

# WELCOME

Benning Road Transportation Improvements Environmental Assessment  
Public Meeting

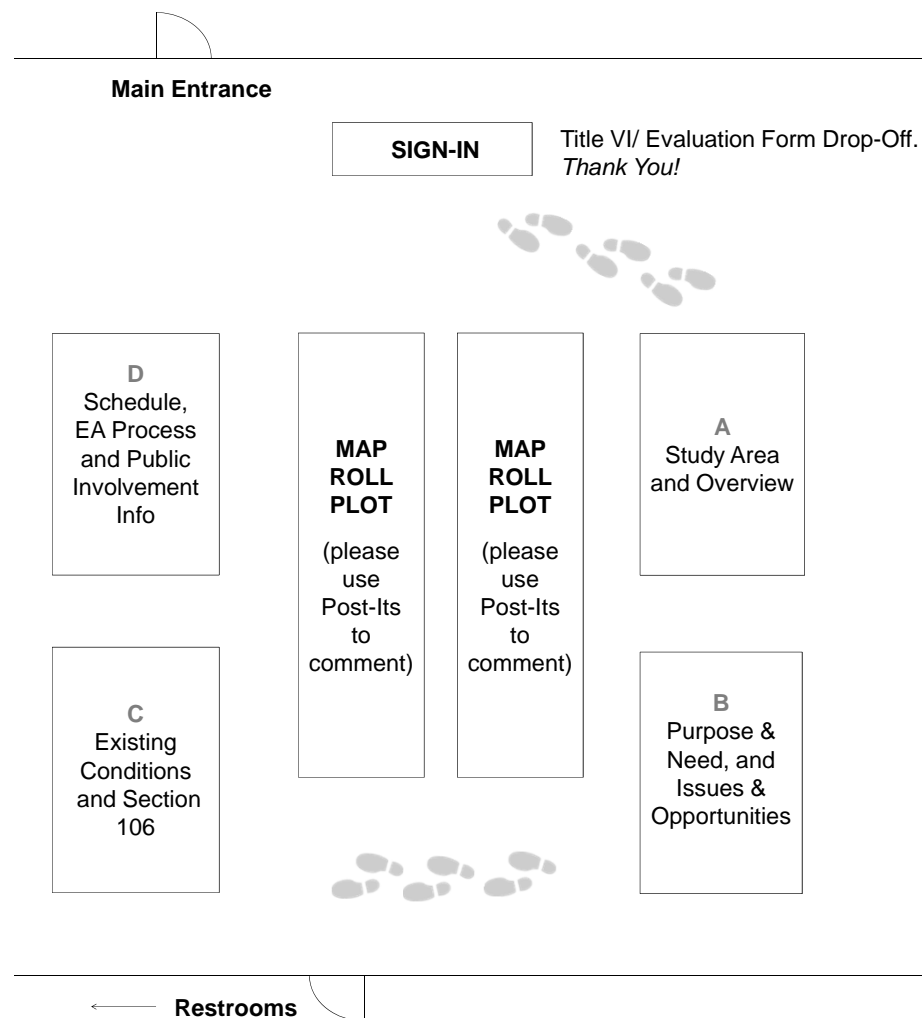




# Meeting Purpose

The purpose of today's meeting is to:

- Introduce and Discuss the Project
- Discuss the NEPA and Section 106 Process for the Project
- Discuss Study Area Existing Conditions
- Discuss and Gather Feedback on Project area Issues and Opportunities
- Gather input on Project Needs



