

# Audi Field + Nationals Park 2024 Traffic Operations & Parking Plan

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Traffic Operations and Parking Plan (TOPP) for Audi Field and Nationals Park outlines strategies to manage travel for large crowds to and from the baseball and soccer games, concerts, and special events at Audi Field and Nationals Park. The TOPP is a collaborative effort that involves several government agencies and stakeholders, including:

- ▣ DC Government Agencies
  - District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
  - Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
  - Department of Public Works (DPW)
  - Department for Hire Vehicles (DFHV)
  - Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
  - Fire and Emergency Management (FEMS)
- ▣ Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- ▣ Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
  - ANC 6D
  - ANC 8F
- ▣ DC United/Washington Spirit
- ▣ Washington Nationals

The TOPP aims to achieve the following goals:

- ▣ Minimize the impact of parking and traffic on residents of neighboring areas, businesses, and commuters;
- ▣ Provide efficient travel information to patrons;
- ▣ Encourage the use of Metrorail and other transit options;
- ▣ Enforce restrictions during games and events;
- ▣ Reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts; and
- ▣ Manage the pick-up and drop-off activity of rideshare vehicles.

Attaining these goals is not the responsibility of one (1) organization or entity. It requires collaboration between all stakeholders to develop an effective plan and execute the plan on event days by dedicating the right level of resources. The responsibilities of each stakeholder are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 | TOPP Stakeholder Responsibilities**

Stakeholders	TOPP Functions	Event Day Resources Deployed
District Department of Transportation (DDOT)	Transportation management plan	Traffic control officers (TCO) School crossing guards (SCG) Traffic signal engineers Traffic management center (TMC) operators Roadway operations patrol (ROP) Public space inspectors (PSI) Sign fabricators and installers
Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	Law enforcement, public safety, traffic control	Police officers
Department of Public Works (DPW)	Parking enforcement and towing	Parking enforcement officers Tow trucks
Department for Hire Vehicles (DFHV)	Outreach to for hire vehicles and enforcement	DFHV Enforcement Officers
Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP)	Vendor licensing	Inspectors as needed
Fire and Emergency Management Services (FEMS)	Emergency response	FEMS personnel as needed
Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations (WMATA)	Metrobus and Metrorail service	Game day bus and Metro service
Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC)	Community outreach and input	
Capitol Waterfront Business Improvement District	Community outreach and input	Clean Team staff
Southwest Business Improvement District	Community outreach and input	Ambassadors
Washington Nationals	TOPP Planning Outreach to patrons Game schedule Anticipated game day attendance Closure of Half Street SE Parking garage ingress and egress	Barricades and personnel for closure of Half Street SE Parking staff
DC United	TOPP Planning Outreach to patrons Game schedule Anticipated game day attendance	Parking staff

The TOPP is a dynamic document that is continually edited and updated to reflect new information and changes in circumstances. The plan includes maps that identify the placement of Traffic Control

Officers, Emergency No Parking locations, and street closures. By collaborating and continuously updating the TOPP, government agencies and stakeholders can ensure that travel to and from Audi Field and Nationals Park is efficient and the impact of events on neighboring communities is minimized.

## STADIUM SCHEDULES

Table 2 lists all events scheduled at Nationals Park and Audi Field in 2024. For all sport events, the start time refers to the scheduled time of first pitch or kick-off. Scheduled dates and start times are subject to change due to inclement weather and other factors. The most prominent change from previous years is the shifting of weeknight Nationals Games from 7:05 PM to 6:45 PM. **Yellow shading** indicates days with events scheduled at both Audi Field and Nationals Park. **At the time of this draft (February 2024), the schedule for the Washington Spirit and DC Defenders have not been published.**

**Table 2 | 2024 Scheduled Events at Audi Field and Nationals Park**

Date	Day of Week	Nationals Park		Audi Field	
		Event	Start Time	Event	Start Time
February 24	Saturday			DC United vs. New England	7:30 PM
March 16	Saturday			DC United vs. Miami	2:00 PM
March 30	Saturday			DC United vs. Montreal	7:30 PM
April 1	Monday	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates	4:05 PM		
April 3	Wednesday	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates	6:45 PM		
April 4	Thursday	vs. Pittsburgh Pirates	4:05 PM		
April 5	Friday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	6:45 PM		
April 6	Saturday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	4:05 PM		
April 7	Sunday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	1:35 PM		
April 13	Saturday			DC United vs. Orlando	7:30 PM
April 19	Friday	vs. Houston Astros	6:45 PM		
April 20	Saturday	vs. Houston Astros	4:05 PM		
April 21	Sunday	vs. Houston Astros	1:35 PM		
April 23	Tuesday	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	6:45 PM		
April 24	Wednesday	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	6:45 PM		
April 25	Thursday	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	4:05 PM		
April 27	Saturday			DC United vs. Seattle	7:30 PM
May 3	Friday	vs. Toronto Blue Jays	6:45 PM		
May 4	Saturday	vs. Toronto Blue Jays	4:05 PM	DC United vs. Philadelphia	7:30 PM
May 5	Sunday	vs. Toronto Blue Jays	1:35 PM		
May 7	Tuesday	vs. Baltimore Orioles	6:45 PM		
May 8	Wednesday	vs. Baltimore Orioles	6:45 PM		

Date	Day of Week	Nationals Park		Audi Field	
		Event	Start Time	Event	Start Time
May 15	Wednesday			DC United vs. New York RB	7:30 PM
May 20	Monday	vs. Minnesota Twins	6:45 PM		
May 21	Tuesday	vs. Minnesota Twins	6:45 PM		
May 22	Wednesday	vs. Minnesota Twins	1:05 PM		
May 24	Friday	vs. Seattle Mariners	6:45 PM		
May 25	Saturday	vs. Seattle Mariners	4:05 PM	DC United vs. Chicago	7:30 PM
May 26	Sunday	vs. Seattle Mariners	1:35 PM		
May 28	Tuesday			DC United vs. Montreal	7:30 PM
June 1	Saturday			DC United vs. Toronto	7:30 PM
June 3	Monday	vs. New York Mets	6:45 PM		
June 4	Tuesday	vs. New York Mets	6:45 PM		
June 5	Wednesday	vs. New York Mets	4:05 PM		
June 6	Thursday	vs. Atlanta Braves	6:45 PM		
June 7	Friday	vs. Atlanta Braves	6:45 PM		
June 8	Saturday	vs. Atlanta Braves	4:05 PM		
June 9	Sunday	vs. Atlanta Braves	1:35 PM		
June 14	Friday	vs. Miami Marlins	6:45 PM		
June 15	Saturday	vs. Miami Marlins	4:05 PM		
June 16	Sunday	vs. Miami Marlins	1:35 PM		
June 18	Tuesday	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks	6:45 PM		
June 19	Wednesday	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks	4:05 PM		
June 20	Thursday	vs. Arizona Diamondbacks	1:05 PM		
June 22	Saturday			DC United vs. Houston	7:30 PM
July 1	Monday	vs. New York Mets	6:45 PM		
July 2	Tuesday	vs. New York Mets	6:45 PM		
July 3	Wednesday	vs. New York Mets	6:45 PM		
July 4	Thursday	vs. New York Mets	11:05 AM		
July 5	Friday	vs. St. Louis Cardinals	6:45 PM		
July 6	Saturday	vs. St. Louis Cardinals	4:05 PM		
July 7	Sunday	vs. St. Louis Cardinals	1:35 PM		
July 8	Monday	vs. St. Louis Cardinals	4:05 PM		
July 13	Saturday			DC United vs. Nashville	7:30 PM
July 19	Friday	vs. Cincinnati Reds	6:45 PM		
July 20	Saturday	vs. Cincinnati Reds	6:45 PM		

Date	Day of Week	Nationals Park		Audi Field	
		Event	Start Time	Event	Start Time
July 21	Sunday	vs. Cincinnati Reds	1:35 PM		
July 23	Tuesday	vs. San Diego Padres	6:45 PM		
July 24	Wednesday	vs. San Diego Padres	6:45 PM		
July 25	Thursday	vs. San Diego Padres	12:05 PM		
August 2	Friday	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	6:45 PM		
August 3	Saturday	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	4:05 PM		
August 4	Sunday	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	1:35 PM		
August 5	Monday	vs. San Francisco Giants	6:45 PM		
August 6	Tuesday	vs. San Francisco Giants	6:45 PM		
August 7	Wednesday	vs. San Francisco Giants	6:45 PM		
August 8	Thursday	vs. San Francisco Giants	4:05 PM		
August 9	Friday	vs. Los Angeles Angels	6:45 PM		
August 10	Saturday	vs. Los Angeles Angels	6:45 PM		
August 11	Sunday	vs. Los Angeles Angels	1:35 PM		
August 20	Tuesday	vs. Colorado Rockies	6:45 PM		
August 21	Wednesday	vs. Colorado Rockies	6:45 PM		
August 22	Thursday	vs. Colorado Rockies	1:05 PM		
August 24	Saturday			DC United vs. Dallas	7:30 PM
August 26	Monday	vs. New York Yankees	6:45 PM		
August 27	Tuesday	vs. New York Yankees	6:45 PM		
August 28	Wednesday	vs. New York Yankees	6:45 PM		
August 30	Friday	vs. Chicago Cubs	6:45 PM		
August 31	Saturday	vs. Chicago Cubs	4:05 PM		
September 1	Sunday	vs. Chicago Cubs	1:35 PM		
September 10	Tuesday	vs. Atlanta Braves	6:45 PM		
September 11	Wednesday	vs. Atlanta Braves	6:45 PM		
September 12	Thursday	vs. Miami Marlins	6:45 PM		



Date	Day of Week	Nationals Park		Audi Field	
		Event	Start Time	Event	Start Time
September 13	Friday	vs. Miami Marlins	6:45 PM		
September 14	Saturday	vs. Miami Marlins	4:05 PM	DC United vs. New York City	7:30 PM
September 15	Sunday	vs. Miami Marlins	1:35 PM		
September 24	Tuesday	vs. Kansas City Royals	6:45 PM		
September 25	Wednesday	vs. Kansas City Royals	6:45 PM		
September 26	Thursday	vs. Kansas City Royals	1:05 PM		
September 27	Friday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	6:45 PM		
September 28	Saturday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	4:05 PM	DC United vs. Columbus	7:30 PM
September 29	Sunday	vs. Philadelphia Phillies	3:05 PM		
October 19	Sturday			DC United vs. Charlotte	6:00 PM

## WHARF EVENTS

Table 3 provides a preliminary list of events planned at the Wharf during the 2024 soccer and baseball seasons. Additional events may be added throughout the year, including concerts at the Anthem. DDOT works with other District agencies and the Wharf to address traffic impacts associated with large public events.

