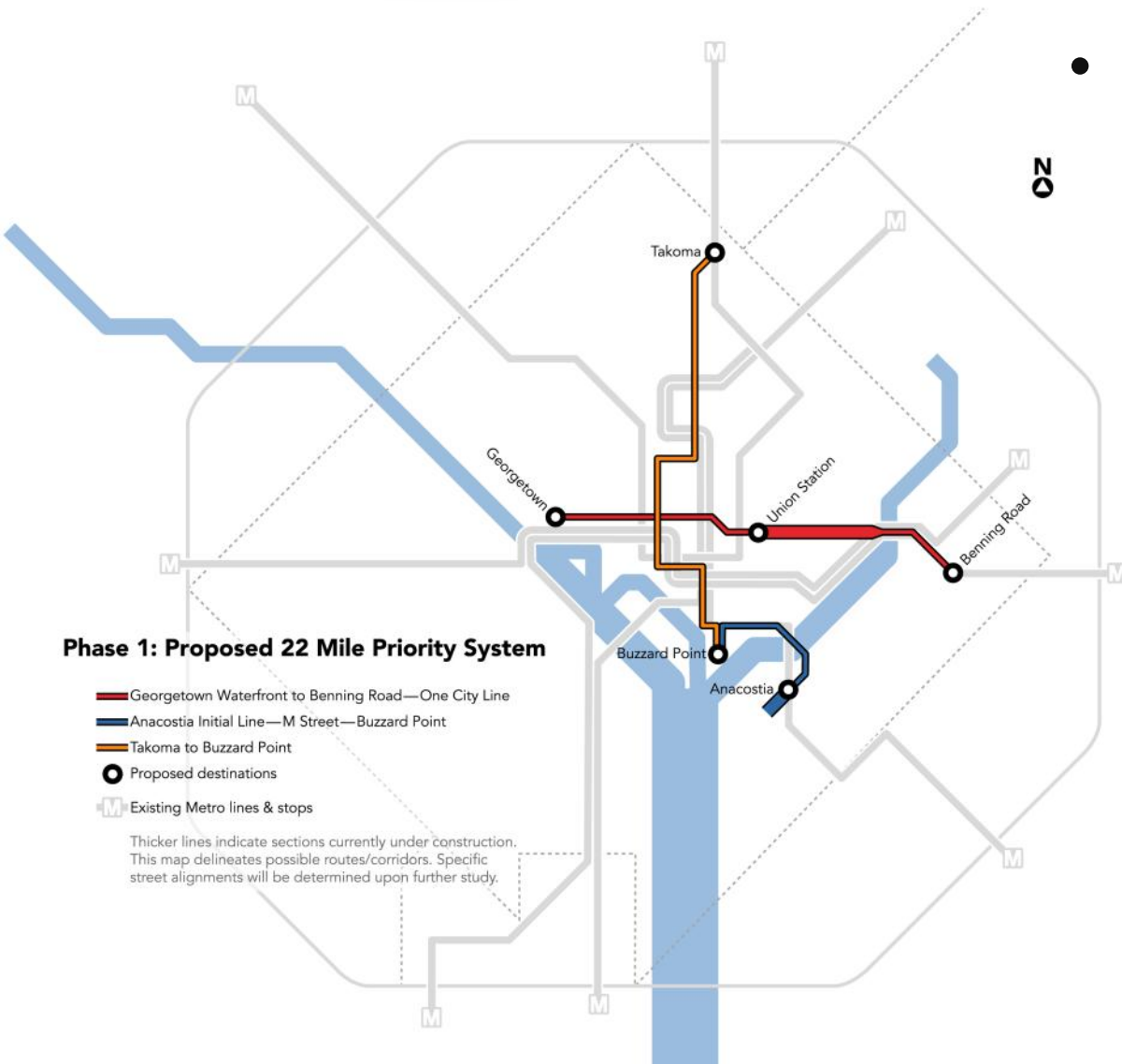
## Phase 1: Proposed 22 Mile Priority System

- Georgetown Waterfront to Benning Road—One City Line
- Anacostia Initial Line—M Street—Buzzard Point
- Takoma to Buzzard Point
- Proposed destinations
- M Existing Metro lines & stops

Thicker lines indicate sections currently under construction.  
This map delineates possible routes/corridors. Specific street alignments will be determined upon further study.



