

# Eye Street SW/SE Safety Project

Presentation to ANC 6D Business Meeting February 8, 2021



## **Project Area**





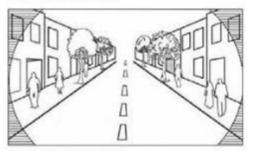
Navy Yard/Ballpark Station (Green Line)
Waterfront Station (Green Line)
Walking distance to Capitol South (Blue/Orange/Silver)

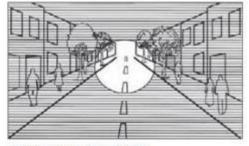


10 Capital Bikeshare stations; 197,000 trips in 2019 Two planned Summer 2021

#### **Project Objectives**

#### WHY SPEED MATTERS





Field of vision at 15 MPH

Field of vision at 30 to 40 MPH

A driver's field of vision increases as speed decreases. At lower speeds, drivers can see more of their surroundings and have more time to see and react to potential hazards.







Speed is especially lethal for vulnerable users like pedestrians and people biking. The risk of injury and death increases as speed increases.

- Improve Safety on Corridor
  - Reduce vehicle speeds
  - Increase visibility at crosswalks
  - Upgrade painted bike lanes to protected bike lanes

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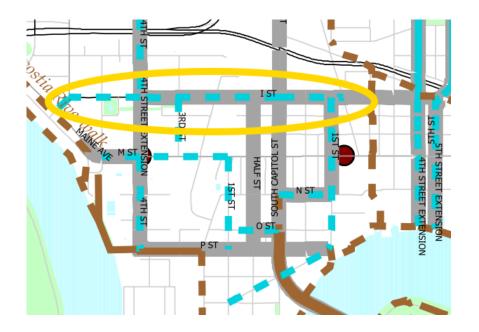


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## **Planning History**







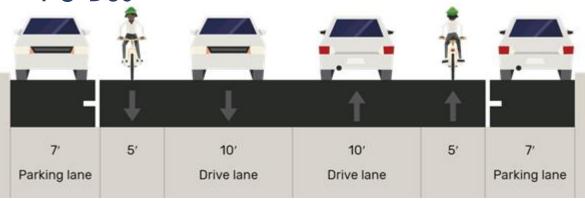
The District of Columbia's Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan