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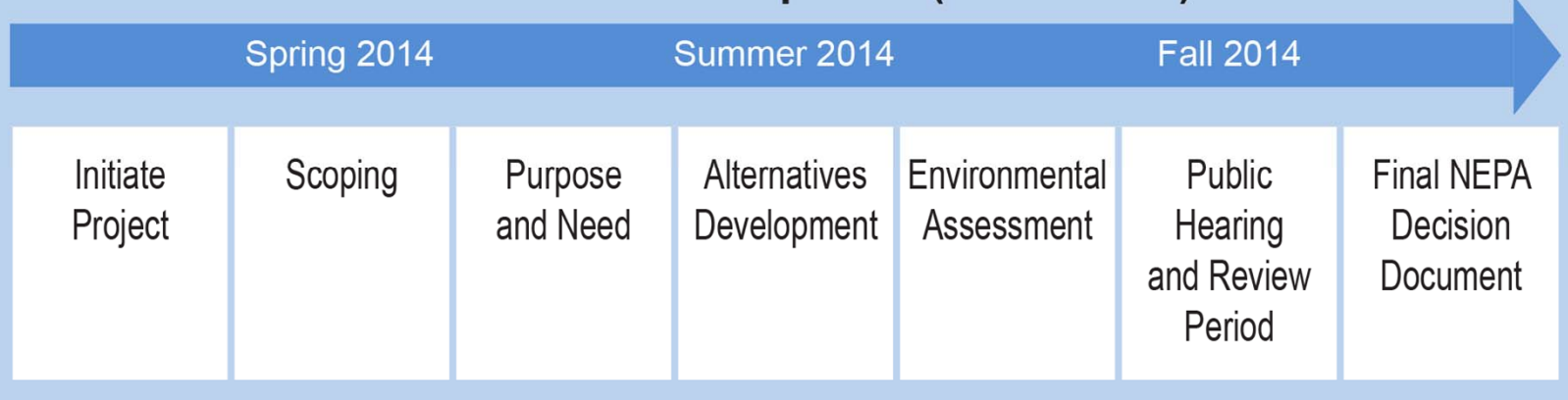


# Schedule and EA Process

The project schedule includes the following milestones:

- **Project Kick-off Meeting:** December, 19<sup>th</sup> 2013
- **Agency Scoping Meeting:** April 1, 2014
- **Public Scoping Meeting:** April 22, 2014
- **Initial Alternatives:** May-June 2014
- **Draft Environmental Assessment:** Summer 2014
- **Public Hearing:** Fall-Winter 2014
- **Decision Document:** Winter 2015

