

THE NEXT PHASE OF STREETCAR TESTING IS HERE!

Multiple streetcars have returned to H Street/Benning Road corridor for testing and operator training.

Before passenger service can start, DC Streetcar needs to complete:

- Operations testing: All streetcar system elements (vehicles, tracks, switches, radios, etc.) are being tested regularly to confirm they will run well together.
- Operator training: Streetcar operators and maintenance staff are familiarizing themselves with how to operate and maintain the streetcars, and will practice in live traffic conditions along the corridor as system tests continue.
- Pre-launch operations: Vehicles and operators will run simulated streetcar service without passengers to check readiness for launch.

To help ensure safety and a smooth testing phase, **PLEASE DO NOT BOARD** the streetcars during this time. Testing and training activities are generally low impact, but do affect traffic and parking along the corridor. In addition, DPW is out towing and ticketing improperly parked vehicles.

Questions or Comments?

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Testing and Operator Training Phase

Follow our safety tips to prevent accidents!



PEDESTRIANS

Be aware of your surroundings.

- Don't be a distracted walker. Stop to text or talk. Pay attention to traffic when crossing the street.
- Wait for the streetcar to stop. Never cross or run in front of a moving streetcar.
- Signals are for your safety. Cross the street safely and legally by following the pedestrian signals.



MOTORISTS

Share the roads safely.

- Don't get towed. No double parking on the tracks.
- Park your entire vehicle, including side mirrors, within the solid white lines.
- For most of the H Street and Benning Road corridor, streetcars follow existing traffic signals.
- At certain locations they follow streetcar signals:
 - Western Turnaround - 3rd Street NE & H Street NE
 - Starburst intersection - where H Street NE crosses Bladensburg Road NE and meets Benning Road NE
 - Car Barn Training Center entrance - 24th Street NE & Benning Road NE
 - Eastern Turnaround - Oklahoma Avenue NE & Benning Road NE



BICYCLISTS

Use caution near streetcar tracks.

- Use an alternate route. G and I Streets have contraflow bike lanes, allowing for two-way bicycle travel that is safer than riding parallel to the tracks on H.
- Cross the tracks at a 90 degree angle or walk your bike across.