



16TH STREET NW BUS LANES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1. A number of bus stops on this corridor do not currently have bus shelters. Will any new shelters be added as part of the project?**
At this time, the addition of bus shelters is not included in this project. However, DDOT is working with WMATA to coordinate this effort.
- 2. The markings used in the I St Bus Lane are very slippery when wet. Is this flaw recognized by DDOT and will non-slip markings be implemented on 16th?**
Standard markings tested in a lab are used. DDOT is unaware of any flaws to the I St bus lane markings.
- 3. How does the current 16th street closure between K and H (Black Lives Matter Plaza) impact this project? Is the intention to re-open that street at some point ahead or in conjunction with this project? What is the general timeline of that opening? Will the street mural and pedestrian-only setup remain?**
DDOT is coordinating with the Mayor's office in regard to this portion of the project. Information will be provided to the public once a decision has been made.
- 4. Does DDOT plan to have any handicapped accessible/van accessible parking spaces along 16th Street between Scott Circle and U Street?**
Parking accommodation concerns and request should be submitted to parking.ddot@dc.gov.
- 5. Describe some of the early lessons learned from the 14th street bus lane pilot and how those will affect the 16th street project? Specifically related to enforcement, as delivery vehicles and DC vehicles continue to park in the lanes.**
14th Street does not have a bus lanes, but this project will have dedicated bus lanes. No vehicles other than buses will be allowed to travel, park or stop during the effective hours.



- 6. Who is the project contact, email/phone, if there are issues w/ pedestrian accommodation during construction?**
See the "Contact" tab on the project website.
- 7. Will a copy of tonight's presentation be shared on the project website?**
Yes. Currently on the "Public Engagement" tab under "Document Library."
- 8. Why does it take a full year just to put down bus lanes? Wouldn't it be more efficient to do it faster?**
Due to other project element such as Signal and Electrical sign upgrades, utility relocations, construction at the key intersections, weather, and coordination with neighboring projects.
- 9. Why is underground utility work necessary? Aren't they just painting the streets?**
Underground utility work is necessary to install new drainage, as well as electrical for blank out signs and traffic signals.
- 10. Will there be any project elements (such as traffic-calming measures) aimed at addressing speeding on 16th Street?**
No.
- 11. Explain how the traffic signals will change as a result of this project?**
Traffic signals at Columbia/Harvard will be upgraded; however, there is no change to the traffic signal timing along the corridor.
- 12. Capital Grid says it's had to change the timing of its program on 16th St from V to T St because of the bus lane project. Can you clarify and explain?**
DDOT is coordinating with PEPCO Capital Grid. Since 16th Street Bus Lanes is underway Capital Grid increased manpower between V St and T St in order for both projects to meet their schedule. Work can not begin between the two intersection until Capital Grid is complete.
- 13. There's currently work going on at Harvard St and appx U St. Is that work related to this project?**
No. The ongoing work at Harvard St is for Washington Gas. The ongoing work at U St is for Pepco.
- 14. Are the blank out signs, south of U Street, LED signs used to change lane directions?**
The blank out signs south of U Street will display "No Left Turns". The signs will be attached to light/traffic poles.
- 15. Explain the work at the of Harvard and Columbia intersection?**
Work is scheduled to begin at Columbia/Harvard at the end of February. All traffic medians will be modified in order to accommodate the change in traffic pattern from southbound 16th St to Columbia Rd. The four medians will be reconstructed in phases in order to eliminate the impact on traffic and pedestrians. Existing traffic signals will be on temporary bases until reconstruction of the medians are completed and the new traffic signals are installed. There will be signage for traffic and pedestrian detours around the construction zone.
- 16. Will bicyclists be allowed to cycle in the bus lanes?**
No, bicyclist will use travel lanes.
- 17. Will bikeshare be temporarily relocated at Harvard St due to construction?**
Yes. Coordinating with DDOT Bikeshare department and local ANC's.
- 18. What are the "Apartment Renovations" from 16th and Irving to 16th and Lamont? Is that multiple buildings?**
Not associated with this project. DDOT is coordinating with other projects within the project limit to avoid further complication and traffic burden.
- 19. Were existing lane widths modified, particularly between Harvard/Columbia to Arkansas, in order to accommodate the bus lanes?**
Existing medians will be modified in order to change traffic pattern at 16th and Columbia to accommodate the bus lanes. Between Columbia/Harvard to Arkansas existing lane widths are not modified.

20. When will construction begin south of Massachusetts Avenue?

Minor traffic upgrades will begin in Summer 2021. Paving will begin in Fall/Winter 2021.

21. Are they going to rip up 16th St between T and Swann?

No major construction will take place between T St and Swann Road, only resurfacing the roadway and installations of signs.

22. When will the work begin below 16th and U, and how long will it take?

Work will begin on 16th and U St in Summer 2021. It will take approximately 2.5 months to complete not including paving.

23. Will this project include widening the sidewalks on any part of 16th Street? Specifically, the west side of 16th at the U Street intersection.

Yes, the sidewalk will be widened along the Southbound side of 16th street NW between U Street and V Street. The dedicated right turn lane will be removed.

24. I understand that some changes have been made for the rush hour restricted times (to not extend them to 10 AM?). Is this information available in the most recent project plans on the website?

Yes, on the "Design" tab, see the 16th St. NW Bus Lanes Project Pamphlet.

25. Currently the intersection of 16th & Fuller St (the street between Euclid and Harvard) has a "beg button" that requires pedestrians to push the button and then wait a while in order for the light to change color. Are there plans to change this?

Traffic signal modification at 16th and Fuller St is not apart of the project. Any issues can be reported to DC 311 as a service request.

26. Since you are building the lanes from north to south, with the northern parts of the bus-only lanes be open for bus-only use while the more southern parts are still being constructed? Will the lanes go into operation as construction is completed in each area or all at once in Spring 2022?

No, Bus lanes will be striped and open at the end of construction in Spring 2022.

27. Will this project install a crosswalk at Pine Street and 16th Street NW? Currently, there is fencing blocking pedestrians from crossing here.

Yes.

28. At a prior community meeting, ANC 1A raised concerns about removing informal parking on the western side of Pine Street after the bulb out, leaving a very wide street. Has this been addressed internally? Is street width reduced, or parking added?

The redesign for this area is pending. The goal is to improve safety at this intersection. DDOT will follow up with community soon with the updated information.

29. There have been concerns about the modifications to DPW and DDOTs services and operations due to Covid-19. Has there been a re-analysis of this project due to the pandemic?

No additional analysis particularly due to the pandemic has been performed or is planned to be performed.