# 22-mile Priority System



- Selected corridors will provide core benefits:
  - Key north-south and east-west connections
  - Support a multi-modal transportation environment
  - Provide additional fixed guideway transit service to residents
  - Provide access to job/activity centers
  - Support economic development

# Request for Information

- RFI issued June 26, 2012 seeking input on delivering the system via a public-private partnership (P3)
- 20 responses received from a variety of firms and teams
- Significant international interest: UK, Spain, China, Japan, France, Australia, Canada and U.S.
- Responses identified areas that require additional analysis
- Industry forum and webcast held November 20, 2012
  - Over 80 individuals attended the session in person and an additional 85 individuals viewed the webcast.
  - Provided an overview of issues identified in RFI responses
    - Complexities of integrating bus and streetcar operations;
    - Plans and status of environmental review process for streetcar segments;
    - Information on potential funding streams; and
    - Inclusion of streetcar vehicles with the overall procurement.

# Request for Information

- Next steps (current preferred approach)
  - Utilize two-stage RFQ/RFP process
  - Perform analyses to address questions raised via RFI process - informing RFQ development
  - Issue RFQ
  - Receipt and review of RFQ responses
  - Shortlist best qualified teams
  - RFP development, review and concessionaire selection
  - Begin final negotiations with selected concessionaire

# Finance & Governance Task Force

- Created by Mayor Gray to advise on major aspects of delivering the 22-mile Priority System
  - Project costs (capital and operating)
  - Project funding sources (capital and operating)
  - Project financial plan
  - Project schedule
  - Project governance structure
- Committee Composition
  - Comprised of key leaders in District government as well as representatives from the private sector
  - Chaired by City Administrator Allen Lew
  - Jair Lynch serving as Vice-chair
  - 4 task force committees:
    - Finance, Governance, Infrastructure and Legislative
- Task Force to meet monthly beginning January 2013

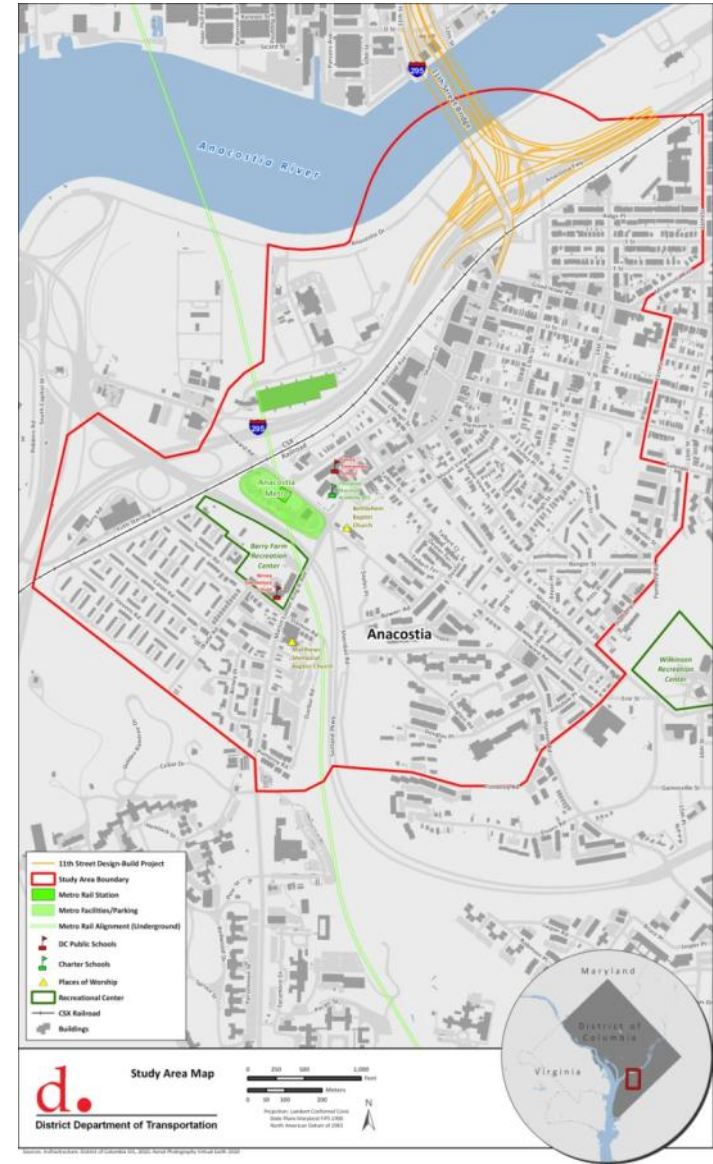
# Anacostia Environmental Assessment

## Project Purpose

“The purpose of the proposed action is to develop and maintain an efficient, reliable, and convenient transit service that enhances connectivity within and between neighborhoods and supports community revitalization and economic development.”

