

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



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Dear Chairpersons,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is initiating concept planning for bus priority and multimodal safety improvements on Georgia Avenue NW between Barry Place and Eastern Avenue NW. DDOT previously initiated the following bus priority projects on sections of the Georgia Avenue corridor:

- Barry Place to Kansas Avenue NW (initiated 2022)
- Kansas Avenue to Missouri Avenue NW (initiated 2023)

These projects (including all public comments received to date) will be included and considered as part of this forthcoming combined project covering all of Georgia Avenue NW from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue NW.

This letter is to provide you with information on our approach to this effort and invite you to participate. This letter does not constitute a formal Notice of Intent (NOI) as required by the Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000.

### Project Introduction

The Georgia Avenue NW corridor is part of DDOT's [bus priority corridor network](#) and serves some of the highest ridership Metrobus routes (Routes 70 and 79). Georgia Avenue has also been identified as a Vision Zero high-crash corridor, with notable safety concerns throughout the corridor.

Considering bus priority improvements at a corridor-wide level from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue NW will allow for efficiency in planning, design, and implementation and allow for more robust and comprehensive community engagement. This community engagement will help inform and identify strategies for improving bus service, access to stops, and safety along the corridor.

As a reference, relevant plans are listed below:

- *moveDC* (2021)<sup>1</sup>,
- *Bus Priority Plan* (2021)<sup>2</sup>
- *Priority Corridor Network Plan* (2016)<sup>3</sup>.

## Background

Mayor Bowser established DDOT’s [Bus Priority Program](#) to improve bus speeds and reliability for riders across all eight wards of the District. In 2019, almost as many people rode the bus as Metrorail each day, and for most of 2020 during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the number of bus riders more than doubled Metrorail ridership. Faster and more reliable transit provides better access to more jobs and opportunities for District residents, helping to support an equitable recovery.

The Bus Priority Program builds upon DDOT’s commitment to elevating and advancing transportation [equity](#) to ensure public investments in transportation justly benefit all residents, visitors, and commuters. District residents across the city use buses to travel to activities, jobs, healthcare, and schools. Almost half of District Metrobus riders make under \$30,000 per year and two thirds live in zero-car households. By helping buses operate faster and more reliably, DDOT is improving mobility and access to opportunities for District residents.

The Bus Priority Program seeks to improve the entire rider experience, ensuring safe and accessible bus stops and quick, dependable bus service. DDOT has developed a [Toolbox](#) of potential bus

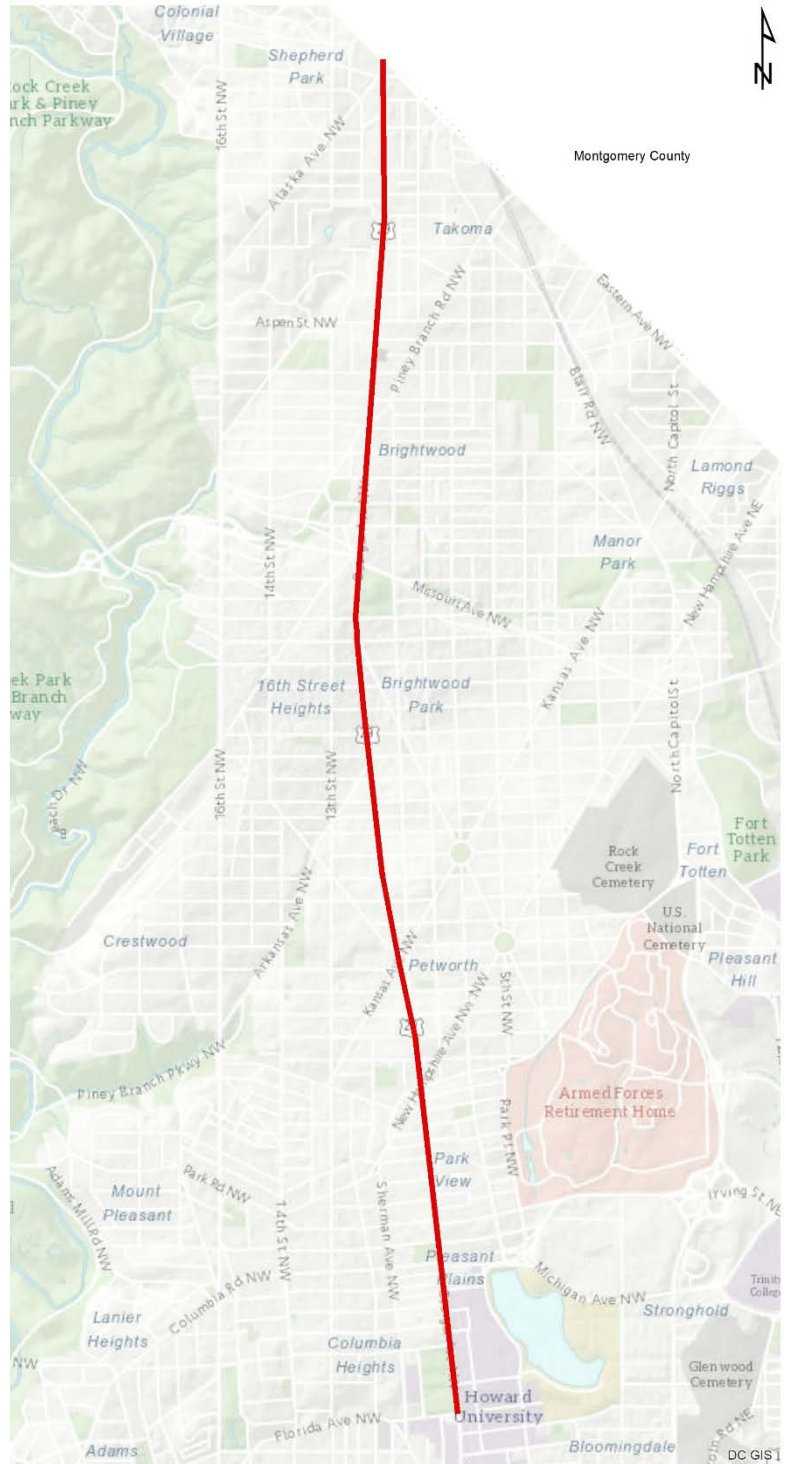


Figure 1: Georgia Avenue NW Bus Priority Corridor (in red) from Barry Place to Eastern Avenue NW

<sup>1</sup>District Department of Transportation. [movedc.dc.gov](https://www.movedc.dc.gov)

<sup>2</sup> District Department of Transportation. [Bus Priority Plan](#)

<sup>3</sup> Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

[https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/upload/110926\\_PCN\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/upload/110926_PCN_Report_Final.pdf)

priority treatments to improve the speed and reliability of bus service and create safer interactions with other modes. For each project, DDOT will identify tools to improve bus service within the neighborhood context and specific project needs.

## Next Steps

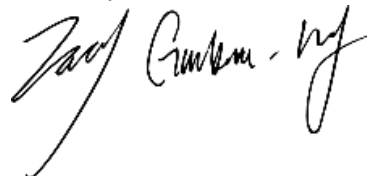
DDOT requests time on your upcoming ANC meeting agenda to provide an overview of the project, including project background and updates to the project scope, and begin soliciting feedback from the Commission and public.

Visit the bus priority website for more information about DDOT's Bus Priority Program: [buspriority.ddot.dc.gov](https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov). A project specific webpage will be created in the coming weeks to provide more project-specific information and updates.

## Contact Information

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or ideas you might have for the project at [zack.gambetti@dc.gov](mailto:zack.gambetti@dc.gov).

Sincerely,



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