

## CONNECTICUT AVENUE MULTIMODAL PROJECT

### PROJECT STATUS

#### **Project Description**

The Mayor and DDOT have selected a preferred alternate (Concept C) for the corridor on December 15, 2021. The project contains elements of a comprehensive strategy to address speeding, enforcement, pedestrian and bicycle safety, bus safety, and vehicle safety. Concept C removes reversible Lanes, adds protected bicycle lanes on the east and west sides of Connecticut Avenue, reduces the Connecticut Avenue posted speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph, provides speed enforcement cameras, and includes safety improvements such as adding left and right turn lanes, implementing No Turns on Red, adding pedestrian refuge islands and realigning intersection approaches to make them safer.

#### **Ongoing Activities**

#### **Concept Development Plans**

- The first iteration of Concept Development plans for the project was presented to the project's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on April 6, 2022. The CAC offered suggestions to enhance the Plan. DDOT's consultant will evaluate the suggestions based on technical feasibility and will incorporate the CAC's suggestions into the Plan, where possible.
- The Concept Plans will be presented to an Interagency Committee in April 2022. The Interagency Committee will review and comment on the Connecticut Avenue Concept Development Plans. DDOT's consultant will incorporate the Interagency Committee's suggestions, if possible, based on technical feasibility. The Interagency Committee is comprised of DDOT subject matter experts in planning, engineering, safety, design, and construction. Representatives from other District of Columbia and external agencies (e.g., State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, District Department of Energy and Environment, MPD, FEMS, and others) are also included on the Interagency Committee.
- A revised set of Concept Development Plans will be prepared by late April 2022. DDOT intends to place the revised set of plans on the project website in early to mid-May. Continued concept development plan refinement will occur throughout 2022.
- DDOT will prepare for a Public Meeting to be held in approximately mid-June (pending calendar reviews of ANC, and other meetings). The primary purpose of the Public Meeting will be to show the public the conceptual plan sets, to date.
- In this first set of conceptual plans, please note that the number and allocation of parking and loading spaces along each blockface is illustrative.

**Traffic.** DDOT will review and identify current traffic issues that may require traffic calming solutions based on observations of cut-through traffic, speeding and non-compliance with traffic control devices.

**Parking.** DDOT plans to engage approximately seven parking task forces (each task force will review smaller sections of the Connecticut Avenue corridor) over the summer (2022) to evaluate and recommend optimized parking and loading solutions. Recommendations will be reviewed by DDOT and

presented to the Community Advisory Committee and to the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions for consideration.

**Racial Equity Impact Analysis.** The Mayor's Office of Racial Equity is conducting a Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA) for the Project. The results of this analysis are expected to be available this spring/early summer. Based on the results of the REIA, potential project elements may be included in the project design based on identified racial and other inequities.

**Environmental Documentation.** DDOT will be completing the required environmental documentation for the project between during 2022.

**Remove Reversible Lane (RL) Infrastructure.** DDOT is in the process of removing the Corridor's reversible lane infrastructure. This item is an integral part of the master project. In March 2022, DDOT removed all static signs which directed drivers to use the reversible lanes. The agency is currently completing a signing and marking plan. Completion of removal of the RL pavement markings is estimated to be complete by early summer.

**Reduce Speed Limit on Connecticut Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph.** DDOT will replace all 30-mph speed limit signs with 25 mph signs within the Connecticut Avenue corridor. This item is an integral part of the master project. All 25-mph signs should be in place by early summer. Three Notice-of-Intentions (NOIs) were distributed to the ANCs in the corridor (ANC 3C, 3F and 3-4/G). The NOIs were distributed on March 24, 2022, and the 10-day comment period concluded on April 6, 2022. Two ANCs provided supportive comments of this action and one ANC did not respond. Individual comments were substantially supportive of this action.

**Continued Community Engagement.** DDOT will continue robust community engagement with residents, businesses, and ANCs in the corridor during the final concept development/planning phases of the project and throughout the design and construction phases.

**Analysis of a Potential Extension of the Protected Bicycle Lanes.** Analyses of a potential extension of the PBLs at the northern terminus of the corridor (Legation Street to south of Chevy Chase Circle) will be initiated. The original project limits were set because the limits of the RLs ended at Legation Street. During the public comment period, suggestions were made to extend the PBLs. DDOT will conduct and analyze detailed traffic and parking data to understand the traffic and parking context within the extended area. DDOT will evaluate the potential PBL extension based on effects on traffic operations, safety, pedestrian, bicycle and transit modes, and other factors. Based on the evaluation, DDOT will make a recommendation on whether to include, or not to include, the PBL extension in the project. DDOT will engage the community including residents, businesses, the ANCs, and other organizations throughout the study period.

**Concept Plan Refinements.** DDOT will continue refine the concept development plans between summer 2022 and early winter 2023 prior to starting the design phase. DDOT will request the community's continued input during this calendar period.

# Project Elements and Timeline

