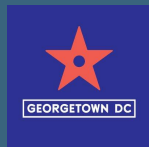


Georgetown to Metrorail Transit Enhancement Study

Arlington County Transportation Commission Meeting
September 30th, 2021



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Presentation Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- Study Scope
- Arlington County's Role
- Questions

Project Partners + Lead Federal Agency

Federal City Council

- Laura Miller Brooks, Sr Transportation & Infrastructure Associate, Project Manager

District Department of Transportation

- Anna Chamberlin, Associate Director of Planning and Sustainability Division
- Austina Casey, Environmental Program Branch Manager
- Jonathan Rogers, Neighborhood Planning Manager
- Kimberly Vacca, Transportation Planner

Georgetown Business Improvement District

- Joe Sternlieb, President and CEO
- David Levy (Livable City Group), Consultant

Georgetown University

- Christopher Murphy, Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement

National Capital Planning Commission

- Marcel Acosta, Executive Director
- Anne Schuyler, General Counsel
- Dianne Sullivan, Director, UDPR
- Matthew Fills, Senior Urban Designer
- Jamie Herr, Urban Planner

Consultant Team: VHB MetroDC



Background: Why are we looking at this?

Georgetown is the largest DC employment center without Metrorail access. In Georgetown, there are 23,000 jobs.


Georgetown BID Area:	13,055
Georgetown University:	6,000
<u>MedStar/Georgetown Hospital</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Total Jobs	23,055

Many of these jobs are service sector jobs in retail and hospitality, and transit times to Georgetown reduce access to these jobs.




Background: Gondola Study focused on Access

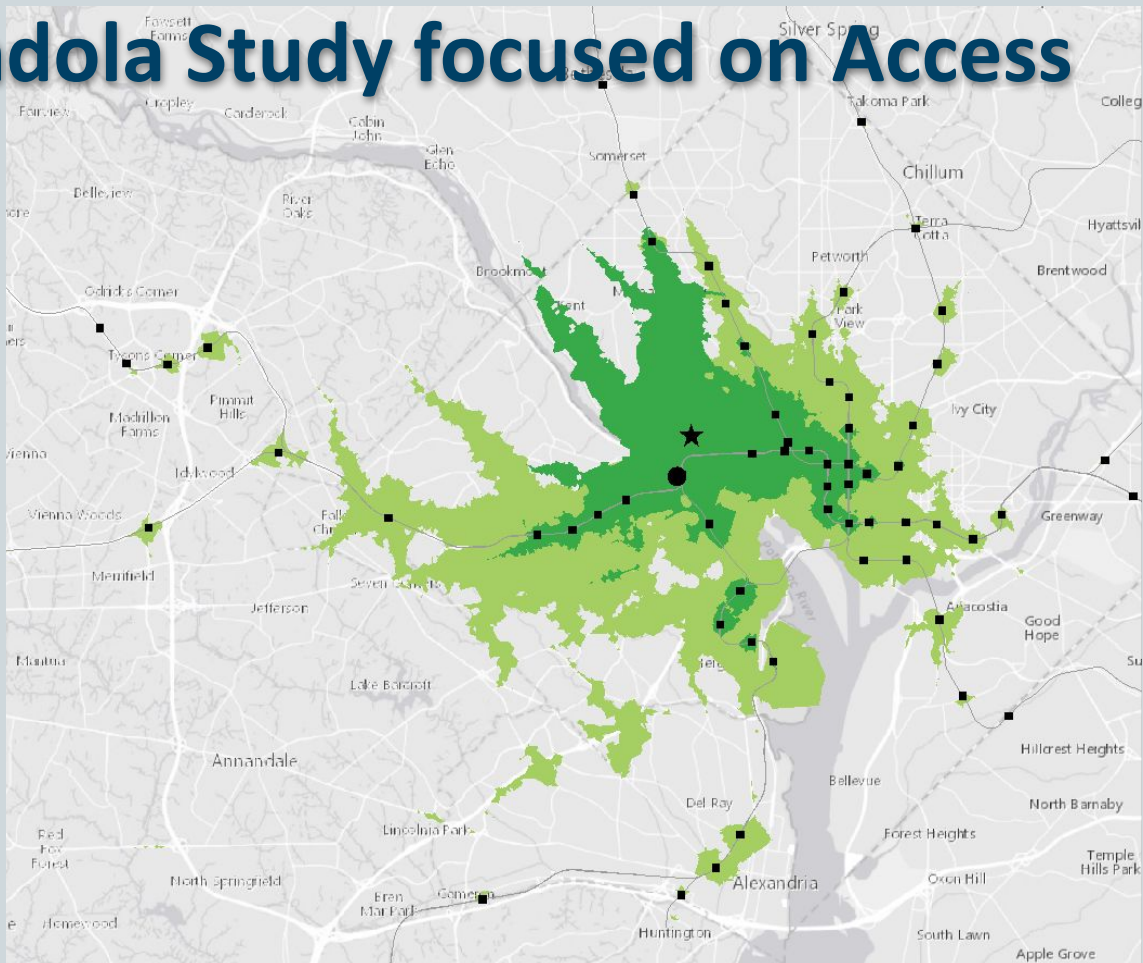
30-minute transit shed
with and without Gondola

