



DC Streetcar Construction Team Active in the Community

Partnership with Phelps Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) High School and Tree Relocation Project with Casey Trees

The DC Streetcar Design-Build Team has been busy along the H Street/Benning Road corridor, and not just with construction! The Team established a partnership with Phelps Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) High School this fall to provide regular learning experiences to students. The team also recently worked with Casey Trees and the Urban Forestry Administration to save 16 trees planted in the area where the Car Barn Training Center will soon stand.

The tree relocation activities were initiated by the Design-Build Team. Planted in 2010 by students of Spingarn High School, the trees were reaching the end of their establishment. Typically transitions such as this one are not undertaken in the summer, as they can be damaging to the trees. Green and healthy, the decision was made to take the risk and relocate the 16 trees to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Had the risk not been taken, the trees would have been destroyed during construction. Casey Trees is monitoring the health of the transplants and are hopeful they will happily adjust to their new home.

The Design-Build Team reached out to Phelps ACE High School principal Willie Jackson and Career and Technical Education Coordinator Olatundun Teyibo to initiate an arrangement where they would host student groups to observe work activities demonstrating the operations they are studying. The first two visits have taken place. Student groups have observed a thermite welding operation, surveying operations, and the installation of sheeting and shoring to stabilize excavation at the Car Barn Training Center construction site. Regular site visits are planned throughout the school term.

In addition to the student group visits, the Design-Build and Program Management Teams are also in the process of hiring Phelps ACE students as interns, officially bringing them on board as DC Streetcar family.



Casey Trees replanted 16 trees from the CBTC



Phelps students learning about DC Streetcar construction

Tabletop Safety Exercises Underway

The DC Streetcar Operations and Safety staff conducted their first tabletop safety exercise with representatives from first responder agencies, including FEMS, MPD, and HSEMA. The goal of the exercise was to verbally simulate an emergency situation in order to elicit constructive discussion and analyze existing response procedures. Particular emphasis was placed on coordination and communication protocols between agencies. These tabletop exercises will continue as the project moves towards completion. Once streetcar vehicles are on H/Benning for their safety testing procedures, the tabletop exercises will be replaced with live emergency drills.



Tabletop exercises improve first responders' coordination

Construction Hotline Introduced

It's construction crunch time on H Street and Benning Road, as you well know if you live or work on the corridor! The Team is hard at work for this final construction push, which will end this calendar year with streetcar vehicles on H/Benning for safety testing. Work is currently underway on:

- t Substation enclosures
- t Streetcar turnarounds
- t Installation of poles and overhead wires
- t Track installation for turnarounds/pocket tracks
- t Final roadwork for turnarounds

As construction ramps up to its finale, we know that the impacts to local residents and businesses are not always pleasant. Although our intense pace and hours mean that the overall construction process is shortened, it also means your inconveniences may be more concentrated. To help alleviate your concerns and provide immediate answers to your questions, we've established a new 24-hour hotline that will connect you with our construction outreach team right away.

This hotline (**202-210-3700**), along with construction@dcstreetcar.com, will provide you with immediate feedback regarding the construction process. Our website will also continue to host the latest construction notices. As always, we thank you for your patience!

DC Streetcar Website Honored

Did you hear? The DC Streetcar website, dcstreetcar.com, recently brought home a national industry award from the TransComm conference! DC Streetcar won the TransComm Skills Contest in the "Website, with Consultant" category, competing against other nationwide transit websites. The Skills Contest is conducted annually by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and is considered the premier competition in the transportation communications industry. Come check us out online!