**Table 3 | 2024 Events at the Wharf that Impact Area Roads/Metrorail**

Date(s)	Day(s) of Week	Wharf Event	Same Day Audi Field or Nats Park Event?
February 10	Saturday	Mardi Gras at the Wharf	No
March 16	Saturday	Ireland at the Wharf	Yes, Audi Field
March 23	Saturday	Bloomaroo*	No
April 12	Wednesday	RiverRun Festival	No
May 4	Saturday	Running of the Chihuahuas	Yes, both stadiums
June 8	Saturday	Pride on the Pier*	Yes, Nationals Park
July 4	Tuesday	Fourth at the Wharf*	Yes, Nationals Park
October 5	Saturday	Oktoberfest	No

\* Event Features Fireworks

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS THAT COULD IMPACT AREA ROADS/METRORAIL**

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Table 4 identifies other special events scheduled to take place in the District that could impact roadway traffic, Metrorail ridership, and potentially limit resources available for Audi Field and Nationals Park traffic control support:

**Table 4 | Other 2024 Special Events that Could Impact Area Roads/Metrorail**

Date(s)	Day(s) of Week	Event
March 16	Saturday	Rock'n'Roll Washington DC
March 20 - April 14	All days	Cherry Blossom Festival
April 6	Saturday	Petalpalooza at Capitol Riverfront
April - November	Saturdays	Farmers Market SW
May - September	Fridays	Market SW
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day
October 13	Sunday	Army Ten Miler
October 27	Sunday	Marine Corps Marathon

**BASE AND ENHANCED TOPPS**

The District employs **two (2) operational plans** for Audi Field and Nationals Park based on the anticipated transportation impacts associated with varying attendance levels and the day of week/time of day.

- ▮ A **Base** TOPP largely follows the game day procedures and staffing levels for normal games with low to moderate levels of attendance; and
- ▮ An **Enhanced** TOPP is employed for games with high levels of attendance, and (for Nationals Park) for most games with weekday afternoon start times (1:05 p.m., 4:05 p.m.) for which the game would conclude during the standard weekday p.m. rush hour.

Table 5 and Table 6 show the factors that trigger various levels of traffic mitigation resources for Audi Field and Nationals Park.

**Table 5 | Factors that Trigger Traffic Mitigation Resources for Audi Field**

	All Days/Times	
TOPP Plan	Base	Enhanced
Anticipated Attendance	7.5K - 15K	> 15K

**Table 6 | Factors that Trigger Traffic Mitigation Resources for Nationals Park**

	Weekday Afternoon <sup>1</sup>		Other Times	
TOPP Plan	Base	Enhanced	Base	Enhanced
Anticipated Attendance	≤ 25K	> 25K	≤ 35K	> 35K

<sup>1</sup>Excludes July 4

All DC United home matches in 2024 will use an Enhanced TOPP.

Low attendance events at Audi Field (< 7,500 spectators) will not have any specific event-day TOPP measures.

Attendance projections will be provided by DC United and the Washington Nationals to key stakeholders in advance of all home games and other stadium events to allow for an appropriate allocation of staffing and other resources.

Presented in the following sections are the details for the Base and Enhanced TOPPs for each type of operational undertaking.

## **ACTIVE SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT**

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Starting in 2023, traffic operations issues are reported to DDOT's Traffic Management Center (TMC) via phone call or email. The plan to effectively contact field supervisors responsible for staff members from stakeholders (including but not limited to DDOT, MPD, DPW, and DFHV) to enforce traffic rules and regulations, as well as help direct patrons to appropriate parking areas and reduce traffic congestion is described below.

### **Pre-Event:**

1. Contact field supervisors responsible for staff members from agency stakeholders who will be working during the event.
2. Send an email and or call to each field supervisor, explaining the purpose of the communication.
3. Discuss any important items specific for that event.
4. Confirm the field supervisor's understanding of their role and responsibilities during the event.

### **During an Event**

1. Period Check In MGHTZ Radios/ Teams Messaging of supervisors from stakeholders.
2. If any issues arise, immediately notify the appropriate field supervisor and provide guidance on how to address the issue.
3. Maintain regular communication with field supervisors throughout the event to ensure that traffic rules and regulations are being effectively enforced and that patrons are being directed to appropriate parking areas.

### **Post-Event**

1. Follow up with each field supervisor via email or phone to debrief on the event and gather feedback.
2. Review the effectiveness of the TOPP strategies for reducing traffic congestion and identify areas for improvement.
3. Provide additional training or support to field supervisors and staff members from stakeholders as needed to improve performance in future events.

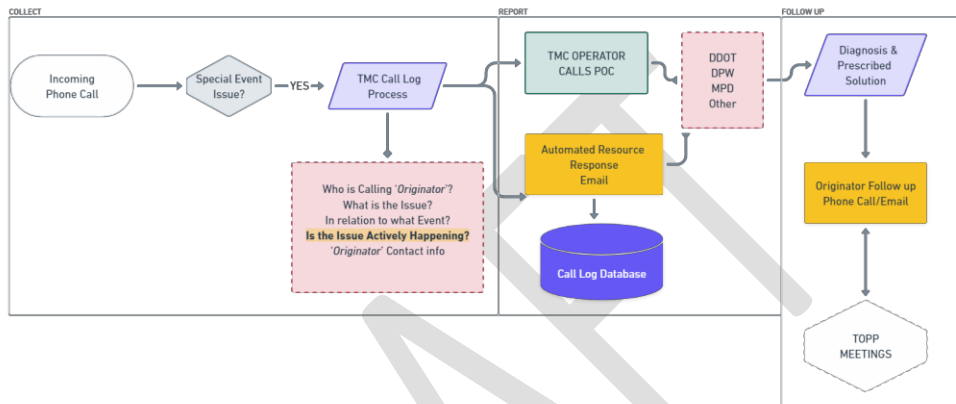
### **TMC Internal Process**

The TMC will follow a three-step process, which is described below and illustrated in Figure 1.

**COLLECT:** The first step in the process is when a person notices a traffic operations issue and contacts the TMC via phone call or email. During this step, the TMC staff will ask the person for details about the issue, such as the location and nature of the problem. The TMC staff will also collect the contact information of the person reporting the issue in case they need to follow up with them. This step is crucial as it ensures that the TMC has accurate information to properly address the issue and ensures that the person reporting the issue can be contacted later for any necessary follow-up.

**REPORT:** Once the information is collected, the person contacts DDOT's TMC via phone call and email to report the issue. TMC staff have a list of contacts to call based on the nature of the issue and will contact the appropriate on-call lead from DDOT, DPW, MPD, DFHV, FEMS, etc. to address the issue.

**FOLLOW UP:** After the appropriate Supervisor is contacted, they will address the issue and follow up with the person who originated the phone call or email to provide updates on the status of the issue and any actions taken to resolve it.



**Figure 1 |** Communication Process Flowchart

**TMC Contact Information**

**Email:** stadium.zone@dc.gov

**Phone:** (202) 671-3368

## STREET CLOSURES & RESTRICTIONS

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### AUDI FIELD

#### **Pre-Game Traffic Restrictions**

Figure 2 shows the closures on First Street SW and S Street SW, as well as the traffic flow from South Capitol Street to the surrounding area. The closures in effect prior to events at Audi Field are:

- M Street and Half Street SW – no vehicles permitted south of M Street SW;
- M Street and First Street SW – no vehicles permitted south of M Street SW;
- ▮ First Street SW between Potomac Avenue and T Street SW; and
- ▮ S Street SW between First Street and Half Street SW.

For all events, First Street SW between Potomac Avenue and T Street SW is expected to be closed up to (6) hours prior to the start of the event. S Street SW between First Street and Half Street SW will still be accessible to pedestrians and can be used to stage emergency and fire department vehicles that may need direct access to the stadium.

#### **Post-Game Traffic Restrictions**

MPD will post officers at several locations post-game to restrict vehicles from entering the stadium area or to deconflict turning vehicles and pedestrians. These locations are shown in Figure 3 and described below.

- Potomac Avenue SW – no vehicles permitted west of South Capitol Street;
- Q Street SW – no vehicles permitted between Second Street SW and South Capitol Street except for residents with placards; and
- R Street SW – no vehicles permitted between Second Street and First Street SW.

For all events, First Street SW between Potomac Avenue and T Street SW is expected to be closed up to (3) hours after the end of the event. S Street SW between First Street and Half Street SW will still be accessible to pedestrians and can be used to stage emergency and fire department vehicles that may need direct access to the stadium.

Beginning in 2023, the Q Street SW access from the South Capitol Street oval serves as a resident access point. An MPD officer will be stationed on Q Street SW and allow residents with 2024 Audi Field placards to continue west on Q Street SW. Once a resident has passed through the access point, they should drive west on Q Street SW and turn south on Second Street SW to reach their residence south of Audi Field.



**Figure 2 | Pre-Game Street Closures and Restrictions During Audi Field Events**





**Figure 3 | Post-Game Street Closures and Restrictions During Audi Field Events**

## NATIONALS PARK

Figure 5 and Figure 6 show all street closures and restrictions that will be in effect before and after events. These closures, also described below, will be implemented under both the Base and Enhanced plans.

