



Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan

Recommendation Development Workshop
Vibrant Public Realm & Transportation Access and Connectivity

September 22, 2021

7:00pm-8:30pm



Agenda

7:00pm Project Overview and Updates

7:15pm Vibrant Public Realm

- Vision Statement Review
- Recommendation Review

7:45pm Transportation Access and Connectivity

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8:25pm Next Steps



About Small Area Plans

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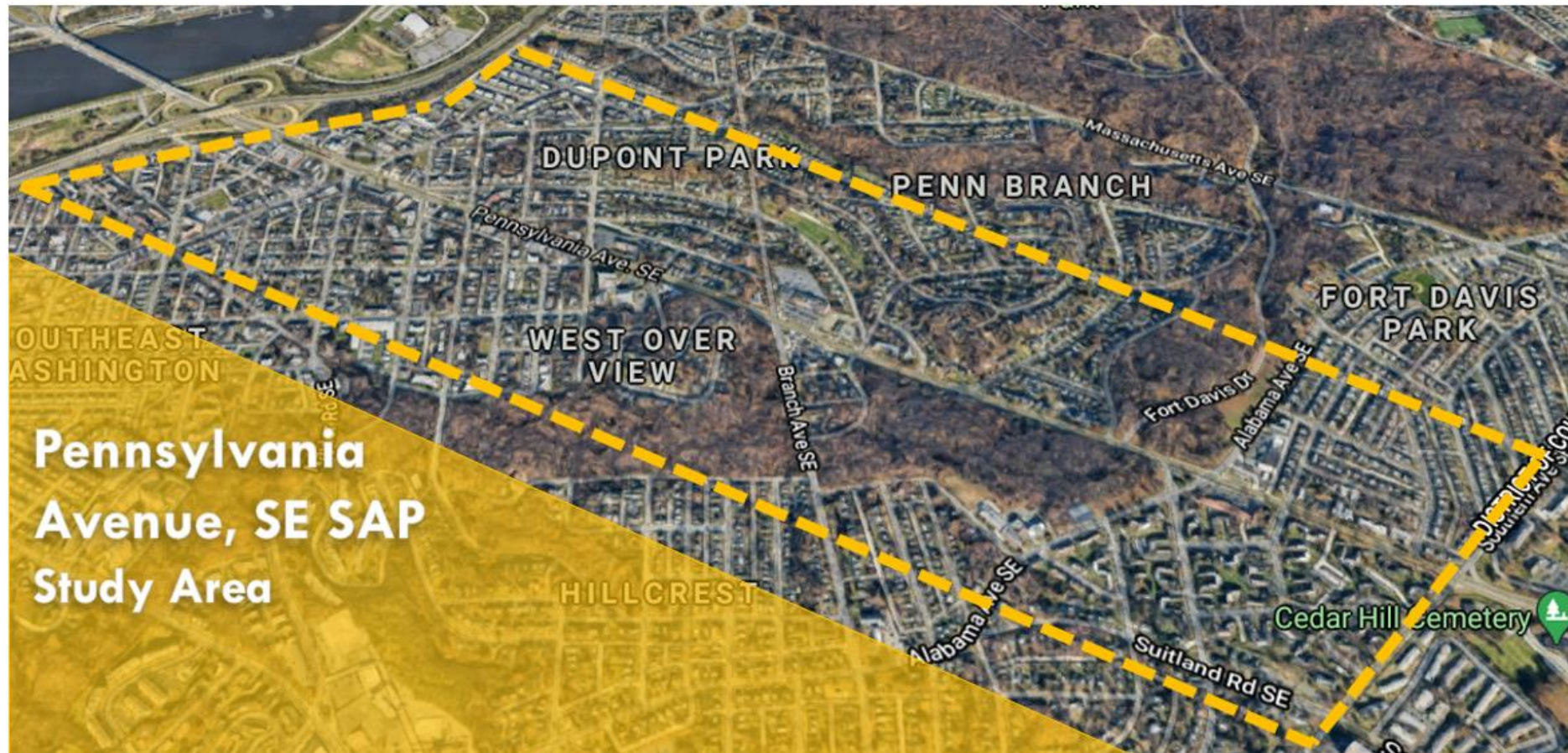
Small Area Plans supplement the Comp Plan by focusing on the neighborhood and block level. Small Area Plans **establish a vision for the neighborhood** and build on the guidance established in the Comp Plan.

