

A stylized map of Washington, D.C. showing proposed streetcar routes. The routes are color-coded: orange for the main network, red for a branch, and pink for another branch. Several 'M' icons are placed along the routes. Street names like 'MASSACHUSETTS AVE', 'MICHIGAN AVE', and 'RHODE ISLAND AVE' are visible.

# Appendix A: Public Outreach

**In Fall 2009, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) coordinated a review of the proposed streetcar network plan with District of Columbia government agencies, key project stakeholders, and the general public. The agency and stakeholder reviews consisted of a series of briefings that provided an opportunity for participants to comment on the criteria used to develop the plan, proposed corridors, and the project phasing. DDOT also conducted a series of eight open houses, one in each Ward of the city, to provide an opportunity for participants to review the plan. Each open house included a short presentation and display boards that provided information on different aspects of the plan. At each open house, participants were encouraged to ask questions of the staff and provide comments and suggestions on the proposed streetcar network.**

This appendix includes the materials and information that were provided at the each of the open houses in the order listed below:

1. Presentation (PowerPoint)
2. Display Boards
3. Overview Handout (English and Spanish)
4. Streetcar Vehicle Specification Handout
5. Ideas Form (English and Spanish)
6. Comment Form (English and Spanish)



# DC's Transit Future



## Public Open Houses

Fall 2009

## Purpose of Tonight's Open House

- Overview of the *DC's Transit Future* System Plan
- Summary of Transit Investments Made to Date
- Streetcar Proposed System Plan
- Next Steps



## DC's Transit Future System Plan

- The District's 1997 Vision, Strategy and Action Plan – recommended intra-city connections between the radial WMATA rail lines by designating ten corridors for transit improvements that would connect District neighborhoods and help support community economic development initiatives;
- WMATA's 1999 Transit Service Expansion Plan, advanced five corridors for further study;
- WMATA's 2001 Core Capacity Study – identified system-wide rail improvements that will allow the system to accommodate estimated future ridership;
- DC/WMATA's Transit Development Study – considered each of the previously-identified corridors for surface rail transit and recommended four priority corridors for implementation; and
- WMATA's 2003 Regional Bus Study – identified bus improvements to serve inside previously-designated corridor and to aid in District circulation and Metrorail system capacity relief.
- District of Columbia Alternatives Analysis, 2005 to 2009 – refined city-wide system plan of enhanced, multi-modal surface transit on designated corridors.

## A Family of Services



### Bike Sharing

- 1<sup>st</sup> in North America
- Expanding to 1,000 bikes in Spring 2010



### Circulator

- 3 new routes
- Navy Yard, Woodley Park/Adams Morgan, and Smithsonian



### Metrobus

- Restructure 30's route
- Studying restructuring of X routes.



### Premium Bus

- Metro Extra 79
- Metro Express S9



### BRT

- Submitting stimulus grant for K St. Transitway

## What are Streetcars?

- The District has a 100-year history of streetcars
- Modern streetcars are smooth, quiet, and air-conditioned
- Streetcars mostly travel in the streets with cars
- Stations are spaced every ¼- to ½-mile



## Why Streetcars?

- Streetcars provide added capacity to the District's transit network
- Streetcars stimulate economic development and retail growth in areas not served by Metrorail
- Streetcars improve the quality of transportation by connecting District neighborhoods



TRIO TYPE 12 COLOR SCHEME AND GRAPHICS APPLICATION - DC Streetcar



## Why now?

- Population and job growth and congestion require new transit investments
- Metrorail crowding “unmanageable” by 2013



- The District is making once-in-a-generation infrastructure investments throughout the city
- Building streetcar projects in Anacostia and H St./Benning Rd.

