

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



Group Title: Virginia Avenue Tunnel

Meeting Title: Virginia Avenue Restoration Project Public Meeting

Date: September 28, 2015

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 200 I Street, SE

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet

Meredith Fascett (ANC 6D07) opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She outlined the process of Community Working Group Meetings that had helped to arrive at this point.

Ravindra Ganvir (DDOT) introduced the speakers who talked about four key components of the design

Component No. 1: Landscaping

Alit Balk (DDOT) and Jack Chapman (DDOT) from the Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) presented on the proposed landscaping plans. UFA's role is to manage street trees, which are the trees located between the curb and sidewalk. Public ROW trees are the trees behind the sidewalk, and are typically planted and maintained by residents.

DDOT/UFA has ensured that CSX meets or exceeds DDOT specifications for tree removal and for replacement trees. There have been 81 street trees and 95 public ROW trees (176 total) removed as part of the construction. There will be 131 street trees and 174 public ROW trees (305 total) planted at the end of the project (final number of trees pending design refinements). All new street trees will meet the new DDOT specification for type and volume of planting soil, and all landscaping installed will be maintained and warranted by CSX for two years. More information can be found in the DDOT Green Infrastructure standards at <http://ddot.dc.gov/GreenInfrastructure>.

Questions/Actions:

1. What species of trees will be planted?
 - a. The DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards identify appropriate tree species. Oak, Elm and Honey Locust have been chosen, and are proven to grow well in urban conditions.
2. Do the trees being planted have to be so young? Can larger, more mature trees be planted?
 - a. Studies have shown that 2 inch to 3 inch caliper trees adapt better to being transplanted than more mature trees. The DDOT requirements for soil volume will support rapid growth.
 - b. As part of the Anacostia Waterfront Development Zone, the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project is required to provide a minimum of 40 percent canopy coverage after 20 years. The current plans are estimated to provide 50 percent coverage.

- c. Bill Phillips (Friends of Garfield Park) confirmed that similar trees planted in the park have done better than the larger trees
- 3. What is the condition of the Oakwood Beech Tree relocated as part of the wharf development?
 - a. This relocation was completed by a private contractor, and DDOT/UFA will review the condition of the tree.
- 4. What is the plan for watering the plants?
 - a. CSX will provide watering as part of the two year warranty for the trees. Watering efforts from the community after the warranty period are appreciated and supported by DDOT/UFA.
 - b. Laura Salmon (Capitol Quarter HOA) mentioned that the HOA has been reaching out to DC Water to have water meters and hose bibs installed to support watering efforts.
- 5. What are the design standards for number of and spacing between new trees?
 - a. Spacing criteria are provided in the DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards. They generally call for minimum spacing between street trees of 30 feet to provide room for each tree to grow.
- 6. What is meant by “40% canopy coverage by 20 years”?
 - a. This requirement means that in 20 years, 40% of the impervious area (pavement, sidewalks, bike path) will have tree coverage. The canopy will be initial defense from rain, sun etc.
- 7. What species of ornamental trees are planned?
 - a. Crepe Myrtle, Red Bud, White Fringe and others will be planted. Final types and distribution are still to be determined

Component No. 2: Lighting

Cherwin Baga (DDOT) presented on the proposed lighting plans. Existing lighting is high-pressure sodium (HPS), which creates a more yellowish and muted light. The replacement lighting will be light-emitting diode (LED). This will provide a brighter, whiter light than HPS fixtures, and significantly reduce energy consumption. The project will remove 49 existing light fixtures and replace them with 50 new fixtures. The new light fixtures are directional, and will be designed to light the sidewalk and street while directing less light toward residences and windows.

DDOT stated that additional lighting has been provided for the open space areas in the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Avenue in response to input from the Community Working Group.

Questions/Actions:

- 1. What does the LED light look like? What color is it?
 - a. LED fixtures provide a bright white light at 4000 Kelvin (K). Existing HPS fixtures provide a more muted yellow light at 2700 to 3000 K.
 - b. Arlington, Virginia has installed LED fixtures that are very bright with an almost bluish light. These fixtures provide light at 5000 to 6000 K, and will not be allowed by DDOT.
- 2. Will the color of the LED fixtures blend with the other lights along the corridor?