### Pre- and Post-Event Closures

- M Street and Half Street SW – no vehicles permitted south of M Street SW;
- M Street and First Street SW – no vehicles permitted south of M Street SW;
- Van St SE – southbound access granted to residents with placards and guests that have purchased GEICO Garage parking;
- Cushing Place SE – no northbound traffic permitted, southbound access granted to residents with placards and guests that have purchased GEICO Garage parking;
- ▣ No left-turns from M Street SE to Cushing Place, First Street, or New Jersey Avenue SE;
- ▣ All lanes of N Street SE closed between Cushing Place SE and the Geico Garage; and
- ▣ Half Street SE closed between M Street and N Street SE.

### Post-Event Only Closures

- ▣ Access to eastbound N Street will not be permitted from South Capitol Street or the western leg of N Street SE to allow for westbound left and right turns from N Street;
- ▣ All lanes of N Street SE closed between First Street and New Jersey Avenue SE;
- ▣ All lanes of First Street SE closed between M Street and N Street (Figure 4); and
- ▣ The Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge closed to northbound traffic.

In Figure 4, Resident/Special Access refers to residents of buildings on a restricted or closed street, charter buses, disabled patrons of events at Nationals Park, and parking permit holders for a garage on a restricted or closed street. DDOT distributes parking placards each year for residential access.



**Figure 4 | Full closure of First Street SE between M Street and N Street (Post-Event Only)**

For baseball games and other major stadium events, the Nationals utilize moveable barriers to prevent motor vehicles from traveling on N Street SE between Cushing Alley SE and Garage B (Geico Garage). The Nationals are responsible for barrier deployment, removal, and emergency openings if needed.

These locations are designated as Special Event Areas and may be closed to non-emergency vehicular traffic starting up to three (3) hours before commencement of baseball games or other special events and continue until two (2) hours after the end of games/events.

To facilitate vehicle access to Dock 79, F1rst Residences, Maren, Kelvin, and West Half during Nationals Park events, residents of these buildings with a need for vehicle access are being provided placards to show MPD officers or DDOT traffic control staff stationed on First Street, Cushing Place, Van Street and M Street SE. This information will be relayed at pre-game roll call meetings.

In addition to baseball games, several special events as shown in Table 7 will require limited street closures as follows:

- ▣ N Street SE between Cushing Place SE and Van Street SE; and
- ▣ Half Street SE between M Street SE and N Street SE.

Date	Day of Week	Event	Gate Time	Street Closure Start Time	Street Closure End Time
April 13	Saturday	DC Beer Fest	11:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
June 12	Wednesday	Congressional Baseball Game	5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	11 p.m.
July 13	Saturday	Savannah Bananas Baseball	5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	11 p.m.
July 29	Monday	Green Day Concert	4:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	11 p.m.
August 28	Monday	Bruce Springsteen	5:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	12:30 a.m.

**Commented [VV7]:** Event ends at 8:00 p.m.

**Commented [VV8]:** Event scheduled for 7 pm; No information on gate time opening



**Figure 5 | Pre-Game Street Closures and Restrictions During Nationals Park Events**



Figure 6 | Post-Game Street Closures and Restrictions During Nationals Park Events

## POST-GAME ROADWAY RECONFIGURATIONS

### AUDI FIELD

#### South Capitol Street Oval Lane Closures – Post-Event

After events at Audi Field, traffic will not be permitted to travel northbound on South Capitol Street at the western oval. This closure, shown in Figure 3, will force traffic entering the oval from R Street SW and South Capitol Street to continue across the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge.

### NATIONALS PARK

#### South Capitol Street Oval Lane Closures – Pre-Event

There are no road closures at the South Capitol Street oval prior to the start of events at Nationals Park (see Figure 5).

#### South Capitol Street Oval Lane Closures – Post-Event

After events at Nationals Park, traffic will not be permitted to travel northbound on South Capitol Street from the western oval. ROP will drop 25 cones to prevent traffic from leaving the oval in the northbound direction on South Capitol Street (see Figure 6). Additional traffic cones will be placed within the oval to allow traffic entering from westbound Potomac Avenue SE to continually flow towards the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge.

#### Lane Configuration on First Street SE South of N Street SE

Following baseball games and other events at Nationals Park, traffic cones will be positioned to institute a forced right-hand turn from Garage C, as shown in Figure 7.

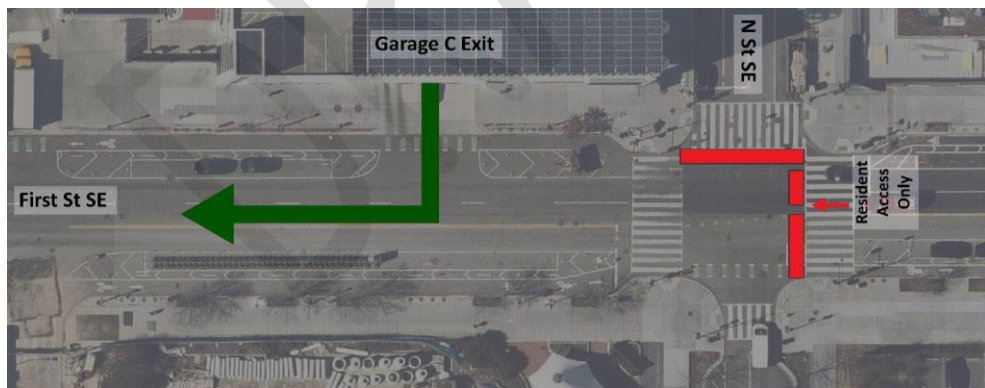


Figure 7 | Forced Right-Hand Turn from Garage on First Street South of N Street — Post-Event

### Highway Lane Closures - Post-Event

ROP staff will implement lane reductions and closures during the eighth inning of games to expedite the merge onto the freeways during the post-game period. Locations for both the Base and Enhanced plans are described below:

#### Base TOPP

- ▮ Westbound I-295 Exit 4 to Suitland Parkway/South Capitol Street will be blocked (both exits);
- ▮ On Suitland Parkway just north of ramp to northbound I-295, all traffic will be sent north on I-295;
- ▮ Ramp to 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge from M Street SE leading to I-295 going south will be tapered;
- ▮ Eastbound I-695 Exit 1A to South Capitol Street will be blocked; and
- ▮ Cone taper to improve traffic merging on the ramp from South Capitol Street to the SW Freeway.

In addition to implementing freeway tapers, ROP will drop cones on M Street at New Jersey Avenue SE to prevent left turns. ROP will also drop cones on the northbound service lane of South Capitol Street at the north leg of N Street SE, and in the median of South Capitol Street at O Street and P Street SW to prevent turns from South Capitol Street into the neighborhood.

Finally, ROP staff will assist MPD with traffic control at the intersection Firth Sterling Ave and Suitland Parkway SE after events to direct motorists to I-295 North.

#### Additional Locations for Enhanced TOPP

- ▮ On-ramp to 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Maine Avenue SW leading to I-395 going south

For the Enhanced TOPP, at the beginning of the eighth inning ROP will drop cones at the following intersections to reduce possible turn movements:

- ▮ South Capitol Street at O Street (cones in between the two medians);
- ▮ South Capitol Street at P Street (cones in between the two medians);
- ▮ Alley south of Public Storage (1230 South Capitol Street SE) to block access to Van Street;
- ▮ M Street SE at Cushing Place (cones in between the two medians);
- ▮ Turn lane from M Street to southbound Half Street SW (cone off turn lane);
- ▮ M Street SE at Second Place SE (cones between the two medians);
- ▮ On-ramp to northbound South Capitol Street from M Street;
- ▮ Turn lane from M Street to northbound Half Street SW (cone off turn lane);
- ▮ On-ramp to southbound South Capitol Street from M Street;
- ▮ M Street SE at Second Street SE (cones between the two medians); and
- ▮ Quander Street at New Jersey Avenue SE (blocking westbound access to Quander Street SE).

**RESIDENTIAL ACCESS PLACARDS**

Residents of buildings adjacent to Audi Field or Nationals Park will receive a placard that grants them access to closed roads on event days. Starting in 2023, there were separate placards for residents of buildings near Audi Field and residents of buildings near Nationals Park. These two (2) placards have different access privileges, which are shown in Figure 8 and described below. If a resident or guest does not have a placard with them, they may speak with the MPD officer stationed at the access point to gain access.

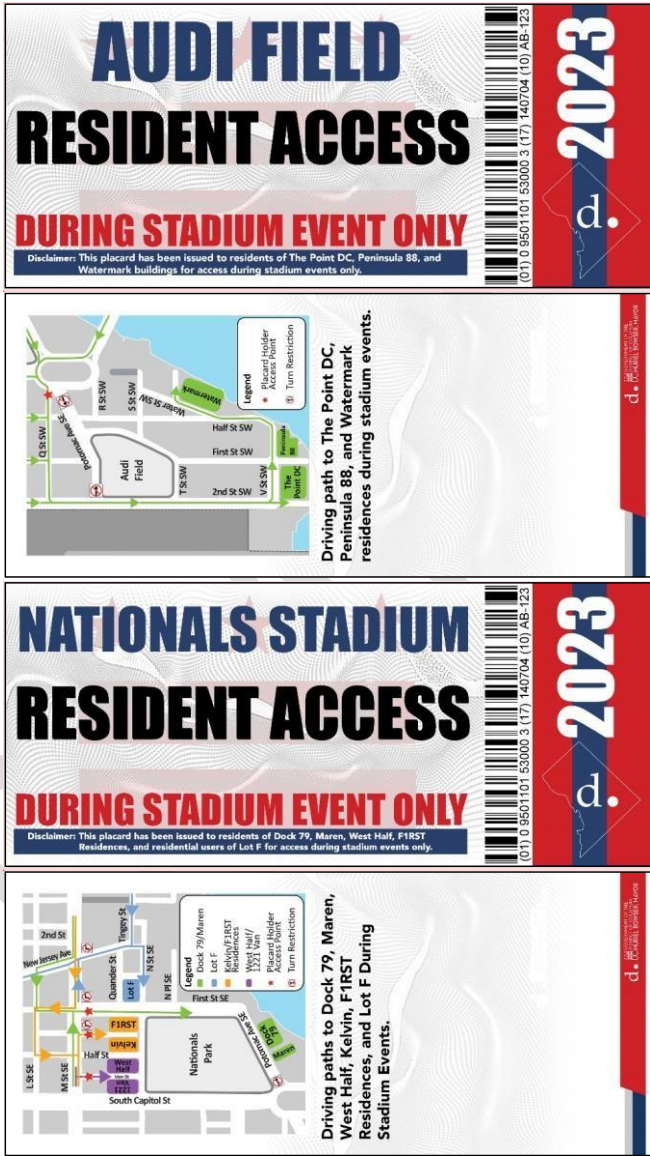
- ▣ Residents of RiverPoint, Peninsula 88, and Watermark buildings may present their placards at the access on Q Street SW to reach their residence; and
- ▣ Residents of 1221 Van, West Half, Kelvin, F1RST, Dock 79, and Maren buildings may present their placards at the access points on Van Street SE, Cushing Place SE, or First Street SE to reach their residence.