## NEPA Process and Historic Properties (Section 106) Evaluation



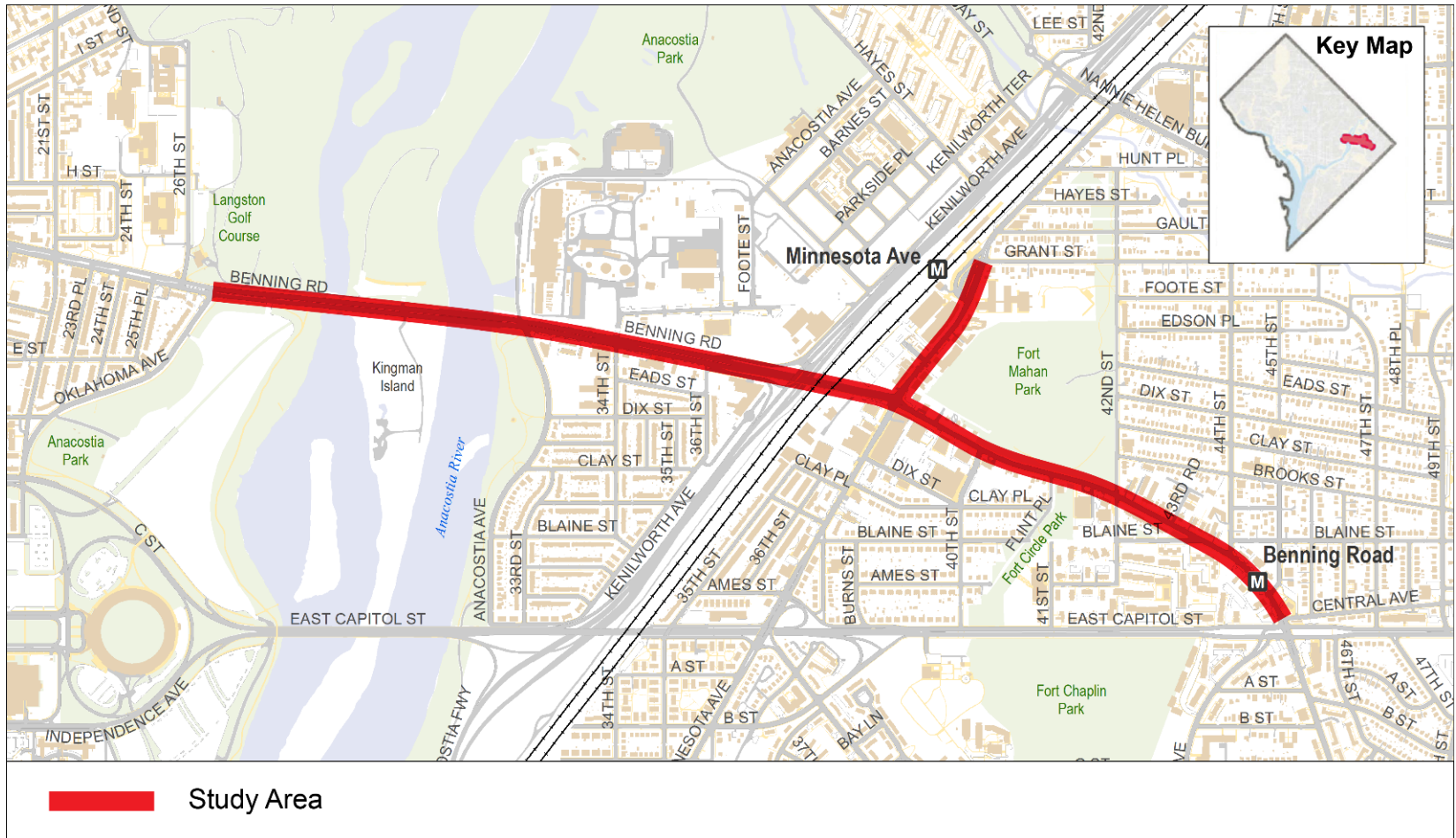
- FHWA lead federal agency, with DDOT as joint lead
- FTA, NPS, NCPC invited as cooperating agencies

EA = Environmental Assessment

NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act



# Study Area



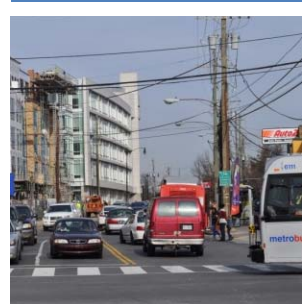
Project area extends from Oklahoma Ave NE to Benning Road Metro Station and includes Minnesota Avenue between Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue Metro Station



# Study Area

## About the project area:

- 2 mile corridor including roadway and bridges
- Adjacent to H Street/Benning streetcar line
- Crosses the Anacostia River, Kingman Island, DC 295 and Metro and CSX tracks
- Includes 2 Metrorail stations
- Benning Road is primarily 3-lanes in each direction from 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE to Minnesota Ave
- Benning Road is primarily 2-lanes in each direction from Minnesota Ave to Benning Road Metro Station