- a. The lighting will be noticeably different color, but should not be offensive to the eyes. The lighting system will be designed to meet the recommended average maintained illuminance requirements set by DDOT specifications.
 - b. Bill Phillips (Friends of Garfield Park) stated that LED fixtures have been installed in the park, and have been well-received.
 - c. Various types of LED fixtures have been installed near the ballpark as a test case for the city. The fixtures specified for Virginia Avenue will be similar to the first series of lights on the right hand side of First Street moving away from M Street
 - d. LED test installation for tunnel lighting has also been installed on 3rd Street and 4th Street beneath I-695. Meeting participants were generally favorable to these lights.
3. Will the light shine in resident's windows?
- a. The new lighting fixtures will direct the light downward and toward the street. The current lights have no shield thus allowing them to project light all around the globe. The new lights will focus the light at an angle of 60 degrees below the fixture. If light trespass is an issue after the lights are installed, DDOT will install shields to block the light from windows.
4. Will the current plan provide sufficient lighting for the open spaces near the Capper Senior Center?
- a. DDOT will revisit the lighting plan for the open areas. The fixtures need to provide adequate light for the space, but not spill light over into adjacent windows and buildings.
5. Will the current pole spacing of 120 to 150 feet provide adequate lighting through the corridor?
- a. DDOT will carefully evaluate the lighting plan to ensure that it meets the illuminance requirements established in the DDOT specifications. The lighting layout was designed using the industry standard AGI 32 software package, and currently provides adequate lighting for the street and sidewalk.
6. Is there a Teardrop style of lighting available with a hanging Washington Globe type fixture?
- a. The requested light fixture is not available, and is not consistent with the DDOT lighting standards

Component No. 3: I Street Connection

Marlon Smoker (DDOT Consultant) presented on the design refinements that have been made based on community feedback.

- The NEPA document plans cut off I Street in a cul de sac just east of 4th Street. Based on community feedback, the connection of I Street to the 400 block of Virginia Avenue has been restored.
- Parking Regulation Signs shown on the concept drawings are based on replacing existing signs. These will be revisited based on input from the DDOT parking regulation group to be consistent with the Ballpark Performance Parking district.
- Based on feedback from ANC 6B, the 800 blocks of Virginia Avenue and L Street will be converted to two-way traffic.

- The design team recognizes that parking is a critical issue for the neighborhood, and will ensure that the number of parking spaces in the neighborhood remains the same. DDOT will explore the possibility of providing additional parking.

Questions/Actions:

1. Will timing of the traffic signals be addressed?
 - a. Final traffic signal timing plans will be determined based on the projected traffic in the opening year of the project. DDOT will adjust signal timings based on actual traffic volumes after construction is complete. Signal operations will not change significantly from the existing conditions.

Component No. 4: Bicycle Facilities

Jim Sebastian (DDOT) presented on the proposed bicycle facilities. A separate bike path will be provided for the entire length of the project to provide separate space for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. He highlighted the existing and proposed bicycle connections in the neighborhood and reiterated that Virginia Avenue will provide a critical connection between the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, Capitol Hill and downtown.

Questions/Actions:

1. Will there be a better bicycle connection to Garfield Park?
 - a. Yes, a number of new and enhanced connections are planned that will enhance
 - i. 100 block of H Street SE will be reopened with the completion of the WC Smith project
 - ii. The Architect of the Capitol will complete their construction project in 2018, and has indicated willingness to reopen Virginia Avenue between South Capitol Street and 2nd Street SE

Other Questions/Actions:

1. Virginia Avenue Park – DDOT is supporting the community in coordinating the final design details of Virginia Avenue Park. There is some interest in shifting the proposed dog park onto the DDOT controlled East Parcel, and DDOT is discussing this with the Federal Highway Administration. Final design of park features will be the responsibility of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Commissioner Oldenburg has tentatively scheduled a design charrette with DPR for October 15, 2015.
2. Benches –Participants were supportive of benches in the open spaces, but want to deter any homelessness or unwanted visitors sleeping on the benches.
 - a. Suggestions included adding arm rest to prevent sleepers.
 - b. It was also mentioned that the community does not want wooden benches.

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Please provide your comments below.

Referencing Arthur Cooper Sr. Bldg.

Bus service possible?

More lights

info on proper tree selection best for this location

Contact Information (Optional)

Name: _____

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Please provide your comments below.

- Are there thing you can do (bioswales, planting, retention areas below landscaping, etc.) to reduce runoff to townhomes on South side of Virginia Ave?
- It would be good to have a human drinking fountain as well as a canine one in the dog park. And is decomposed granite the best surface - is it sharp/dusty?
- When you plant new trees, please use gatorbags around them - not open trays for watering, since those collect trash + harbor mosquitoes. And please make sure they do get watered! They also need to get pruned regularly when the canopy is at a height where it gets hit by trucks.

