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Please do not change the food truck regulations-- L'Enfant Plaza is dead without the trucks, and, as a Southwest Waterfront resident, my only options for healthy vegetarian takeout are those trucks. Most DC restaurants refuse to deliver to this neighborhood, and there are few restaurants in the area, so I relish the days when my favorite trucks are at L'Enfant. (I am home during the day and follow them raptly on Twitter and FoodTruckFiesta.)

If you've ever walked by L'Enfant at times when the food trucks are not present you will see very little pedestrian life and movement. It is almost scary. However, when the food trucks are present, crowds gather, neighbors come out (sometimes I bring the dog, I see others do the same) and everyone sits out on the lawn enjoying the occasional band and all the good food. There is, for once, a true community feel in the area.

I have on occasion been in a hurry along 7th St SW during lunch (sometimes on foot, sometimes by car), and though I am otherwise typically prone to annoyance, the crowds do not make an impression on me. Every time I have needed to pass through I have been able to do so safely.

The trucks are not an obstacle and are a boon to the neighborhood. I am sure the same is true in other areas as well.

Thank you!

Cheers,  
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