The recommended driving routes to reach each residential building are shown on the maps and described in text beneath the map on the back of the placards.



**Figure 8 | Audi Field Placard Map (left) and Nationals Park Placard Map (right)**





Commented [VW9]: To update with 2024 placard.

Commented [VW10]: To update with 2024 placard.

Figure 9 | Full Placard Details (To be updated for 2024)

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING

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### AUDI FIELD

Signal timing strategies for Traffic Operations for events at Audi Field will be implemented around the stadium to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian movements on the street network surrounding the event. This is monitored through DDOT's network of CCTV cameras located around Audi Field and along all approaches throughout the area. Special pre- and post-game signal timings are used along major ingress and egress corridors to and from Audi Field. Due to the added volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, traffic signal cycle lengths and splits are adjusted to increase the capacity of these movements to help mitigate delays.

Pre-game signal timings are implemented two (2) hours ahead of scheduled events at Audi Field and can be adjusted in real-time to reflect the changing street conditions due to volumes or any associated incident. During the event, signal timings are reduced to normal, time-of-day schedules, so as not to impede traffic flow. Based upon attendance, post-game signal timings are implemented forty-five to thirty minutes prior to the ending of the event and can be adjusted in real-time to move pedestrian and vehicular traffic away from Audi Field. Throughout the post-game window, signal timings are gradually reduced based upon observed traffic volumes and pedestrian disbursement. When traffic movements have returned to normal pre-event levels, all traffic signal timings are restored to their normal time-of-day schedules.

The plan covers the following locations:

ACISA 1225 – Raul Wallenberg Place and East Basin Drive SW  
ACISA 1228 – East Basin Drive and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 1245 – 14th Street Bridge Ramp and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 2171 – Half Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2174 – 1st Street and M Street and Canal Street SW  
ACISA 2184 – 3rd Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2193 – 4th Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2198 – 6th Street and Maine Avenue and M Street SW  
ACISA 2200 – 7th Street and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 2209 – 1st Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 2226 – South Capitol and I Street SE/SW (215 Interval)  
ACISA 2228 – South Capitol and M Street SE/SW  
ACISA 2233 – 9th Street and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 2242 – M Street and Delaware Avenue SW  
ACISA 2243 – 3rd Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2249 – M Street and Isaac Hull Avenue SE  
ACISA 2259 – 4th Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 2260 – New Jersey and M Street SE  
ACISA 2263 – South Capitol Street and P Street SE/SW  
ACISA 2264 – 1st Street and N Street SE  
ACISA 2266 – South Capitol Street and N Street SE/SW  
ACISA 2267 – 1st Street and Potomac Avenue SE  
ACISA 2268 – Half Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 2277 – 12th Street, Maine Avenue and Fish Market SW  
ACISA 2280 – Potomac Avenue and Half Street SW

ACISA 2281 – Half Street and S Street SW  
ACISA 2262 – South Capitol Street and O Street SE/SW  
ACISA 2282 – Half Street and R Street SW  
ACISA 2287 – South Capitol Street and Potomac Avenue and West Oval  
ACISA 4009 – 3rd Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Phase)  
ACISA 4014 – 4th Street and Virginia Avenue (North Side) SE (215 Phase)  
ACISA 4015 – 5th Street Ramp and I Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4020 – 6th Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4022 – 7th Street and I Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4023 – 7th Street and K Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Phase)  
ACISA 4026 – 8th Street and I Street SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4027 – 8th Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 4029 – 8th Street and Virginia Avenue and Ramp D SE  
ACISA 4031 – 9th Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 4039 – 11th Street and M Street SE  
ACISA 4159 – Suitland Parkway and Firth Sterling Avenue SE  
ACISA 4196 – Suitland Parkway and Stanton Road SE  
ACISA 4245 – 12th Street and M Street SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4262 – 11th Street Boulevard and 695 Ramp D3

## **NATIONALS PARK**

### **1.1 Development of Time-Based Coordination (TBC) Schedule-Based Plans**

DDOT updated signal timing plans used during game days for pre- and post-game traffic conditions. This task included the development of timings to accommodate traffic volumes in the vicinity of Nationals Park on game days at 45 signalized intersections. Plans were developed for inbound and outbound conditions. Traffic volumes and patterns were determined based on:

- Available game day Turning Movement Counts (TMC) from the 2014 and 2015 baseball season;
- 2013-2015 DDOT traffic sensor data; and
- DDOT staff observations of traffic volumes and patterns during past baseball seasons.

### **1.2 Staffing Needs**

As with any Special Event that generates additional volumes of traffic, there are variables involved in traffic related conditions that may require real-time adjustments. Such variables could include:

- Vehicular traffic delays during peak ingress and egress periods;
- Changes in schedule and anticipated game duration;
- Other special events (such as concerts);
- Unexpected roadway closures; and
- Breakdowns and crashes.

As such, DDOT Traffic Signal Engineers/Technicians will fine-tune the schedule and the timing plans as necessary throughout pre and post event conditions.

The plan covers the following locations:

ACISA 1218 – 12th Street Expressway at Ramp G SW  
ACISA 1225 – Raul Wallenberg Place and East Basin Drive SW  
ACISA 1228 – East Basin Drive and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 1245 – 14th Street Bridge Ramp and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 2171 – Half Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2174 – 1st Street and M Street and Canal Street SW  
ACISA 2184 – 3rd Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2193 – 4th Street and M Street SW  
ACISA 2198 – 6th Street and Maine Avenue and M Street SW  
ACISA 2200 – 7th Street and Maine Avenue SW  
ACISA 2209 – 1st Street and M Street SE  
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ACISA 2233 – 9th Street and Maine Avenue SW  
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ACISA 2280 – Potomac Avenue and Half Street SW  
ACISA 2281 – Half Street and S Street SW  
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ACISA 4020 – 6th Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4022 – 7th Street and I Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Interval)  
ACISA 4023 – 7th Street and K Street and Virginia Avenue SE (215 Phase)  
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ACISA 4159 – Suitland Parkway and Firth Sterling Avenue SE  
ACISA 4196 – Suitland Parkway and Stanton Road SE  
ACISA 4245 – 12th Street and M Street SE (215 Interval)

ACISA 4262 – 11th Street Boulevard and 695 Ramp D3

Table 8 presents the staff hours of coverage for various game day conditions.

**Table 8 | Hours of Coverage for Signal Timing Operations Staff**

Game Day and Start Time	Hours of Coverage (Signal Timing Operation)
Weekday 1:05 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Weekend 12:35, 1:05, 1:35, 4:05 p.m.	1.5 hours prior; 1.5 hours after
Saturday 7:05 p.m.	1.5 hours prior; 1.5 hours after
Weekday 4:05 p.m.	1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Weekday 6:45 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNAGE (VMS)

### AUDI FIELD

For DC United games at Audi Field, DDOT will display messages on northbound I-395 variable message sign (VMS) boards directing soccer stadium traffic to exit at South Capitol Street (Exit 1A), with the goal of dissuading drivers from exiting I-395 at Maine Avenue. These messages will be displayed two (2) hours prior to scheduled DC United game start times. Locations and VMS messages are shown in Table 9.

**Table 9 | Variable Message Sign Locations and Messages**

DMS ID	Location	Travel Direction	Message
9100	I-395 NB General Purpose Lanes (VA side of 14th Street Bridge)	NB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
9101	I-395 NB HOV Lanes (VA side of 14th Street Bridge)	NB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
6007	Southwest Freeway (I-395 EB) west of South Capitol Street SW	EB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
7097	DC-295 South of Eastern Ave NE (SB)	SB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
7022	Anacostia Freeway (DC-295 SB) between M PL and M Street SE	SB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
8016	Anacostia Freeway (I-295 NB) south of Firth Sterling Ave SE	NB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.
5094	New York Ave East of South Dakota Ave NE (WB)	WB	SPECIAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN EXPECT DELAYS USE METRO.

### NATIONALS PARK

DDOT's TMC activates VMS boards two (2) hours prior to scheduled Nationals baseball game start times. Seven (7) permanent VMS boards are activated for each game. Locations and VMS messages are shown in Table 10. Note that Exit 1A on I-695 was omitted from the VMS messages due to heavy traffic on South Capitol Street and impacts of exiting traffic on the intersection of South Capitol Street at M Street.

