

Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project

Tunnel Forum Meeting Information	
Topic:	Tunnel Forum: First Street NW, T Street NW, Florida Avenue NW, R Street NW Construction Sites
Date & Time	October 27, 2022 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Location	Zoom

Attendees: (33)

Contractors	Alan Etter, Matt Wolniak, Giuseppe Benevento, Ray Bernardo, Philip Jo	Clean Rivers Project	Bill Levy, Matt Wolniak, Hadiah Jordan, Scott Shylanski, Robin McNabb
NEBT Community	ANC 5E06 Commissioner Karla Lewis, NEBT area residents	DDOT	Kyle Ohlson

Minutes:

6:30 PM	Hadiah Jordan opened with a welcome and agenda review.
	Alan Etter spoke on Safety.
	Hadiah Jordan spoke on Outreach Concerns/Responses.
	Bill Levy spoke on Local Rainfall, CSO Problems and Solutions, Northeast Boundary Tunnel (NEBT) Project, DC Flood Task Force, NEBT/First Street Tunnel (FST) Commissioning Plan, FST Connection Work, Channing Street NW, .
	Hadiah Jordan spoke on Bryant Street Alternative Parking Area Restoration Plan
	Giuseppe Benevento spoke on Construction Site Updates.
	Matt Wolniak spoke on Traffic and Pedestrian Patterns for all sites.
	Hadiah Jordan spoke on Claims Processes.
	Bill Levy spoke on Supporting Local Businesses, and Main Streets Contact Information
7:25 PM	Hadiah Jordan opened and led the Q and A portion of the meeting.
8:05 PM	Meeting Adjourned.

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Questions and Answers

R Street NW Construction Site

- Tom – Will there be any changes to traffic flow during the repaving? Bike lanes, speed humps, signals, etc. Changes to make it pedestrian friendly. (That is, permanent changes made during

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the repaving; not just while it's happening. Road diet efforts like narrowing lanes would qualify too)

- **Response:** During repaving, there will be ongoing maintenance of traffic (MOT) changes.
- Daniel – Also thank you for keeping the R St bike lane open!

Florida Avenue NW Construction Site

- Irving Daniels – LeDroit Park site – What is the timing for the FLA site and when will parking come back?
 - **Response:** Construction impacting the Rhode Island Avenue NW side will be complete summer of 2023 and the roadway will be restored afterward.
- Kristin – When will construction be done?
 - **Response:** Construction at the Florida Avenue site will be finished in the Summer of 2023.
- TB – At First & T, what is CSA 01?
 - **Response:** CSA 1 is the construction staging area located in the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church parking lot at the intersection of First Street NW and Thomas Street NW.
- Daniel – When will Florida Ave become 2 lanes both ways again? Summer 2023?
 - **Response:** We expect Florida Avenue to return to two lanes of traffic in each direction in three-four weeks.

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- X – This project has obviously created major limitations for resident parking. Could you allow residents to start using the parking on the south side of the 100 block of Rhode Island Ave NW on the weekends? That area is currently being used by construction workers for parking during the week.
 - **Response:** Must confirm with DDOT. Will follow up. *(The drums are essential to guiding traffic around the construction sites. DDOT and DC Water determined it was not safe for drivers to move the drums to park in the spaces and then to return the drums to the correct position.)*
- Sean Maxwell (NATCA)— Thank you for this great presentation! Will Rhode Island Ave be repaved after the project is completed?
 - **Response:** Yes.
- Caller – 202-631-1219 – tree incident. Wants to know what punishments/fines will be for the contractor.
 - **Response:** DC Water issued a noncompliance notice to the contractor which includes monetary withholdings. DC Water is committed to working with the contractor to complete the construction and prefers not to share the details on the monetary withholdings. Kyle Ohlson of DDOT stated they're working with all parties on a situation that is still under open investigation.
- 202-631-1219 – How long will it take to repave T Street at RIA?
 - **Response:** Repaving the T Street construction site will occur in three phases. It will take three months in total for final restoration.
- Neela – I have an additional question - apologies for being late to the meeting. When will Rhode Island Ave be open to pedestrians between 1st and 2nd st nw? (northside)?
 - **Response:** Beginning of 2023, the contractor will reopen T Street and the sidewalk on Rhode Island Avenue NW.

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- TD – Thank you for this helpful session. At the T and First Street NW site, what is the PS-CSA-01 site used for? Is it only for construction laydown and construction trailers? Will that site re-open in Summer 2023? Thank you.
 - **Response:** The temporary pump station serving the First Street Tunnel is located underground at PS-CSA-1. Work will resume in the summer of 2023 to take the pump station out of service and afterward restore the site.

First Street Tunnel

- Emmythequeen – I requested on several occasions and during at least 4 previous calls with the same group if I could have a timeline of the phases and dates that took place on the 1 street tunnel by Thomas street. Each time I was promised those slides/ written text with dates will be sent as a follow up. It's been over a year since the first ask and I know that several Neighbors chimed in meetings to request a copy as well. Do you think you could please share the timeline soon? When do you think the homeowners can have it? Here's my email ___ again. Thanks. To clarify Ms. Jordan, the timeline we have been asking about refers to the 1st street pumping station. It would be great if you could please send it to my email above. Thank you
 - **Response:** I will prepare a First Street Tunnel timeline and send it to you.

Main Street Partnerships

- Ben Schwartz, Owner of Electric Cool-Aid – I noticed that the disbursement for affected business was less this year than last year. Is there a reason for this?
 - **Response:** In DC Water's partnership with the main streets, we defer to them to determine the specific direct distribution to the businesses. Please contact Alex Padro, Director of Shaw Main Street.
- Ben Schwartz – The signage provided for businesses has been taken down, why?
 - **Response:** The signs were damaged and are in the process of being replaced.
- Karla Lewis – Were funds also given to North Capitol Main St?
 - **Response:** Yes.

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- TD – Also, one more question: I missed the first half of the presentation, will a recording be made available on your website? Thank you.
 - **Response:** No, but the presentation is available.
- Neela – Thank you for holding this session - it's really great to get updates. I would really appreciate if you could record future sessions.
 - **Response:** We will record future tunnel forums.
- Karla – I asked the same thing about recording at a previous meeting. Since you didn't record again, can you please send notes with answers to all of the questions that I can share with the residents.
 - **Response:** Yes, we will prepare the minutes and send you a copy to share with your constituents.