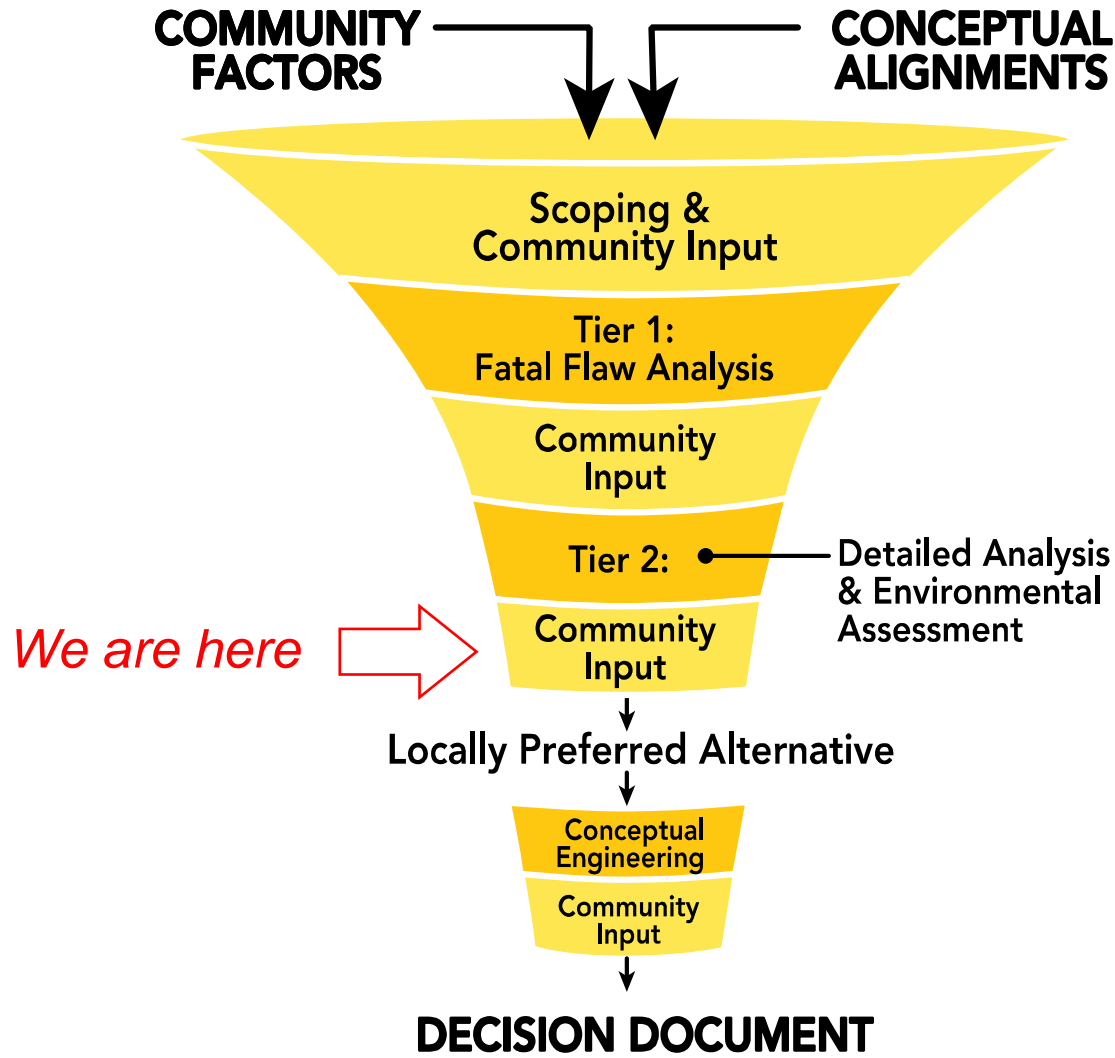
## Project Goals

- Foster economic development opportunities
- Provide mobility improvements to a transit-dependent neighborhood
- Foster environmental preservation and sustainability
- Accommodate population and employment growth



# Anacostia Environmental Assessment

## Process



# Anacostia Environmental Assessment - What's Next

- Finalize technical analysis
- Public Review period for EA Document and 106 materials
- Public Hearing/Meeting for EA
- Selection of Locally Preferred Alternative
- Final Decision Document issued by FTA

Final Draft EA to be completed in New Year.

# Additional Line Studies

- **Benning Road Feasibility Study**
  - Concluding this winter. Technical study to determine feasibility of extending H/Benning line to either Minnesota Ave. or Benning Rd. Metro stations
    - Bridge structures, roadway geometry, utilities, right-of-way, multimodal traffic and on-street parking effects
- **Benning Road NEPA Study**
  - Starting winter 2013, building on feasibility study finding
  - Expected to conclude fall 2013
  - Purpose to determine preferred route alternative
- **Union Station to Georgetown Alternatives Analysis**
  - Starting after first of year
  - Purpose to determine preferred route and transit mode



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