**Table 10 | Variable Message Sign Locations and Messages**

DMS ID	Location	Travel Direction	Message
9100	I-395 NB General Purpose Lanes (VA side of 14th Street Bridge)	NB	NATS BALLPARK USE I-695 EXIT 1B
9101	I-395 NB HOV Lanes (VA side of 14th Street Bridge)	NB	NATS BALLPARK USE I-695 EXIT 1B
6007	Southwest Freeway (I-395 EB) west of South Capitol Street SW	EB	NATS BALLPARK USE EXIT 1B
7097	DC-295 south of Eastern Ave NE (SB)	SB	NATS BALLPARK I-295 to EXIT 4B
7022	Anacostia Freeway (DC-295 SB) between M PL and M Street SE	SB	NATS BALLPARK EXIT 4B
8016	Anacostia Freeway (I-295 NB) south of Firth Sterling Ave SE	NB	NATS BALLPARK USE EXIT 3B
5094	New York Ave east of South Dakota Ave NE (WB)	WB	NATS BALLPARK USE I-395 SOUTH

## **DDOT TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL**

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DDOT's traffic control deployment for Audi Field and Nationals Park events consists of a combination of TCOs, Safety Technicians, and MPD. For events at both stadiums, TCOs should be positioned at their posts 60 minutes prior to the start of the event, unless other instructions are provided.

### **AUDI FIELD**

Traffic control coverage is provided at six (6) posts for the Base TOPP. For the Enhanced TOPP, DDOT's plan calls for staffing coverage at an additional five (5) posts, resources permitting. The personnel locations for each plan are shown in Table 11 and Figure 10.

### **NATIONALS PARK**

Traffic control coverage is provided at 17 posts for the Base TOPP. For the Enhanced TOPP, DDOT's plan call for staffing coverage at an additional 10 posts, resources permitting. The personnel locations for each plan are shown in Table 11 and Figure 10.

On days when Audi Field and Nationals Park are in operation and have overlapping events, the Enhanced TOPP will be in effect, but duplicate traffic control coverage will not be provided.

### **THE WHARF**

Starting in 2024, traffic control coverage will be provided at one (1) post for Base and Enhanced TOPP at the intersection of Blair Alley and Maine Avenue SW. The personnel location for both plans is shown in Figure 11.



**Table 11 | Traffic Control Staffing Locations**

Location	Audi Field		Nationals Park	
	Base	Enhanced	Base	Enhanced
1 <sup>st</sup> St and M St SE		✓	✓	✓
1 <sup>st</sup> St and N St SE			✓	✓
1 <sup>st</sup> St and N Place SE			✓	✓
1 <sup>st</sup> St and M St SW *			✓*	✓*
3 <sup>rd</sup> St and I St SE			✓	✓
4 <sup>th</sup> St and M St SE			✓	✓
Cushing Place and M St SE			✓	✓
Half St and M St SE			✓	✓
New Jersey Ave and I St SE			✓	✓
New Jersey Ave and L St SE			✓	✓
New Jersey Ave and M St SE*		✓	✓*	✓*
New Jersey Ave and Tingey St SE			✓	✓
South Capitol St and I St SE			✓	✓
South Capitol St and I St SW			✓	✓
South Capitol St and M St		✓	✓	✓
South Capitol St and N St		✓	✓	✓
South Capitol Street and P St	✓	✓		✓
South Capitol St and O St				✓
West Oval and Potomac Ave SE	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Oval (north) and South Capitol St	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Oval and Q St SW				✓
West Oval and R St SW				✓
Potomac Avenue and Half St SW	✓	✓		
Second St and R St SW	✓	✓		
Second St and V St SW*	✓*	✓*		
1 <sup>st</sup> St and Potomac Ave SE				✓
3 <sup>rd</sup> St and M St SE				✓
3 <sup>rd</sup> St and M St SW				✓
4 <sup>th</sup> St and M St SW	✓	✓		✓
5 <sup>th</sup> St and M St SE				✓
11 <sup>th</sup> St and M St/exit to 11 <sup>th</sup> St Bridge				✓
Half St and M St SW		✓		✓
M St and Delaware Ave SW				✓

\* Post-Event Only

In addition to the locations shown in Table 11, coverage will be provided at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and L Street SE for afternoon games on days when DC Public Schools are in session, resources permitting.



**Figure 10 |** Traffic Control Staffing Locations at Nationals Park and Audi Field

In addition to the locations shown in Figure 10, coverage will be provided at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and L Street SE for afternoon games on days when DC Public Schools are in session, resources permitting.



**Figure 11 |** Traffic Control Staffing Locations at The Wharf

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS

DDOT has been working to balance the demand for on-street parking in the stadium areas with the safety and access needs of other modes including pedestrians, bicycles, e-scooters, For-Hire Vehicles, and transit. In addition, rapid growth of residential buildings and restaurants in the stadium areas requires a recalibration of the use of public space for curbside parking.

In 2020, DDOT established a Stadium Event Zone covering streets in the immediate vicinity of Nationals Park and Audi Field, shown in Figure 12. The Stadium Event Zone includes the streets within the area bounded by Second Street/Delaware Ave SW, I-695, 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, and the Anacostia River.

On all days with Nationals Park and Audi Field events, parking is prohibited within the Stadium Event Zone between 7 a.m. and midnight. Special signs posted on all streets throughout the Stadium Event Zone indicate that parking is prohibited on Stadium Event Days and advise motorists to see parking meters for details. On days with Nationals Park and/or Audi Field events, the parking meters in these locations are programmed to reinforce the parking restrictions by indicating that parking is not permitted and will not accept payment for parking. Multi-space meters and all meter vendors will begin 24 hours in advance to warn users in a digital format of the forthcoming parking restriction on the following day. On the day of the parking restriction, the multi space meter and meter vendors will display lock out messages indicating "Stadium Event Parking Restriction." If an event is postponed or rescheduled, meters will be reprogrammed to previous programming on the scheduled day of the event.



The cleared curbs in the Stadium Event Zone will provide safe loading zone space for the numerous ground floor retailers receiving event day supplies. Also capitalizing on this cleared curb will be the scores of patrons arriving and departing by way of For-Hire Vehicles, which data indicates spike during events. Having a cleared curb also allows for DDOT's Enforcement partners at DPW and DFHV to safely engage with offenders while maintaining the flow of traffic, during the issuance of necessary citations.

As shown on the following maps:

- DDOT has designed and scheduled two (2) different Stadium Event Zone parking restrictions for Audi Field and Nationals Park;
- All-day Stadium Event Zone parking restrictions will only apply south of M Street;
- DDOT will continue to post partial-day parking restrictions north of M Street for stadium events, which take effect approximately three (3) hours before stadium events; and
- Unless events are taking place at both stadiums on the same day, parking restrictions will be limited to locations associated with the event venue.





**Figure 13** | Stadium Event Parking Restriction Locations for Audi Field



Figure 14 | Stadium Event Parking Restriction Locations for Nationals Park

**Table 12 | Stadium Event Parking Restricted Locations: Audi Field**

All-Day Stadium Event Zone No Parking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Street SW from Potomac Ave to V St (Both sides)</li> <li>• First Street SW from Q Street to R Street (West side)</li> <li>• Second Street SW from Q St to R St (East side)</li> <li>• Potomac Ave/R St SW from South Capitol St to Second St (Both sides)</li> <li>• Potomac Ave SE from First St SE to South Capitol St (Both sides)</li> <li>• V Street SW from Half St to Second St (North side)</li> <li>• S Street SW from First St to Half St (South side)</li> <li>• T Street SW from First St to Second St (South side)</li> <li>• R St SW from Second St to South Capitol St (South side)</li> </ul>

**Table 13 | Stadium Event Parking Restricted Locations: Nationals Park**

All-Day Stadium Event Zone No Parking	Partial-Day No Parking for Stadium Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Street SE from M St to Potomac Ave (East side / metered parking area)</li> <li>• First Street SE from N St to Potomac Ave (West side / metered parking area)</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE from M St to Tingey St (Both sides)</li> <li>• N Street SE from South Capitol St to New Jersey Ave SE (Both sides)</li> <li>• N Place SE (North side)</li> <li>• New Jersey Ave SE from M St to N St (Both sides)</li> <li>• New Jersey Ave SE from Tingey St to USDOT Parking Zone (East curb)</li> <li>• Potomac Ave SW between South Capitol St and First St (North side)</li> <li>• Potomac Ave SE from First St to South Capitol St (Both sides / metered parking areas)</li> <li>• South Capitol Street SE Northbound Service Road from N St to M St (East side)</li> <li>• Tingey Street SE from New Jersey Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> St (Both sides)</li> <li>• Van Street SE from M St to N St (Both sides)</li> <li>• Half St SE from M St to N St (Both sides)</li> <li>• Quander St SE from First St to New Jersey Ave (Both sides)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Street SE from M St to K St (Both sides)</li> <li>• First Street SE from M St and K St (Both sides)</li> <li>• Cushing Place SE from M St to L St (Both sides)</li> <li>• K Street SE from New Jersey Ave to South Capitol St (Both sides)</li> <li>• L Street SE from New Jersey Ave to South Capitol St (Both sides)</li> <li>• M Street from 4<sup>th</sup> St SE to First St SW (North side)</li> <li>• M Street from New Jersey Ave SE to Howison Place SW (South side)</li> <li>• New Jersey Ave SE from M St to K St (Both sides)</li> <li>• South Capitol Street SE Northbound Service Road from M St SE to K St SE (East side)</li> </ul>



**OFF-STREET PARKING**

Figure 15 shows the locations of parking lots and garages in the stadium area. Table 14 shows the approximate parking capacities, primarily sourced from Parkopedia<sup>1</sup> and the Capital Riverfront website<sup>2</sup>. These websites do not specify the number of spaces available for daily use. It is likely that not all capacities for all facilities are available for stadium use. The two (2) Nationals garages (#4 and #5) are currently only available for events at Nationals Ballpark. Audi Field does not have any off-street parking for fans at the stadium.

The off-street parking inventory will be updated every off-season to reflect changes in parking availability. Some parking areas identified are temporary surface parking lots on redevelopment sites, thus these lots will eventually be removed from the inventory. However, planned developments and developments under construction have the possibility of adding new parking opportunities for the stadium area, and many include below-grade parking garages.