- Identify strategic priorities, gaps, and opportunities
- Provide neighborhood specific recommendations
- Guide future development and investment
- Are approved by Council as legislation



About the Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan

With community support and involvement, OP will develop an updated vision and implementation plan for the Pennsylvania Avenue East corridor.



Project Timeline

We are here!

Dec 2020- March 2021 Project Roll-Out

- Existing conditions and market research
- Convene Interagency Advisory Committee
- Convene Community Advisory Committee

April - October 2021 Plan Development

- Community learning
- Community visioning
- **Recommendation development**

Winter 2021/22 Legislative Process

- Public Comment Period
- Mayoral Hearing
- Council Review
- Council Approval

Spring 2022 on Implementation

- Implementation and neighborhood technical support
- Plan recommendation implementation

Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan Goals

The SAP will establish a framework that will guide development and reinvestment in the neighborhood to meet the following goals:



Encourage economic development and retail opportunities



Enhance a safe, accessible, and vibrant public realm



Improve transportation access and connectivity



Explore housing opportunities and social and economic resiliency strategies

How to Participate

1. Meeting chat will remain open throughout the conversation.
2. Select the “raise hand” feature or unmute to provide comment.
3. Complete the survey: publicinput.com/PennAveRecommendations



Updated Draft Vision Statement: Vibrant Public Realm



Highlight the corridor as an important citywide gateway and position the corridor as an attractive, inviting destination by investing in community serving public spaces that are well maintained and programmed, and incorporate art, commemoration, and preservation to honor the community's cultural and historic significance

Draft Recommendations: Vibrant Public Realm



Parks and Open Space

- Improve existing landscaping and encourage consistent landscaping
- Improve broken or dilapidated tree beds
- Expand clean team efforts
- Support community building events and partnerships
- Through implementation of the Penn/Minn project, incorporate public realm enhancements
- Explore opportunities to transfer NPS parks to District control



Business and Retail Environment

- Encourage activating vacant retail storefronts
- Utilize storefront façade improvements for active businesses
- Encourage a Farmers Market along the corridor
- Activate public and underutilized space for pop-up and seasonal markets
- Develop design guidelines for commercial, residential, and open space
- Develop, sponsor, and maintain a digital community platform that highlights events, businesses, and community groups



Corridor/Gateway Features

- Support gateway features that enhance the sense of arrival to the corridor through landscaping, art, and commemoration
- Develop wayfinding, signage, and branding material for the corridor
- Develop design guidelines that support enhancements to the streetscape
- Improve connections to Anacostia Park
- Encourage public art along the corridor, including on underpasses, retaining walls, and buildings

Discussion: Vibrant Public Realm

1. Does the draft vision statement fit your vision for the future of the corridor?
2. Do these recommendations reflect your vision for the future of the corridor?
3. What additional recommendations you would like to see?

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Updated Draft Vision Statement: Transportation Access and Connectivity



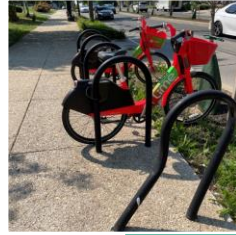
Establish a multimodal corridor that provides easily accessible transit options, vehicular safety, and pedestrian and bicycle comfort to all users while providing efficient connections to employment centers, community-serving retail, parks and open spaces, and community-adjacent services

Draft Recommendations: Transportation Access and Connectivity



Safety and Comfort

- Incorporate Vision Zero principles across the corridor
- Introduce safety features to slow vehicle traffic on neighboring streets
- Identify opportunities to reduce cut through traffic
- Support pedestrian-oriented lighting
- Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety at I-295 on/off ramps



Pedestrian/Bicycle

- Study methods to make pedestrian crossings more visible (Fort Davis Drive, Alabama, Branch, and Southern)
- Ensure sidewalks are ADA accessible and fix uneven and broken sidewalks
- Phase out actuated pedestrian signals
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to Anacostia Park



Transit

- Explore high-capacity transit opportunities
- Identify bus shelters that can incorporate travel information, solar panels, and illumination
- Add new bus shelters and improve existing bus infrastructure
- Incorporate community art in infrastructure and transportation projects
- Enhance micromobility access by expanding capital bikeshare stations and micromobility corrals

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Discussion Takeaways

You shared...

Next Steps

- ✓ Register for the Plan: publicinput.com/PennAveSEPlan
- ✓ Provide feedback online at: publicinput.com/PennAveRecommendations
- ✓ Join us September 29 @ 7-8:30 – Rec. Dev Workshop #2
- ✓ Mark your calendars: Town hall #3 - Wed., October 20



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