Georgetown Transit Accessibility

-  30 Minutes
-  Destination: Georgetown Gondola Station
-  Metro Rail Lines

Additional Accessibility via Rosslyn Gondola

-  30 Minutes
-  Reference: Rosslyn Gondola Station at Rosslyn Metro
-  Metro Rail Stations Accessible within 30 Minutes

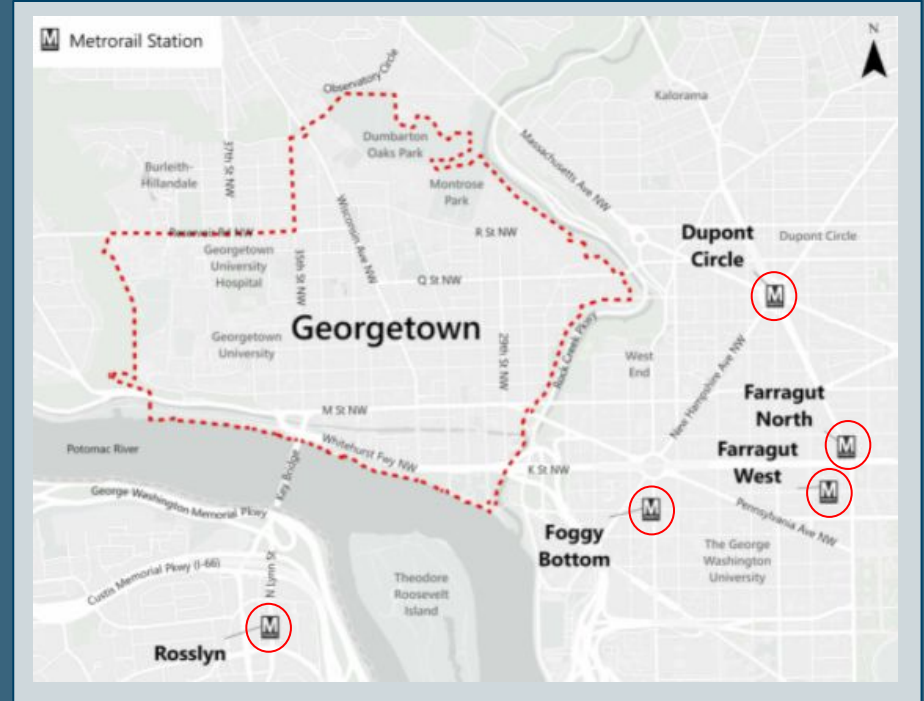


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- [2016 Georgetown - Rosslyn Gondola Feasibility Study](#)
- [Core of Rosslyn Transportation Study](#)
- [Arlington County and Vicinity Non-motorized Boathouse Facility](#)
- [Georgetown University Campus Plan](#)
- [Environmental Assessments for the Georgetown Non-motorized Boathouse Zone](#)

Scope of this Study

- Identify a preliminary range of alternatives to provide **direct, frequent, rapid transit** between the **Metrorail System and Georgetown**
- Set the stage for formal initiation of review process under the **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**, as applicable



Study Area Map

Study Steps

- Refine and draft Purpose and Need
- Refine and develop alternatives
- Targeted agency and public engagement
- Perform Environmental Scan
- Recommend alternatives to advance in EIS or advance into design (if NEPA not needed)

Invited Agencies and Stakeholders

ANC 2E

- Rick Murphy, Chair
- Elizabeth Miller, ANC Commissioner

Arlington County DES

- Dan Malouff, Transportation Planner

DC Historic Preservation Office

- Andrew Lewis, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist

WMATA

- Shyam Kannan, Vice President of Planning

National Park Service (National Capital Area)

- Tammy Stidham, Deputy Associate Area Director, Lands and Planning
- Joel Gorder, Regional Environmental Coordinator
- Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner
- Christine Bruins, Planning Portfolio Manager

Rosslyn BID

- Mary-Claire Burick, President
- Alli Henry, Community Planning Director

Schedule: One-Year Process



Arlington County's Role

- Staff Participation
 - Draft Purpose & Need
 - Refine and develop alternatives
 - Incorporate County plans and data
 - Convey the County's perspectives
- Transportation Commission Presentations
- County Board Briefings at their Request
- Public engagement via Questionnaire

Benefits to Arlington County

- Capture and assess the impact of transit congestion on streets in Rosslyn today.
- Consider how a broad range of modes and solutions could enhance connections between Rosslyn to Georgetown.
- Consider how a Rosslyn to Georgetown connection could create a cohesive corridor, stimulate economic development, and advance place making efforts.

Questions + Feedback

Thank you for your time!

- Take the 6-minute questionnaire today, and share with your network!

- Reach out anytime!

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