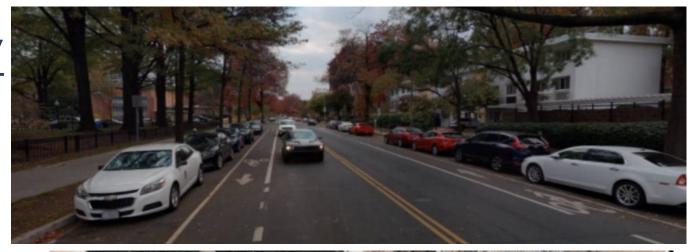


## **Existing Conditions**

# South Capitol St to 7th St, SW

- 44' wide
- 2 travel lanes and 2 residential parking lanes
- P6 Bus





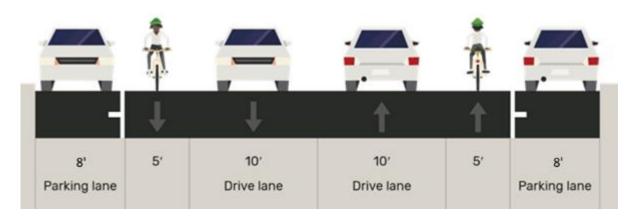




## **Existing Conditions**

## New Jersey Ave to 3rd St, SE

- 46' wide
- 2 travel lanes and 2 metered parking lanes





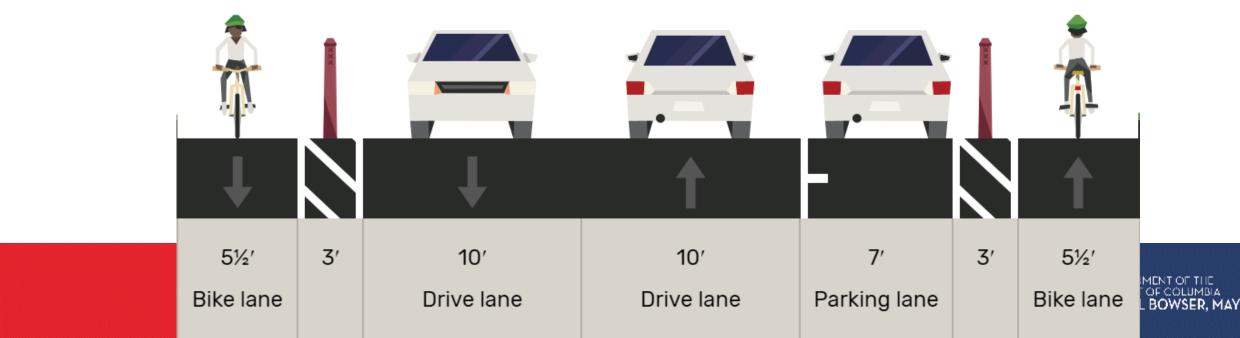




## **Proposed Conditions**

## South Capitol St to 7th St, SW

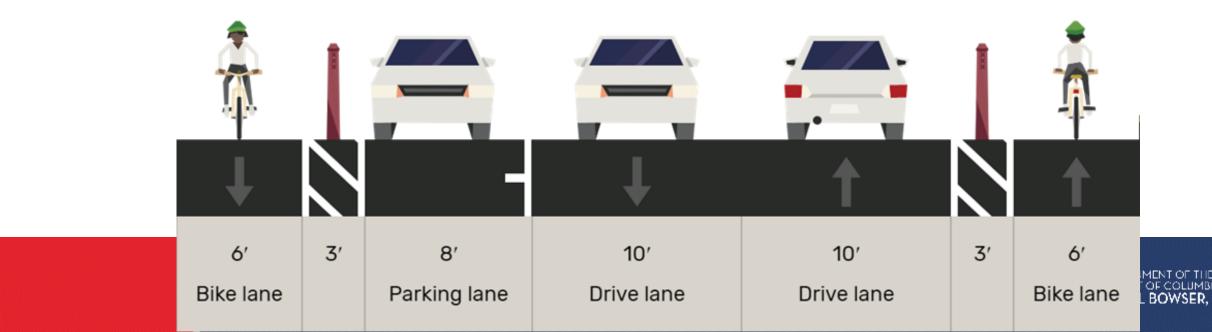
- 44' wide
- 2 travel lanes, 2 protected bike lanes and 1 residential parking lane on south side of street
- Estimated ~78 parking spaces repurposed



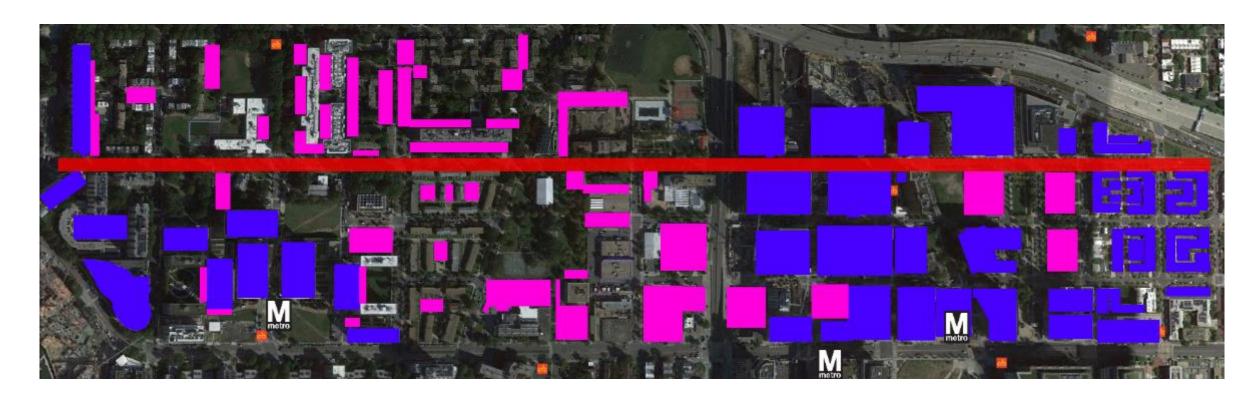
## **Proposed Conditions**

## New Jersey Ave to 3rd St, SE

- 46' wide
- 2 travel lanes and 1 metered parking lane on north side
- Estimated ~27 parking spaces repurposed



# **Parking**





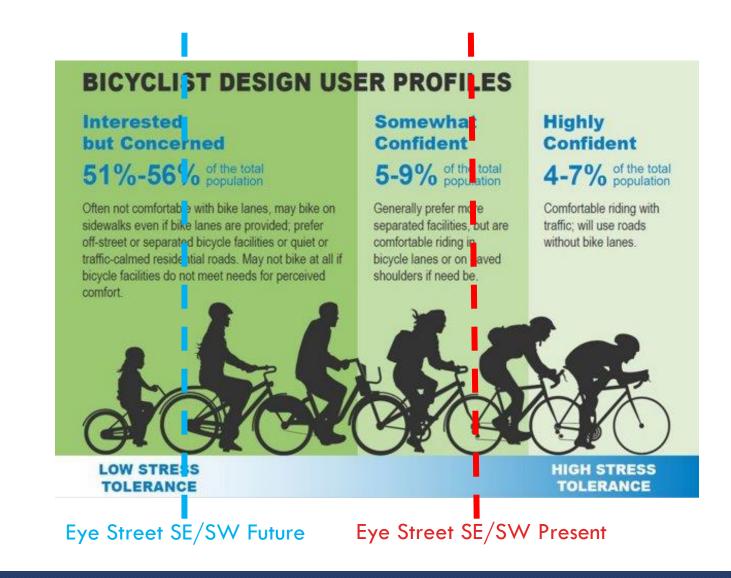
**Surface Parking Lot** 



Underground/Covered Parking

#### **Benefits**

- Improves Safety
  - Narrowing travelway reduces speeds
  - Increases pedestrian visibility
  - Reduces pedestrian crossing distances
  - Better sight lines at intersections
- Expands Protected Bike Lane Network
  - Connects to ART on Maine Avenue, SW
     PBLs on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, First
     Street, SE, New Jersey Avenue, SE and
     Virginia Avenue, SE
- Encourages Cycling
  - Lower stress facilities
  - Reduced demand for parking
  - Reduced congestion
  - Reduced air and noise pollution
  - Cost savings
  - Quality of life increase





#### Thank You!

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