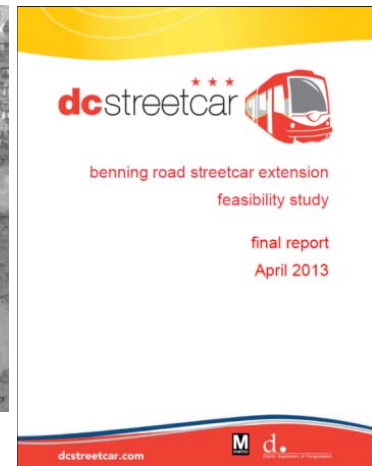
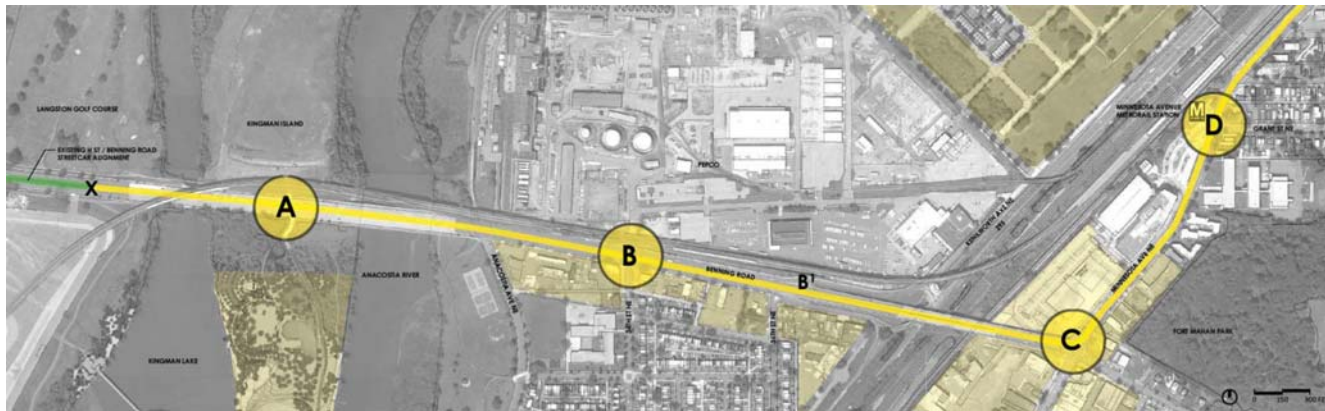