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Please provide your comments below.

We must take advantage of all opportunities ^{to plant} and replace trees. Ward 6 has a tree canopy cover of 17%, the lowest of all DC's wards. Too many large, mature trees are being removed for this project. This will reduce their capacity for on-site storm water management, erosion control, and shade to reduce urban heat island effect. Mr. Balke from DDOT admits there is room for additional trees to be planted. The number of trees in the current rendering is less than optimal. Include more trees please.

Contact Information (Optional)

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Please provide your comments below.

I like the bike path

D-dot When you take the ramp from 8th St.
east bound to I-695 there is not a sign
to show that your lane merges into the
far right lane to 295 north.

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Please provide your comments below.

Bravo!! Excellent
presentation. Superb
example of teams working
together

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Please provide your comments below.

NEED Walkways for those in wheelchairs and/or walkers
NEED TREES, and ~~Flowering~~ plants, Grass

Benches at 5th and Virginia Ave should not
face into apartment windows. Benches should be
faced out. Backs to the windows

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Please provide your comments below.

Michael Capper Senior Bldg does
not want nor need wooden benches
only (Iron).

tear drop like are great.

Food is a must

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Please provide your comments below.

Parking = some streets have parking
to the corners. All the streets need
to be looked at to make sure the
parking is address to gain more
parking

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Subject: Fwd: Some Early Public Comments on the VA Ave. Renderings

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Please note following comments...

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Subject: Some Early Public Comments on the VA Ave. Renderings

Hi Ravi,

I hope you had a great weekend.

I've received comments from constituents who are unable to attend tomorrow. I'm officially sending the comments to you so that they can be noted. I've also taken another look myself and have a few comments/questions outlined below.

Thank you. And, see you tomorrow evening.

Meredith

Comments from Dale Owen, 400 Block of I St. SE

thanks for the update. I had planned on attending but have to go out of town tomorrow night. Looks like they eliminated what looked like a bike path directly in front of the 400 I St block--which I am very happy to see. Seemed redundant to have two bike paths so close together. Do you know if they are planning on a sprinkler system? Currently I do most of the watering of the green space in my front which I really don't mind, but would be nice if I didn't have to do that.

Comments from Shiloh Stark, 900 Block of 4th St. SE

I am not able to make the meeting due to some prior plans. I did review the renderings and wondered whether improvements to the pedestrian sidewalks under the highway could be included?

For example, the sidewalk on the west side of 4th St under the highway is very tight for 2-way foot traffic, and the call button for the pedestrian walk sign is out in the grass on the north side of VA ave. It would be great to have these connections between neighborhoods enhanced.

Comments from Andrea Lindemann, 1000 Block of 3rd Place SE

I just wanted to recirculate David Garber's response to the Navy Yard listserv from awhile back about replanting mature trees -- he had said that locally, planting mature trees was done in the sculpture garden on the Mall when it was redone not too long ago. I am certainly not an expert in these things, but the idea that replanting mature trees can't be done seems to be at odds with at least one, and likely more, examples. I would strongly encourage DDOT and other partners to continue to explore this important aspect of Virginia Ave.

Comments from Meredith Fascett, 900 Block of 4th St. SE

Lost Residential Parking on 5th St. SE - When I take a closer look at the 900 Block of 5th St. SE, it looks like some of the on street parking has been eliminated in order to make a two lane road. Residents will find this very frustrating. Most of the houses on that block do not have a garage and the 900 5th St. Senior Building has a very long wait list for its 18 parking spaces for its 150 residents. The current parking spaces on both sides of the 900 Block of 5th St. SE are some of the most sought-after spaces in the neighborhood given their proximity to residences with garage spaces. Can this be reconfigured to avoid lost parking spaces? Can Parsons do a master parking space count for the whole LOD so that we can be fully informed when evaluating the changes?

Bike Path Along the New 400 Block of Eye St. SE - I'm struggling with how this small portion of the overall new bike lane system is going to work. If bikers take this southern connection, they will either 'land' on the sidewalk in front of a Capitol Quarter home, cross the CQ gaage alley entrance, and then ride on the sidewalk in front of a church (all of those options seem bad) OR they will come off the bike path into Eye St. and be forced to cross Eye St. without a crosswalk or any natural break in traffic as cars are headed to merge into VA Ave. or from VA Ave to Eye St (also bad). Does it make more sense to eliminate this small portion of the bike path and have bikes head south on the existing in-street bike path at the 800 Block of 4th St. and then continue along 4th or turn onto 300 Block of Eye St.?

