



Benning Road Reconstruction and Streetcar Project

overview

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has initiated the final design phase of the Benning Road Reconstruction and Streetcar Project. This final design phase will continue the work to improve the Benning Road corridor to safely and efficiently accommodate all modes of transportation following the approval of the Benning Road and Bridges Transportation Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) in November 2020. The draft EA was published in 2016 and modified during the preliminary engineering phase of the project in 2019 and 2020.

The project will improve safety conditions and operations, address deficiencies in infrastructure, and provide additional transit options in Ward 7 and Ward 5 and along the approximately two miles of Benning Road NE from Oklahoma Avenue NE to East Capitol Street. This includes:

- Enhancing safety and operations along the corridor and at key intersections
- Improving transportation infrastructure conditions
- Rehabilitating roadways and bridges that cross the Anacostia River, DC-295, and CSX freight rail tracks
- Enhancing and installing pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Extending DC Streetcar transit service to the Benning Road Metrorail station

Community needs, preferences, and input voiced during past studies—including the DC Transit Future System Plan, DDOT Benning Road Streetcar Extension Study, and Benning Road Corridor Redevelopment Framework Plan and EA—will help shape and inform the project to improve access, operations, and safety for all users along Benning Road. Public involvement will be continuous throughout this next phase of the project, which seeks to connect Ward 7 and Ward 5 neighborhoods to employment, activity centers, the regional Metrorail system, and multimodal transportation services at Union Station.

project map

Legend

- Existing Streetcar Line
- Existing Streetcar Stop
- - - Proposed Streetcar Extension
- Proposed Streetcar Stop
- Bridge Rehab/Replacement
- ↔ Improved Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities
- Metrorail Line
- M Metrorail Station



key project elements



Bridge and roadway rehabilitation and replacement



Pedestrian and bicyclist safety enhancements



Safety and streetscape improvements



Interchange modifications at DC-295/Benning Road ramps

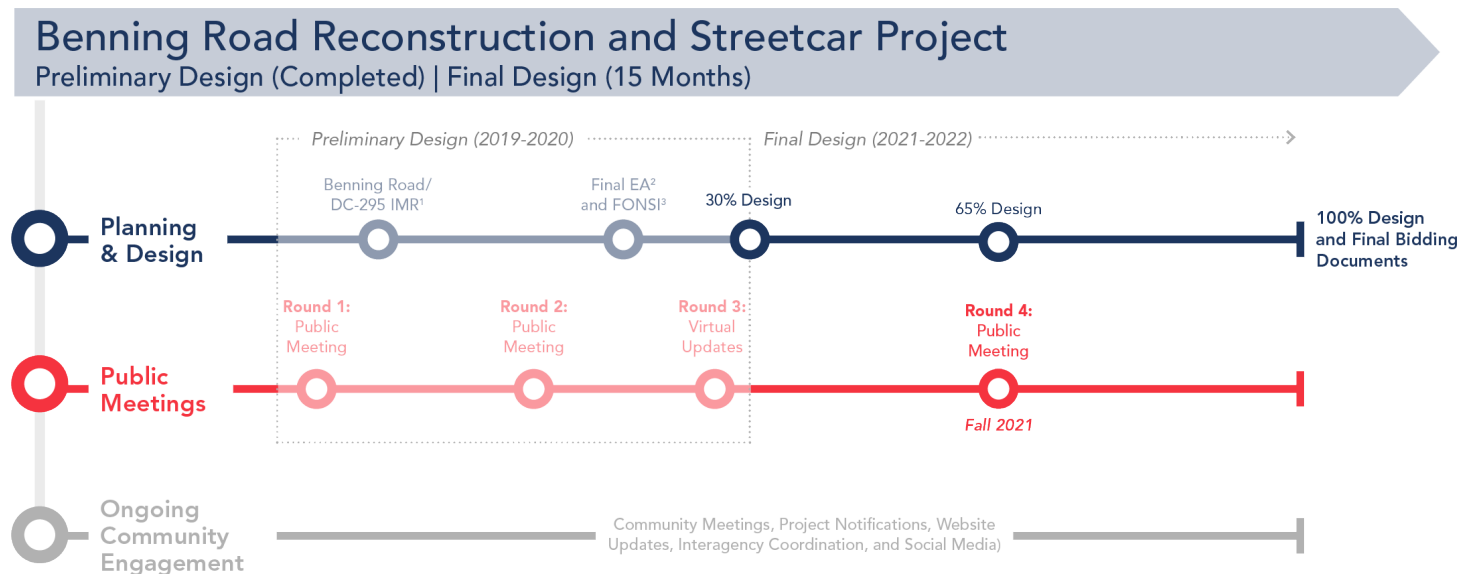


Center-running streetcar



Streetcar end of line at Benning Road Metrorail station

schedule



- 1 IMR = Interchange Modification Report
- 2 EA = Environmental Assessment
- 3 FONSI = Finding of No Significant Impact

Project construction completion is anticipated in 2025-2026. Changes to funding availability, utility relocation impacts, and decisions made during final design could affect this schedule.

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