**Figure 15 | Stadium Area Off-Street Parking Inventory**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.parkopedia.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.capitolriverfront.org/plan-your-visit/getting-around/by-car>

**Table 14 | Stadium Area Off-Street Parking Inventory**

Quad	ID	Address	Facility Type	Approx. Number of Spaces
SE	1	79 Potomac Ave SE	Garage	149
	2	1492 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SE	Surface Lot	220
	3	75 N Street SE	Garage	850
	4	25 N Street SE	Garage	624
	5	136 N Street SE	Surface Lot	211
	6	99 M Street SE	Garage	140
	7	55 M Street SE	Garage	102
	8	300 M Street SE	Garage	127
	9	1100 New Jersey Ave SE	Garage	232
	10	100 M Street SE	Garage	195
	11	80 M Street SE	Garage	300
	12	50 M Street SE	Garage	54
	13	20 M Street SE	Garage	109
	14	601 L Street SE	Surface Lot	203
	15	1100 S Capitol Street SE	Surface Lot	120
	16	200 L Street SE	Surface Lot	110
	17	140 L Street SE	Garage	170
	18	1015 Half Street SE	Garage	116
	19	200 K Street SE	Surface Lot	120
	20	28 K Street SE	Garage	330
21	200 I (Eye) Street SE	Surface Lot and Garage	55	
30	909 Half St SE	Garage	336	
31	1233 First St SE	Garage	?	
32	1M Street SE	Garage	129	
33	1275 New Jersey Ave SE	Garage	?	
SW	22	249 V Street SW	Surface Lot	43
	23	1880 Second Street SW	Surface Lot	133
	24	1323 S Capitol Street SW	Surface Lot	80
	25	25 M Street SW	Surface Lot	160
	26	1101 S Capitol Street SW	Surface Lot	56
	27	1100 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	Garage	287
	28	1101 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	Garage	220
29	10 I (Eye) Street SW	Garage	43	

Note: Not all capacities for all facilities are available for stadium use

**STADIUM EVENT PERFORMANCE PARKING**

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DDOT employs a simplified distance derived progressive duration pricing approach for parking meters. A Stadium Event Zone encompasses Nationals Park and Audi Field and employs the following Event Rate Schedule:

**Table 15 |** Parking Meter Rates on Days with Stadium Events

	Event Day (7 a.m.-12 a.m.) (including Sundays and holidays)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hour</b>	\$2.30 per Hour
<b>Subsequent Hours</b>	\$8.00 per Hour

These parking meter rates will apply for the entire calendar day for all days (including Sunday and Holidays) with stadium events. DDOT may adjust the rate schedule during the soccer and baseball seasons if needed, with public notice.

The Stadium Zone is bordered by the Anacostia River, I-695, Second Street SW/Delaware Avenue SW and 5th Street SE (see Figure 12).

The District is also rolling out a license plate based parking payment program in this area. Drivers using kiosks in the Stadium Zone will be required to enter their license plate number and pay accordingly. With plate based parking, customers no longer need to return to their vehicle to place a receipt on the dashboard. This method of payment is easier in general and better for parking customers with disabilities.

The District is providing reserved parking spaces on each block in the Stadium Zone for disability parking placard and license plate holders. These spaces are identified by red-pole space markers and allow drivers with disabilities to pay to park for up to four (4) hours.

**FOR-HIRE VEHICLE ACCESS**

**AUDI FIELD**

During Audi Field events, a post-game taxi stand is located on the east curb of Second Street SW between R Street and Q Street (Figure 16). DC United has been requested to provide starters at the head of the queue.



**Figure 16 | Taxi Stand Location for Audi Field Events**

To promote pedestrian safety and reduce vehicle conflicts near the stadium, for-hire vehicles have been requested to refrain from passenger pick-ups and drop-offs in the immediate vicinity of Audi Field (e.g., R Street SW, Potomac Avenue SW, Second Street SW), as well as in the residential neighborhood north of Q Street SW. Audi Field staff have been asked to work with rideshare companies to encourage them to disperse passengers away from the stadium, in particular on Potomac Ave SE on the south side of Nationals Park and on P Street SW west of Second Street (Figure 17).



**Figure 17 | Rideshare Locations for Audi Field Events**

DFHV Vehicle Inspection Officers will be deployed in the stadium area to monitor, regulate, and enforce compliance for all for-hire vehicle services including taxicabs and rideshare.

**NATIONALS PARK**

In the past, a pre-game taxi drop-off location was established on Van Street SE south of M Street. Due to construction on Van Street, the pre-game taxi drop-off location was removed. A pre-game taxi drop-off and post-game pick-up location is located on the east curb of Cushing Place SE between M Street and L Street (Figure 18). Taxis queue along the curb lane of northbound Cushing Place.

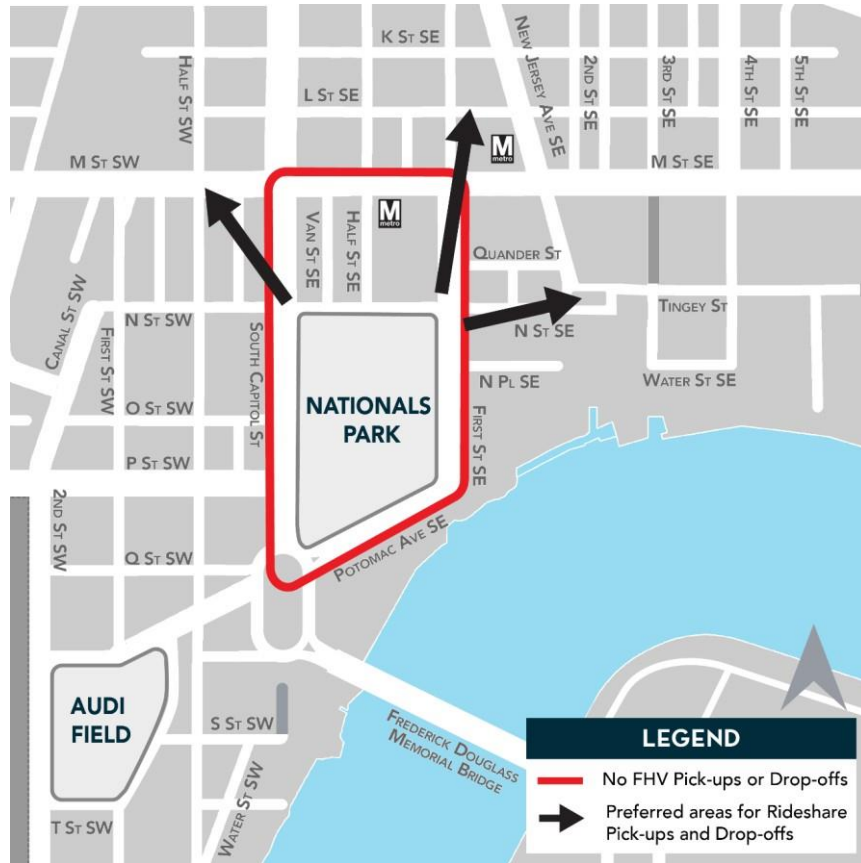


**Figure 18 | Taxi Stand Location for Nationals Park Events**

The traffic problems posed by the growing number of for-hire vehicles stopping curbside in non-designated spaces prompted an analysis of potential designated locations for post-game pick-up. DDOT has engaged rideshare companies, alongside the DFHV, and has requested a ban on pick-ups and drop-offs in the immediate vicinity of Nationals Park, including:

- South Capitol Street between the SE/SW freeway and the Frederick Douglass Bridge;
- M Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE and Delaware Avenue SW; and
- Any street closed to all traffic.

Washington Nationals staff works with rideshare companies to encourage them to load and unload passengers away from the stadium and banned streets, as indicated on Figure 19. Rideshare companies are encouraged to use geofencing technology to support this goal. The locations assigned for specific passengers to meet their drivers, however, are assigned by rideshare companies on a dynamic basis, taking into account real-time factors such as traffic conditions and the exact spot where the person requesting a ride is located. It is, therefore, impractical to designate specific pick-up spots for rideshare customers, but rather encourage that activity be dispersed several blocks away from the event venue.



**Figure 19 | Preferred Rideshare Pick-Up/Drop-Off Locations for Nationals Park Events**

The Nationals website includes a link to the following rideshare information:  
<https://www.mlb.com/nationals/ballpark/transportation/taxis-and-ride-hailing-services>

## **CHARTER BUS MANAGEMENT**

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### **AUDI FIELD**

Charter buses will load and unload from a reserved area on Second Street SW. This location was selected partially because the access and egress routes provide turns that are easier for buses to make. After charter buses unload, they will proceed to designated charter bus parking lots per the goDCgo website and return to the designated stadium loading location when the event is close to concluding.

### **NATIONALS PARK**

Prior to start of games, tour buses unload passengers on First Street east of Potomac Avenue SE and on Potomac Avenue east of South Capitol Street SE. Once passengers have departed, buses should proceed to one (1) of the following parking locations: Second Street SW between R Street and T Street SW or Lot W at the intersection of M Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Given limited parking availability for tour buses at Lot W, the Nationals should make alternate parking arrangements for tour buses in excess of the Lot W parking capacity.

Buses (and limousines) wishing to pick up passengers MUST return to the drop-off/pick-up location, adjacent to the ballpark, during the seventh inning in order to pick up their passengers after the game. Failure to do so or late arrival will result in the vehicles being disallowed access to the drop-off/pick-up location.



TRANSIT

**METRORAIL SERVICE**

Metrorail is a primary transit option. The Metrorail Green Line is the primary route serving Audi Field and Nationals Park. Nationals Park is also relatively accessible via the Metrorail Orange, Blue, and Silver Lines. Table 16 provides a summary of Metrorail service to the stadium area and Figure 12 shows the stations in relation to Audi Field and Nationals Park. Changes to Metrorail schedules and frequencies are likely during the 2024 season. The TOPP will be updated to reflect these changes as they are announced.