Parking Signage - It seems very odd that some spaces along the southside of the 300 and 400 Block of Virginia Ave have different times for the Zone 6 Resident Only Parking. Can all the spaces read "Zone 6 Resident Permit Parking Only 7AM - Midnight, Monday to Sunday"? Is there a compelling reason why some have that signage and others on the same block have "Zone 6 Resident Permit Parking Only 7AM-9:30PM, Monday to Saturday? What will the signage be for the parking spaces on the north side of the Open Lawn?

Benches - Does DDOT have examples of the benches that could be used along VA Ave?

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Please review...

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Good Morning Ravi.

Please see below for the next round of comments from residents on VA Ave. Let's discuss on Thursday.

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Subject: Re: [CapitolQuarterResidents] Planning the new Virginia Avenue Streetscape

Hi Meredith-

I forgot to copy you on this chain. The residents on VA Ave are having a tough time making it to any of these meetings, but we'd like our thoughts and concerns to be conveyed since we will be impacted the most. Below is a list of comments that we were hoping you could communicate to the DDOT team. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to discuss more with you.

Thanks for your help and support!

On Fri, Sep 11, 2015 at 4:28 PM, Heather DiSabella <hdisabella@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for compiling our notes Jess. I think having a cohesive voice from VA residents is a important.

Here are my thoughts. I am open to feedback:

- Based on CQ Phase 2's desire to get rid of the tot lot, I would like to propose relocating it or adding a new tot lot area, perhaps in Triangle Park? Does anyone know if this land can be touched? Can anyone think of another area where this could work? This area should be shaded with tree coverage, and potentially overhead shading screens. Benches should be included as well as a rubber flooring surface. I would like to see two distinct areas - one for young children and one for older children, sort of how they do this in Garfield Park. I'm not sure who would 'own' this park - CQ or the City. Meredith - do you have insight on this sort of thing?
- All new trees on the residential blocks should be fast growing, growing at least 24" a year. Sycamore trees have been very successful on some of the other blocks of CQ. I'd like to see a lot of those on 300 block of VA Ave. I do like how the proposed plans include trees on both sides of the South side sidewalk. Mulch boxes around trees should match existing conditions - where there extend to from street to sidewalk. Trees should also be planted on the North side of the 300 block of VA Ave.
- Bike lane is highly concerning with young kids and frankly not necessary on the south side of VA Ave. If a bike lane is attractive to others, then it should be located on the north side of the VA Ave, where less children play. The sidewalk on the south side of VA Ave should be a single lane for pedestrians only. The sidewalk surface should be restored to match its original condition (brick pavers, not asphalt).
- Bulbs (tulips and daffodils) should be re-planted in flower beds near the underpasses and around trees on VA Ave and Triangle Park, where they currently exist. These were originally planted by homeowners on a neighborhood improvement day, and should be restored to the original condition.

- Underground water lines and sprinklers should be installed in the VA Courtyard for lawn maintenance. The water lines should be owned by CQ Phase 1.
- The plans call for a one year maintenance period. Is this long enough?
- Sound barriers should be added to the highway. The material should be transparent versus solid, so that our views of the Capitol can be maintained. Examples of this type of sound barrier can be found on Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria, Va. To that extent, I would like to see trellis's located against the walls of the highway with planted vines to beautify the wall as well as help mitigate highway noise. The trellis system in Yards Park is a good example.
- The southwest corner of the 4th & Virginia Ave intersection should include trees in the beds adjacent to the street. Currently the plans do not show trees in these areas.
- Project should be registered with USGBC and meet a minimum of LEED Gold status. I didn't see any mention of LEED in the Landscape plans or notes. This is concerning.

Thanks!!
heather

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Proposed Landscaping Fact Sheet

- Street trees are located along Virginia Avenue and side streets between the sidewalk and curb. Public Space Trees are located between the sidewalk and the property line.

SUMMARY OF TREES REMOVED AND PLANTED	TREES REMOVED	TREES PLANTED
Large Canopy Street Trees	73	108
Ornamental Street Trees	8	23
Public Space Trees (Breakdown of Large Canopy and Ornamental to be determined)	95	174
Total	176	305

- Mulched Bed and Meadow Areas are public space between the sidewalk and the property line
 - 21,000 SF of Mulched Planting Beds (Large Canopy, Ornamental and Evergreen Trees and Shrubs)
 - 2100 SF of Mulched Perennial Beds (Perennials and Ornamental Trees)
 - 40,000 SF of Meadow Area (Meadow seed mix with Large, Ornamental and Evergreen Trees and Shrubs)
- CSX will provide a two-year warranty on all trees planted as part of this project.