## Current Transit Improvements

### H St./Benning Rd. NE

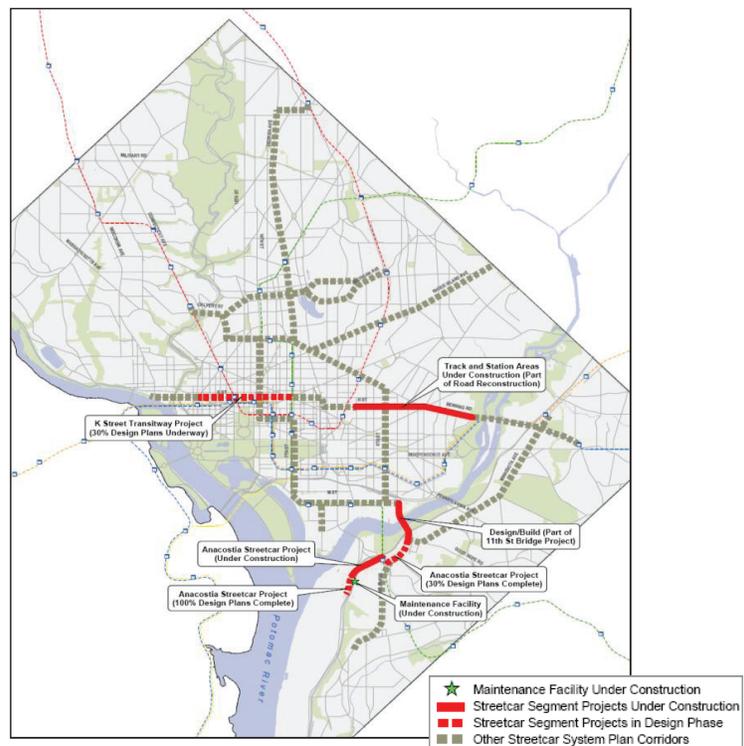
- Construction underway
- Estimated completion: Winter 2012