**Table 16 | Summary of Metrorail Service to Stadium Area**

Station/Line(s)	Approximate Distance	Approximate Walk Time	Last Train
Navy Yard-Ballpark  Green	Audi Field: 0.8 miles Nats Park: 0.3 miles	Audi Field: 15 minutes Nats Park: 5 minutes	<b>Branch Avenue</b> – 12:18 a.m. Mon-Thu 1:18 a.m. Fri-Sat 12:18 a.m. Sun <b>Greenbelt</b> – 11:52 p.m. Mon-Thu 12:52 a.m. Fri-Sat 11:52 p.m. Sun (no Red Line transfer possible)
Waterfront  Green	Audi Field: 0.8 miles Nats Park: 0.7 miles	Audi Field: 15 minutes Nats Park: 15 minutes	<b>Branch Avenue</b> – 12:16 a.m. Mon-Thu 1:16 a.m. Fri-Sat 12:16 a.m. Sun <b>Greenbelt</b> – 11:54 p.m. Mon-Thu 12:54 a.m. Fri-Sat 11:54 p.m. Sun (no Red Line transfer possible)
Capitol South Blue, Orange, Silver	Audi Field: 1.4 miles Nats Park: 1.0 mile	Audi Field: 30 minutes Nats Park: 20 minutes	<b>Vienna/Fairfax-GMU</b> – 11:55 p.m. Mon-Thu 12:55 a.m. Fri-Sat 11:55 p.m. Sun <b>New Carrollton</b> – 12:08 a.m. Mon-Thu 1:08 a.m. Fri-Sat 12:08 a.m. Sun <b>Franconia Springfield</b> – 11:46 p.m. Mon-Thu 12:46 a.m. Fri-Sat 11:46 p.m. Sun <b>Downtown Largo</b> – 12:14 a.m. Mon-Thu 1:14 a.m. Fri-Sat 12:14 a.m. Sun <b>Ashburn</b> – 11:53 p.m. Mon-Thu 12:53 a.m. Fri-Sat 11:53 p.m. Sun



Figure 20 | Metrorail Stations Serving Stadium Area

**METROBUS SERVICE**

Several WMATA Metrobus routes serve stadium area: 74, P6, and V4. Table 17 provides a summary of the times when each route operates. Web links are provided below to access a map and timetable for each route. Each route has specific start and end times depending on direction and stop (some lines have multiple stops in the vicinity of the ballpark). During stadium events the 74 Metrobus follows an alternative route, as shown on Figure 21.

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**Table 17 | Metrobus Routes Serving Stadium Area**

Route #	Route Map and Timetable	Weekday Schedule Description	Weekend Schedule Description
74	<a href="#">Link to Timetable</a>	Every 30 minutes from 5:21 a.m. to 10:43 p.m.	Every 30 minutes from 6:49 a.m. to 10:46 p.m.
P6	<a href="#">Link to Timetable</a>	Every 10 to 30 minutes from 4:41 a.m. to 12:24 a.m.	Every 15-35 minutes from 5:30 a.m. to 12:28 a.m.
V4	<a href="#">Link to Timetable</a>	Every 15 to 30 minutes from 4:26 a.m. to 11:49 p.m.	Approximately every 30 minutes from 4:50 a.m. to 10:26 p.m.

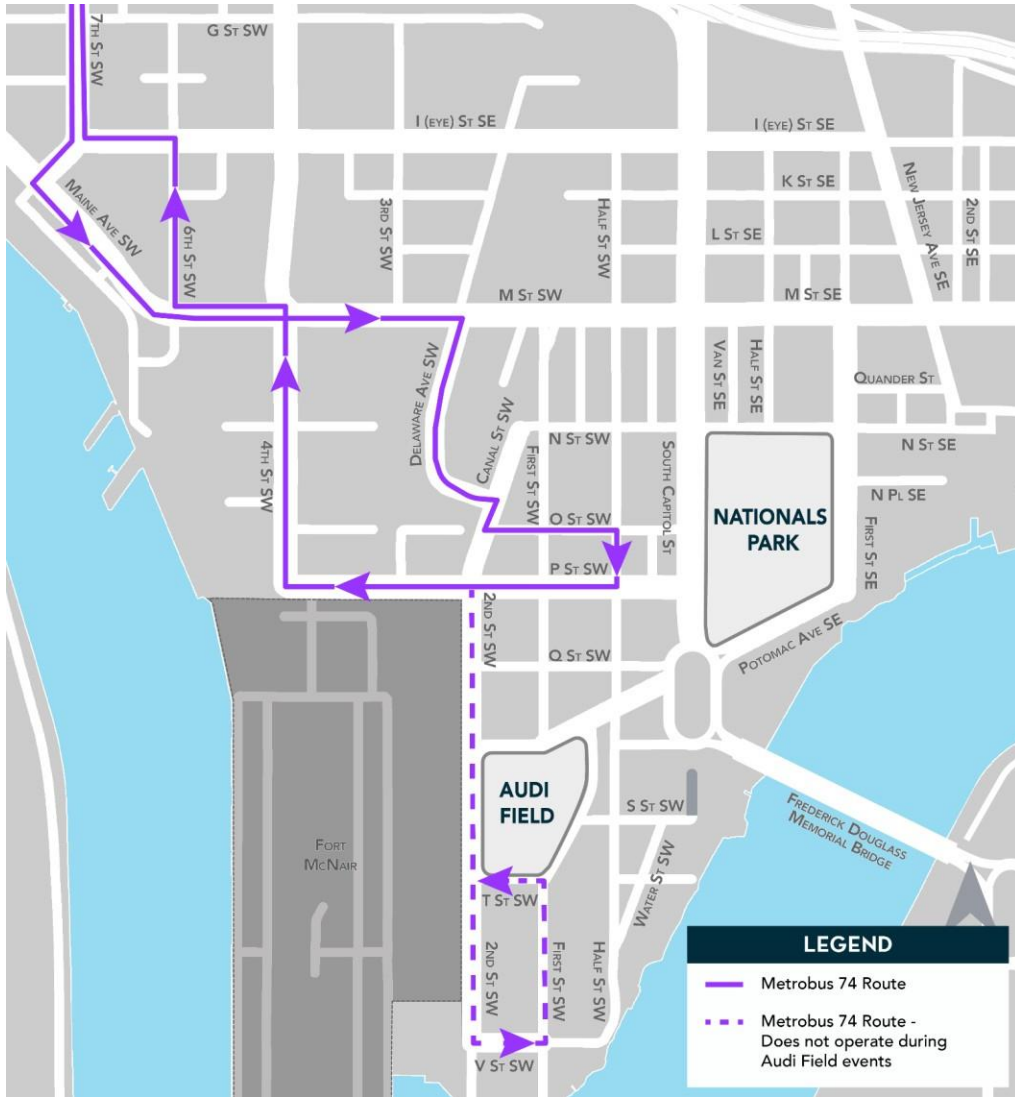
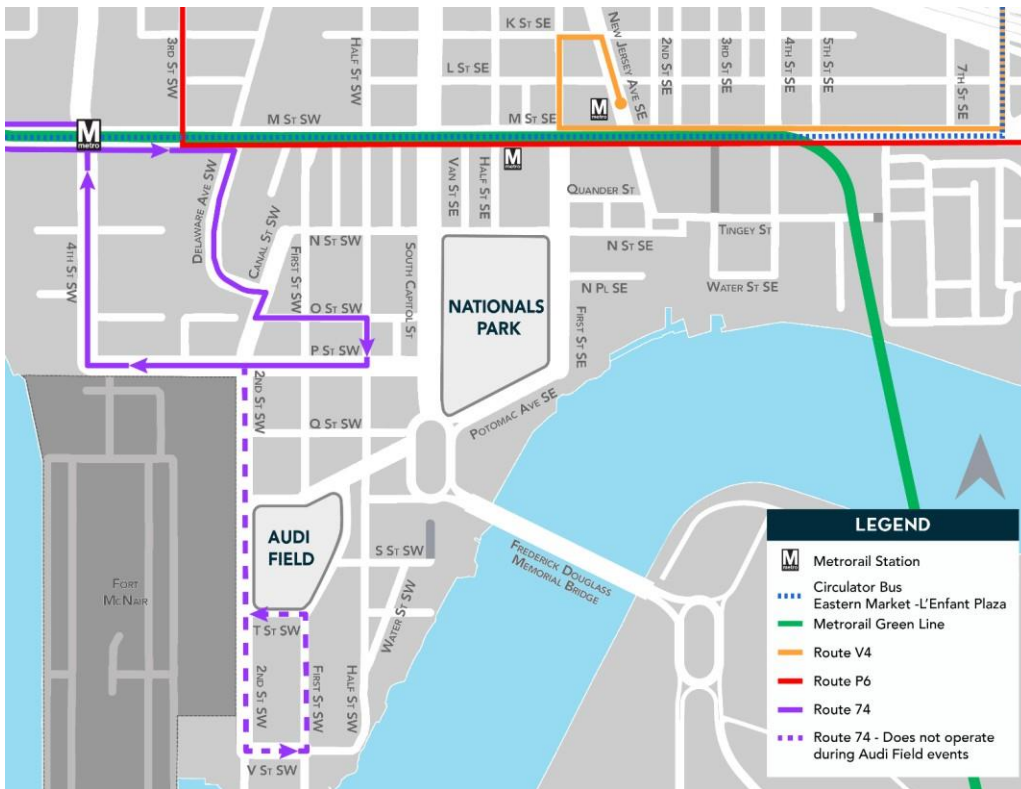


Figure 21 | Metrobus Route 74

## DC Circulator

### Audi Field

The Circulator’s Eastern Market - L’Enfant Plaza route serves the stadium area via several bus stops located along M Street SE and M Street SW (Figure 22). Service hours for the Eastern Market - L’Enfant Plaza route will be extended to 11:00 p.m. for DC United games starting at 7:00 p.m. or later.