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Proposed Street Lights Fact Sheet

- Existing street light fixtures are a mixture of Washington Globe and cobrahead type with high-pressure sodium (HPS) luminaires.
- Proposed new street lights will be Washington Globe type fixtures on 16' tall poles along streets.
- Proposed new street lights at intersections will be Tear-Drop type fixtures on 30' tall poles.
- All luminaries will be light-emitting diode (LED) type. The light is directed downward and toward the street.
- LED luminaries provide brighter white light, are more energy efficient, and have a longer life.
- Light levels will meet DDOT specification for residential neighborhood streets.

Washington Globe



Tear Drop



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- Based on input from the Community Working Group, the Proposed I Street Connection alternative was developed to maintain connection with Virginia Avenue.
- Proposed I Street/Virginia Avenue intersection configuration will be same as existing, providing right-in, right-out connections between Virginia Avenue and I Street.
- Ten parking spaces are provided with the proposed connection, which is the same number of spaces as the existing configuration.

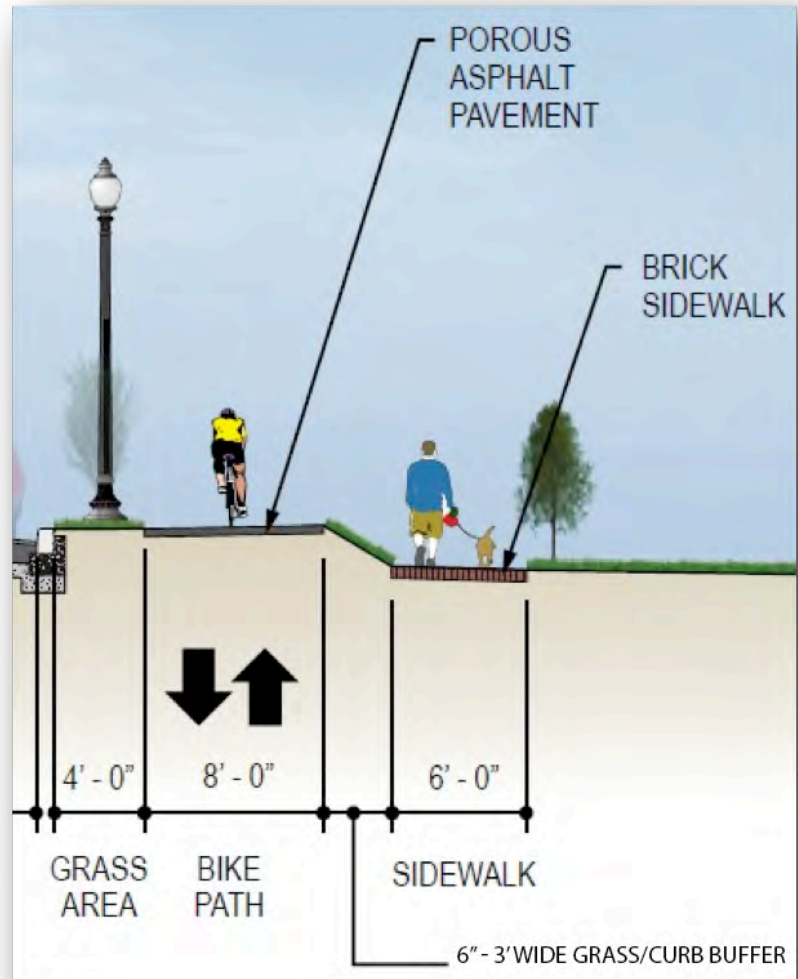


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Proposed Bicycle Facilities Fact Sheet

- Proposed bike facility on Virginia Avenue will be a separate two-way bike path between curb and brick - sidewalk. It will be on the south side of the reconstructed Virginia Avenue from 2nd Street to 9th Street.
- Bicycle path will be extended through Virginia Avenue Park to connect to 11th Street and Anacostia Riverwalk Trail.
- Future bicycle facility connections include I Street SE/SW, 2nd Street SE, unit block and 100 block of Virginia Avenue SE, and the new Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge.



MoveDC's area-wide bicycle facility map is on the next page.

ANC6B and 6D Bicycle Facility Map

