





## Public Alternative Meeting Virginia Avenue Tunnel Environmental Assessment Project Alternatives & Section 106 Evaluation

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has requested the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to consider permits allowing CSXT the temporary usage of air rights in the vicinity of Interstate 295/11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges and for temporary closure of the Southeast Freeway/I295 ramp on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE to facilitate construction associated with the Virginia Avenue Tunnel. This request requires oversight and approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). DDOT and FHWA are developing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the impacts of the proposed CSXT Virginia Ave Tunnel project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Effect to the historic resources from this project will also be assessed in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As a follow-up to the public scoping meeting held on September 14, 2011, a second public meeting will be held to discuss alternatives for this project on:

Wednesday, November 30, 2011
From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Nationals Park
1500 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003-1507

This public meeting will include a formal presentation, question and answer session, and open house displays. The formal presentation will start at 7:00 p.m.

Free parking will be provided at parking Lot C, located at First and N Streets, SE, Washington, DC 20003. Parking Lot C is attached to the park and conveniently located adjacent to Center Field Gate. The Metro exit (Navy Yard, Green Line) is located a half block away from Center Field Gate. In addition, free shuttle transportation services will be provided between the Arthur Capper Senior Apartments (900 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE), Van Ness Elementary School (1150 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE) and the Nationals Ballpark. For more information about the free shuttle service call (202) 681-0646 or visit <a href="www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com">www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com</a>.

Both verbal and written comments will be taken at the meeting. Comment forms will be available at the public meeting and can be submitted on-site, via provided self-addressed/postage paid envelopes, or by email to <a href="mailto:contact@virginiaavenuetunnel.com">contact@virginiaavenuetunnel.com</a>. Comments from the September scoping meeting will be categorized and posted in advance of the November public meeting.

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