### Anacostia Line

- Construction underway
- Estimated completion: Summer 2012

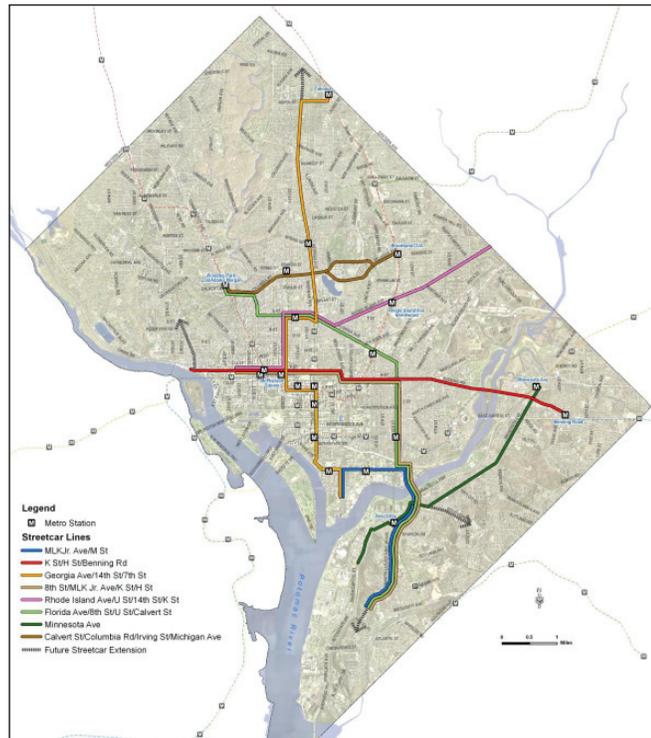
### K Street Transitway

- Environmental Analysis, Fall 2009



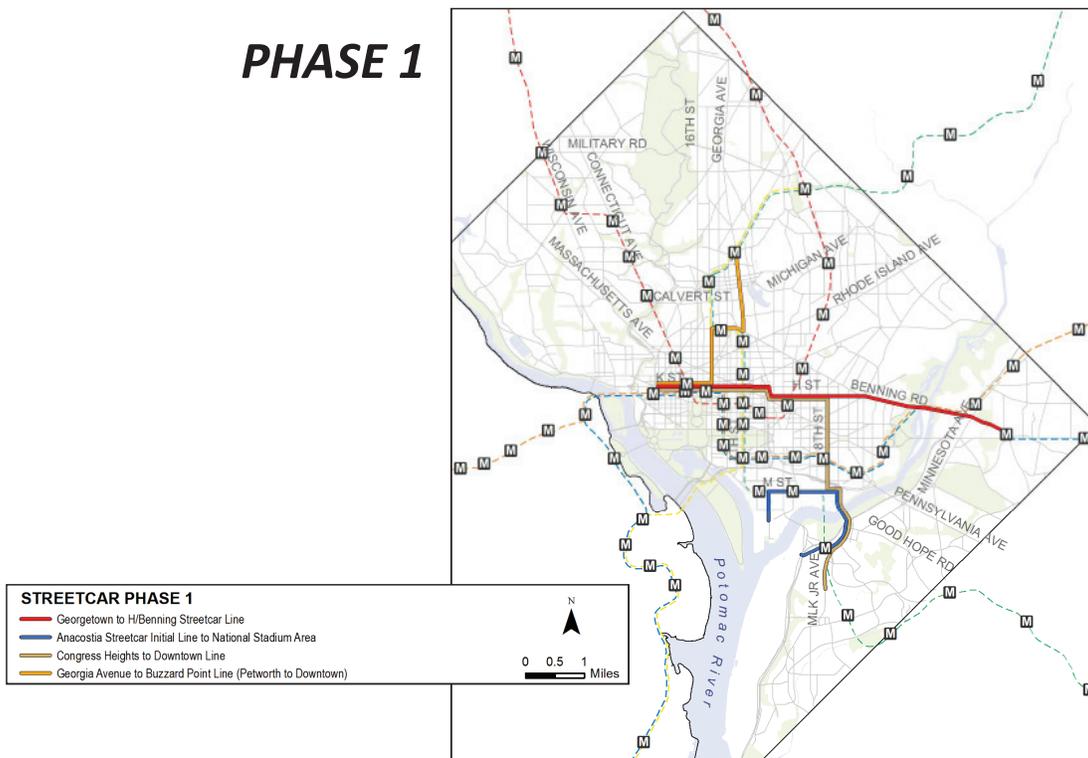
# The Future Streetcar Network

- 37 miles of Streetcar lines
- Built in three phases
- Adds capacity to District's transit network
- Connects District neighborhoods and retail corridors
- Serve activity centers throughout the city



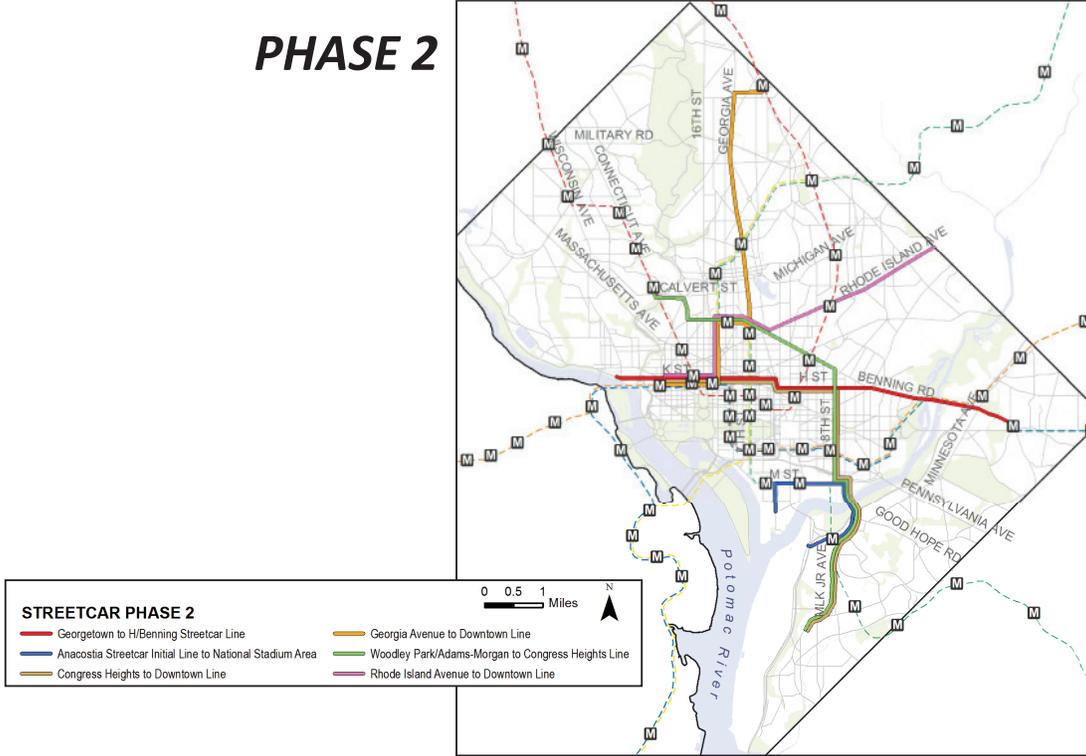
# Streetcar Phasing...