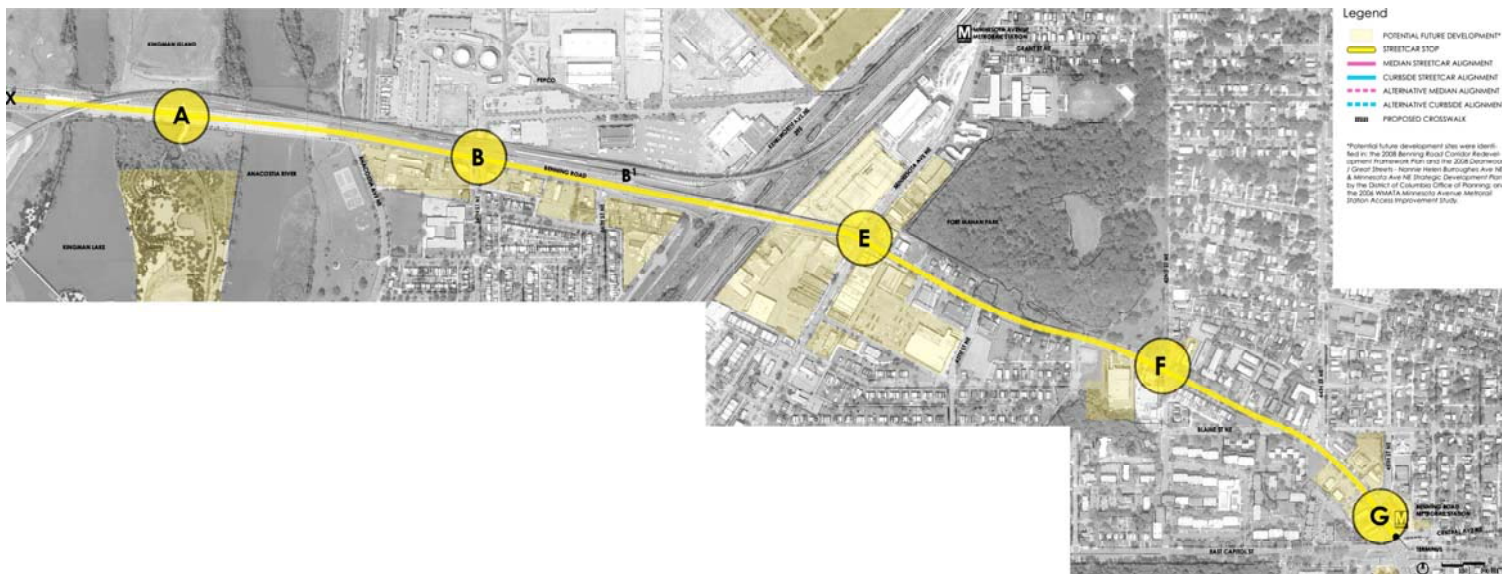
# Previous Planning

The Benning Road Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study completed in 2013 developed two alternatives for the project area:

## Minnesota Avenue Metrorail Station Terminus



## Benning Road Metrorail Station Terminus



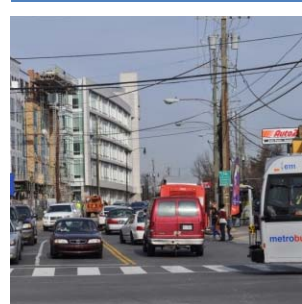


# Draft Purpose and Need

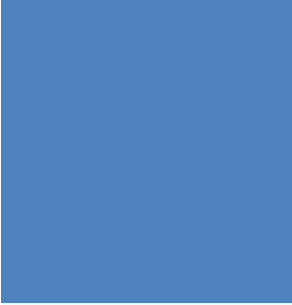
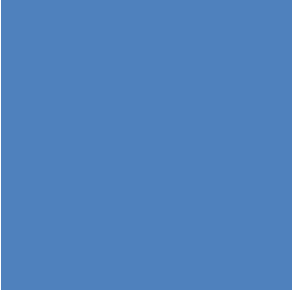
The purpose of this project is the reconstruction of Benning Road and Bridge(s) to provide safety and multi-modal improvements.






The needs for this project are:

- Improve roadway and bridge(s) conditions
- Provide additional transit options
- Enhance multi-modal safety
- Improve multi-modal transportation access
- Support land use







Project Needs		What specific issues and opportunities exist today? (identify and locate on the map using Post-Its)	
Improve Roadway and Bridge(s) Conditions:			
Provide Additional Transit Options:			
Enhance Multi-Modal Safety:			
Improve Multi-Modal Transportation Access:			
Support Land Use:			
Others?			