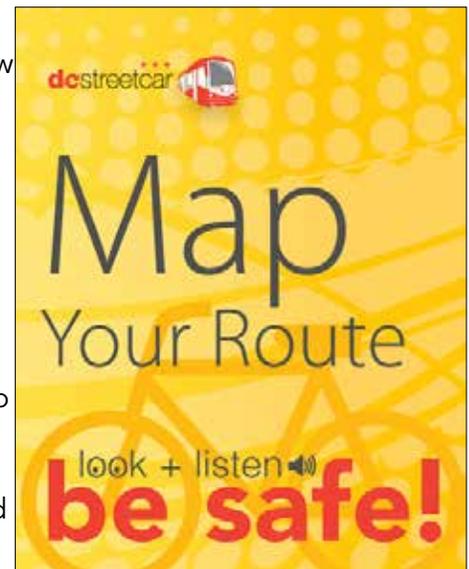


Cyclists, Map Your Route!

Concern for the safety of all user groups - including bicyclists - remains a top concern of the DC Streetcar program. This fall, we're introducing a new bicycling map for the public called "Map Your Route." "Map Your Route" is a quick map resource for cyclists to choose alternate routes for H Street and Benning Road NE. Pocket-size and ultra-portable, "Map Your Route" indicates that G, I, and Gales Streets NE are the suggested safe bicycle routes.

Heads up for area bicyclists: DDOT is planning to add contraflow bike lanes to G and I Streets to allow for two-way bicycle travel before the start of streetcar service. Once these important amenities are established, "Map Your Route" will be updated accordingly.

In addition to cycling routes, the map also includes DC Streetcar stops and Capital Bikeshare locations along the H/Benning line. Download a copy today at dcstreetcar.com/safety or pick one up at a DC Streetcar event!



H Street Festival 2013: One for the Record Books!

This year's H Street Festival was record-breaking on many levels: the biggest festival footprint at 10 blocks long, the largest attending crowd at over 100,000 people, and the best DC Streetcar booth yet! By spinning our prize wheel, festival-goers had a chance to win a variety of DC Streetcar gear, including water bottles, sunglasses, backpacks, and more! The most coveted prize was a spot on the first DC Streetcar ride down H/Benning, filled with community winners from our events over the last year. And did we mention face-painting? Congrats to the H Street community for another fantastic event!



Overheard by @DCStreetcar

Have a question or comment about DC Streetcar? Tweet us! You just might see yourself in the next newsletter.

 **Urban Igloo**
@urban_igloo 

@DCStreetCar raffled off rides at the H Street Festival on 9/21. Cars arriving soon. bit.ly/1adVmlP Get ready to move, H Street!

 **Ali Tharrington**
@mstharrington 

Riding the train with a woman in a @DCStreetcar uniform on. It's coming!

 **Erica F**
@enviro_writer 

@islandpress I'm looking forward to the new @dcstreetcar! Bringing back the good old days: ow.ly/oP4e9 #transitpic

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Washington, DC View east down F Street NW no date



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North-South Corridor Planning Study Kicks Off

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is initiating a Planning Study to examine opportunities for public transportation improvements in a proposed North-South Corridor through the District of Columbia. Reliable and comprehensive premium transit services will enhance current transit service and support existing neighborhoods and future growth in and along the corridor. By the end of the study, the project team will identify viable alternatives that will be further evaluated and advanced in the environmental process.

The study area is focused on a 9-mile, north-south corridor that starts in the Buzzard Point/Southwest Waterfront area and extends through the Takoma or Silver Spring area. The study area extends east-west for about two blocks on either side of potential identified alignments. For more information on the study area, see dcstreetcar.com/projects/future-lines/northsouth.

The first round of public meetings have been planned for this project. We hope to see you there!



Series1 Meeting Schedule

SOUTH

Monday, **November 4, 2013** from 6:30-8:30pm
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
600 M St. SW

CENTRAL

Tuesday, **November 5, 2013** from 6:30-8:30pm
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th St NW

NORTH

Thursday, **November 7, 2013** from 6:30-8:30pm
Emery Recreation Center
5701 Georgia Ave NW

BUSINESS

Wednesday, **November 6, 2013** from 2:00-4:00pm
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th St NW