**Figure 22** | DC Circulator Route Serving Stadium Area and Walk Routes

### Nationals Park

The same Eastern Market- L’Enfant Plaza route shown in Figure 22 provides access to Nationals Park via a Circulator bus stop at M Street and Half Street SE. Service hours on this route extend until midnight for all Washington Nationals home games beginning 6:00 p.m. or later, Monday through Saturday. For Sunday home games, the Game Day route runs from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Further information can be found at the following “Bus to the Ballpark” webpage:

<http://www.dccirculator.com/connect/whats-happening/bus-to-the-ballpark/>

#### **WATER TAXI**

Water taxi services is available to the stadium area from Old Town Alexandria and will operate until the end of baseball and soccer games no matter how late. Information can be found at:

<https://www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/diamond-teague/>

#### **ADA SHUTTLE (AUDI FIELD ONLY)**

A dedicated shuttle service is provided by DC United for patrons with mobility challenges who wish to drive and park or take Metrorail. The shuttle route is shown in Figure 22 (note that on days with National Park events that conflict with Audi Field events, a slightly revised shuttle route is required). Patrons with mobility challenges who wish to use the shuttle should use the Navy Yard Metrorail station if taking transit or park in one (1) of the parking lots near a shuttle stop if driving.

Shuttle service will begin running two (2) hours prior to the start of the game and will run one (1) hour after the game has ended. The headway at each shuttle stop is approximately 15 minutes. Information regarding Audi Field access for patrons with mobility challenges will be posted on the transportation hub of the DC United website.

The shuttle routes are subject to change and may be updated during off-seasons to reflect new routing options and/or changes to the dedicated parking areas.



Figure 23 | Audi Field Limited Mobility Shuttle Route

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

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DDOT has a well-established and very successful bicycle program that is committed to providing safe and convenient bicycle access throughout the District. DDOT has created more than 90 miles of marked bike lanes and has 325 of the 700+ bike share stations in the regional Capital Bikeshare system (DC, Maryland, Virginia). Web links are provided below to access a map showing bicycle facilities near Audi Field and Nationals Park. There is also bicycle parking available at Audi Field and Nationals Ballpark for attendees who use their own bicycles to travel. The full District bicycle map can be found at: <http://godcgo.com/bike/>

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### AUDI FIELD

Free bicycle valet service will be provided at the southwest corner of Audi Field, adjacent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW cycle track. The bicycle valet service will be available for patrons of stadium events and stadium employees on event days. The bicycle valet is located in a secure, covered area and will provide enough space for a minimum of 190 bicycles. The bike valet will operate at least one (1) hour prior to the start of an event and a half hour after the end of an event. The opening and closing times of the bike valet will be adjusted as needed for pre- and post-game events.

Permanent short-term bicycle parking is available along Second Street SW, Potomac Avenue SW, T Street SW, S Street SW, Half Street SW, and First Street SW within close proximity to bicycle facilities on Second Street SW and Potomac Avenue SW, as well as stadium entry gates. Numerous bike racks are located on Audi Field property, surrounding the entire stadium. As part of the Enhanced TOPP, additional temporary bicycle parking will be placed along the perimeter of Audi Field on sidewalks and/or within on-street parking spaces.

DDOT is communicating with scooter and bike companies that operate in the District, as well as DC United, to develop and continuously refine options to manage dockless scooter and bike parking near the stadium. In previous years, there was a dockless parking corral on Half Street SW, which will not be in operation in 2024. The geofenced area around Audi Field will remain the same as previous years to discourage drop-offs in the immediate vicinity of the stadium (see Figure 24). Dockless bikes can also be parked at regular bike racks located throughout the stadium area. The goal of this strategy is to provide access to these transportation modes while reducing the number of dockless scooters and bikes left in the immediate vicinity of the stadium. DDOT will monitor this strategy throughout the season and adjust as needed.

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### NATIONALS PARK

Nationals Park offers a free bike valet located in Garage C at the corner of N and 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE, with space for up to 250 bicycles. Access to the valet is on First Street just left of the vehicle entrance (see **Figure 25**). The valet accepts bikes two (2) hours before game time and closes one (1) hour after the last out. The link below is an interactive map of the Capital Bikeshare stations:

<https://secure.capitalbikeshare.com/map/>

DDOT maintains ongoing communication with scooter companies operating in the District, as well as the Nationals, to manage dockless scooter and bike parking near the stadium. As shown in Figure 24, Nationals Park has a geofenced area where dockless scooters and bikes are disabled. In previous years, there were



dockless bike and scooter parking corrals on First Street SE and New Jersey Avenue SE that provided additional parking during events. **There will be no dockless corrals in 2024.**



Figure 24 | Geofenced Areas around Audi Field and Nationals Park



Figure 25 | Capital Bikeshare Locations in Stadium Area

## RESTRICTIONS ON WORK IN PUBLIC SPACE

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All private development projects and any work requiring occupancy of public space associated with these projects or for other uses are subject to additional limitations, conditions, and restrictions based on the traffic operations and parking plan needs for events occurring at Audi Field and Nationals Park. The projects subject to these limitations, conditions, and restrictions include any public space work within the following boundaries:

- To the north: I-395/I-695;
- To the south: Anacostia River;
- To the west: 9th Street/Maine Avenue [Wharf area in SW]; and
- To the east: 11th Street, SE/I-695.

Projects within these geographic boundaries must cease all work in public space at least three (3) hours before the announced start of any home games and three (3) hours before the announced start time of any concerts and other public events. These restrictions will remain in place until two (2) hours after events end at Audi Field and Nationals Park.

In addition to ceasing all work in public space, all temporary material in public space that is installed and removed for each workday (e.g. traffic control devices for temporary work zones) must be removed from public space at least three (3) hours before the announced start times as noted above for both Nationals home games and for any concerts and other public events scheduled for Audi Field and Nationals Park. Also, all vehicle traffic accessing the site must be completed and the last vehicle of the day must have exited the work site at least three (3) hours before the announced start times for Washington Nationals home games, concerts, and other events at Audi Field and Nationals Park.

A list of affected project locations can be obtained from DDOT's Public Space Regulations Division.

## FREDERICK DOUGLASS BRIDGE/SOUTH CAPITOL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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The Frederick Douglass Bridge/South Capitol Street reconstruction project has significant, multi-year impacts on vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic throughout the stadium area. Specific impacts will fluctuate based on the varying phases of construction activity. These impacts are expected to require the reconsideration of resource deployment, signal operations, and pedestrian routing, and as such require continuous plan review as construction progresses.

The TOPP team will continue to closely coordinate with the South Capitol Street reconstruction team to ensure that plan elements reflect the evolving conditions in the stadium area.

Major impacts for the 2024 season include lane closures adjacent to Nationals Park. Below are the major closures in 2024:

- WB Potomac Avenue SE closures at West Oval with detour to NB South Capitol Street. This work will be done at night and weekends starting March 13, 2023.

No lane closures are permitted two (2) hours before or two (2) hours after games for events with attendance greater than 10,000.

## SIDEWALK VENDORS

### AUDI FIELD

The District Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DCLP) is evaluating options to permit sidewalk vendors to operate in the vicinity of Audi Field, but specific locations have not yet been identified.

### NATIONALS PARK

Sidewalk vendors have historically been located on the 1200 block of Half St SE and on the unit block of N St SE since the inaugural Nationals Park event. **Currently, this vending location is under review by the DCLP for 2024** Figure 26 indicates the location of the approved sidewalk vending area in years past. Sidewalk vendors shall be spaced by the DCRA, with six (6) linear feet of spacing between vendors.

Vendors must set up within a window of 3 to 3 ½ hours prior to event starting time, which is just prior to when street closures go into effect. Construction activity on Half Street will be halted 3 ½ hours prior to stadium events to accommodate vendor set-up. Vendors will be permitted to remain on-site up to two (2) hours after the conclusion of stadium events.

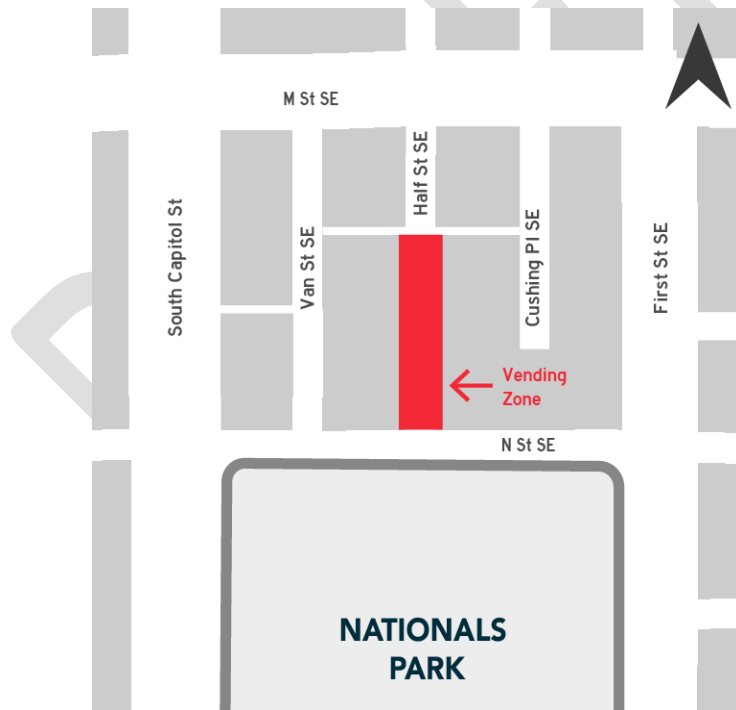


Figure 26 | Approved Sidewalk Vending Area

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION WALKOUT PLAN**

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In the event of an emergency evacuation walkout, agency staff should follow directions given by MPD. Evacuees may be directed to walk toward to the Frederick Douglass Bridge or another route depending on the nature and location of the emergency.