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**Georgetown Transit Connections Study
30-Day Public Comment Period Now Open**

Study Provides Transit Connection Improvement Proposals between Georgetown and the Metrorail System Including Gondola and Bus Transit Alternatives

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Washington, DC (September 1, 2022) — The Georgetown Transit Enhancement to Metrorail partnership team released a questionnaire which seeks public input on the study's process and analyses of potential transportation alternatives to improve access between Georgetown and the Metrorail system. Public input through the questionnaire is sought through September 30th, 2022. Links to this 10-minute questionnaire, provided in English and Spanish, are available here:

- **English:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GeorgetownToMetrorail2022>
- **Spanish:** <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/GeorgetownToMetrorail2022Spanish>

The goal of the Georgetown Transit Enhancement to Metrorail study is to identify a preliminary range of alternatives that would provide workers, students, residents, and visitors with a reliable, frequent, safe, and sustainable non-auto connection between Georgetown and the Metrorail system. Georgetown is a major jobs and activity center that does not have a Metrorail station. Meanwhile, available transit to and through the neighborhood is slow and unpredictable because of neighborhood and city-wide vehicle congestion. This limits access to Georgetown for employment, recreation, education, and commercial activities. Reliance on single occupancy vehicles for access contributes to traffic congestion and makes getting to the neighborhood more difficult for drivers and non-drivers alike.

The goal of [this 10-minute questionnaire](#) is to ask people what they think about the study's process and analysis of various transportation alternatives, and how impactful they think each alternative is for helping enhance transit access to Georgetown. It also asks the public to identify potentially feasible solutions that the study may have overlooked.

In September 2021, the project team released a questionnaire asking the public for their input on why, and where increased transit access to and from Georgetown and the Metrorail system would be beneficial to respondents. The over 1,700 individual responses were then used to help the project team design the study and framework for analysis.

Over the last year, the project team and its consultant, VHB MetroDC, conducted rigorous alternatives analysis to identify potential transportation infrastructure solutions that provide the most meaningful approaches to increase access between Georgetown's major jobs and activity centers and nearby

Metrorail stations. Note that when developing and screening the preliminary alternatives, the project team focused on their potential to meet this transportation goal. Environmental and historical impact analyses would be done as part of a later, separate phase of planning, which will screen alternatives and engage the public in a manner that will fulfill the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant regulations.

Public responses to the questionnaire will be incorporated into the study's conclusions. The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2022, and its conclusions will guide which, if any, of the alternatives should move forward for further development.

About the Georgetown Transit Enhancement to Metrorail Study

The Georgetown BID, Federal City Council, and District Department of Transportation formed a partnership to advance planning for improved transit between Georgetown and Metrorail. This \$250,000 study of transit alternatives is funded by the District of Columbia. The work is being managed by the Federal City Council, who has engaged VHB Metro DC, LLC with its partner SCJ Alliance, to complete this phase of work. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) is serving as the lead federal agency for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).