## PHASE 1



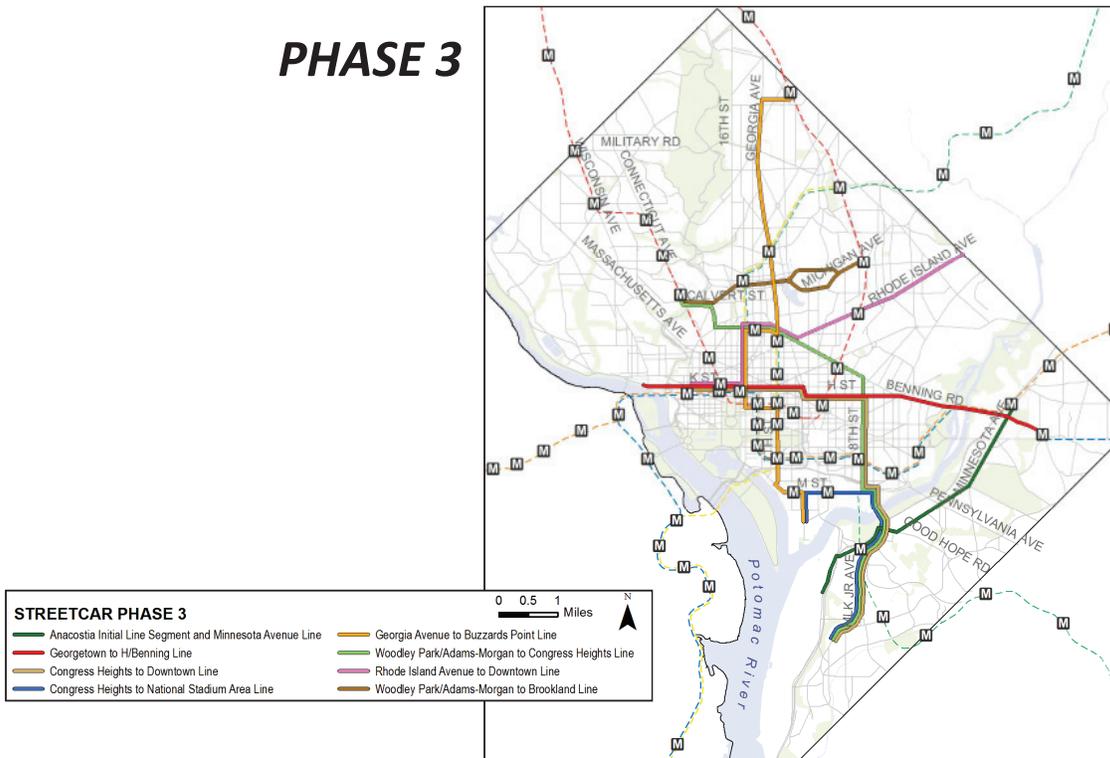
# Streetcar Phasing...

## PHASE 2

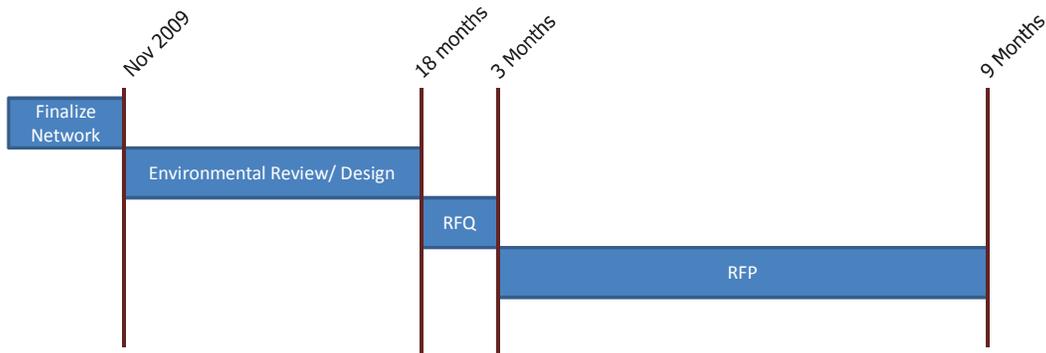


# Streetcar Phasing...

## PHASE 3



## Next Steps



- **Public Open Houses**
- **Finalize Propose Draft Network Plan**
- **National Environmental Policy Act Process**
- **Procure firm to design, build, operate, and maintain streetcar system**

## Staying Involved

- Individual Briefings
- Project website: [www.ddot.dc.gov/dcstreetcar](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/dcstreetcar)
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