# Existing Conditions

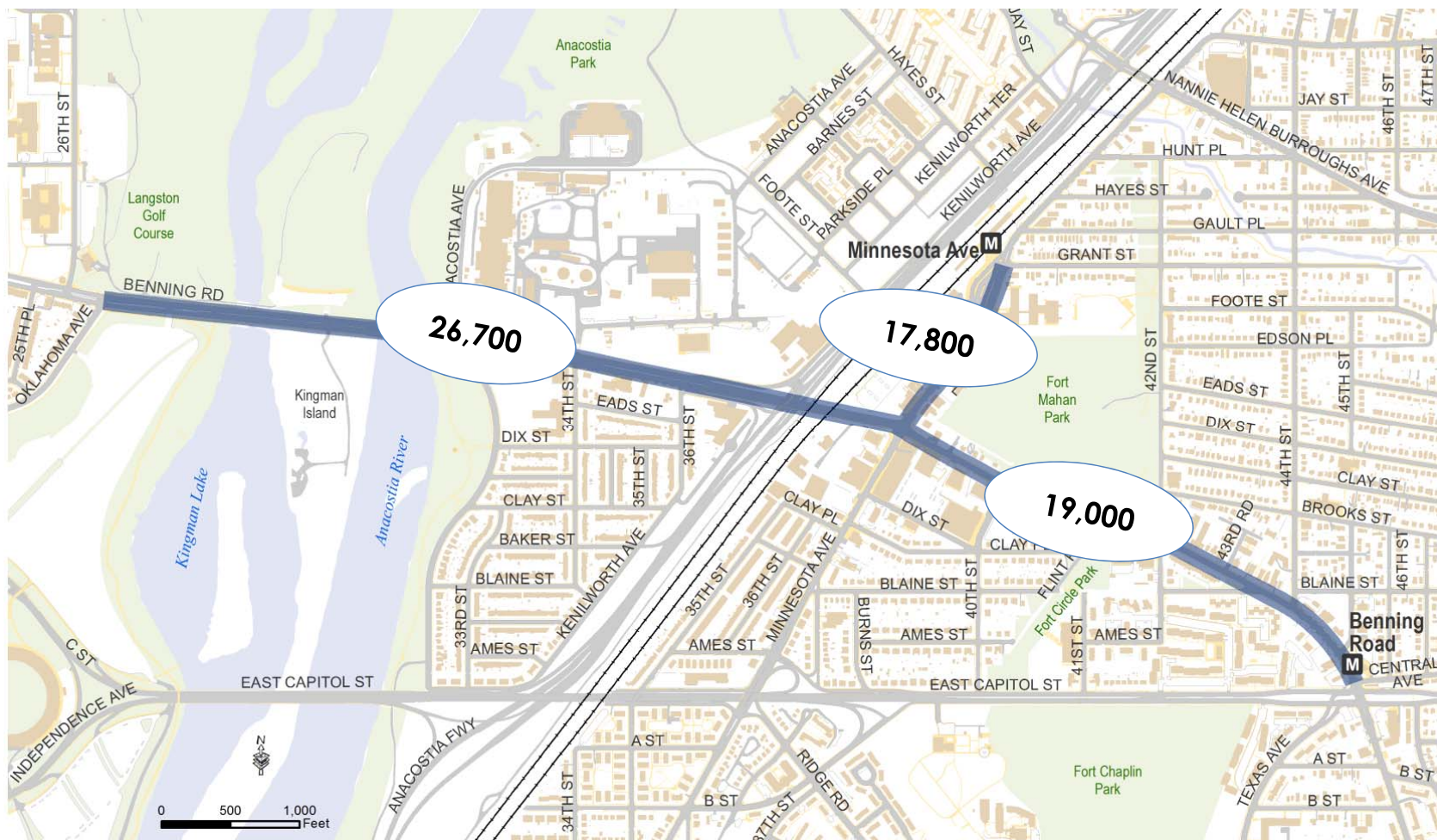
## Parks, Open Spaces and Community Resources:





# Existing Conditions

## Traffic Volumes on Benning Road and Minnesota Avenue:



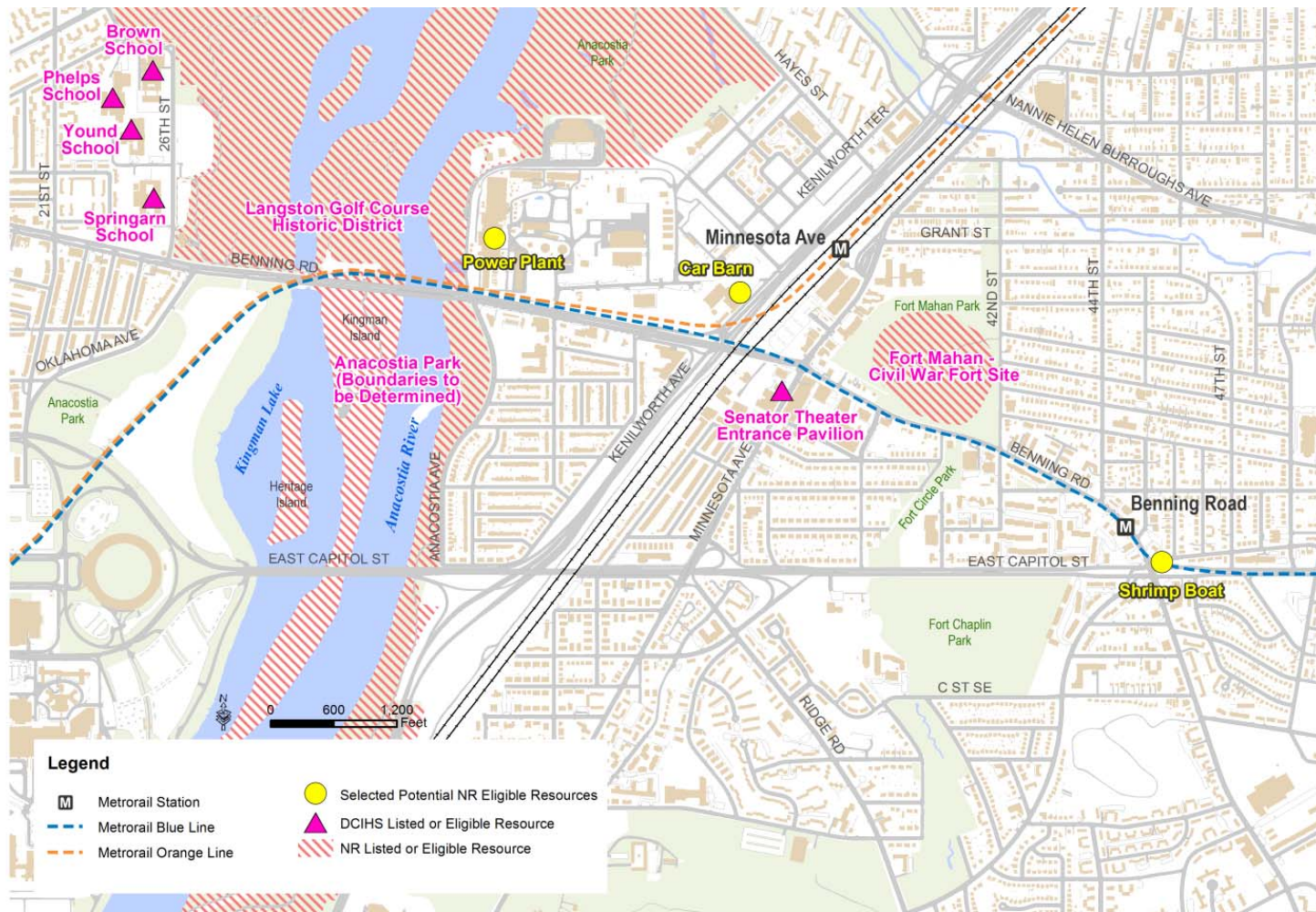
Traffic Volumes in Average Daily Traffic (ADT)



# Historic Preservation –Section 106

## Initiating National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process:

- Consultation with DC SHPO
- Interested parties are invited to participate
- Identifying historic resources and effects of improvements





# Public Involvement

As part of the EA process there will be several ways for the public to participate and comment:

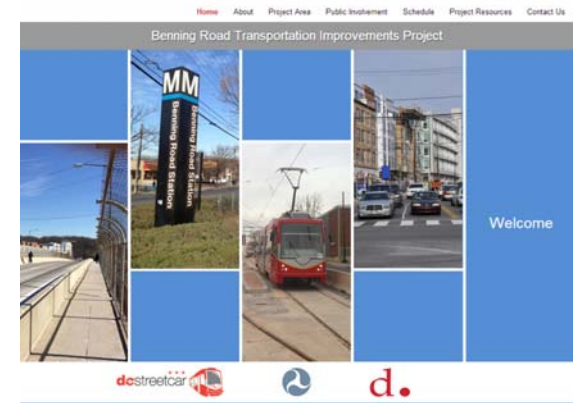
## Three Public Meetings:

- Public Scoping Meeting - **TODAY**
- Project Alternatives Meeting
- Public Hearing

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