

# 11th STREET BRIDGES REPLACEMENT

## Frequently Asked Questions



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### **What are the 11th Street Bridges?**

The 11th Street Bridges, in southeastern Washington, D.C., are vital links across the Anacostia River, carrying inbound and outbound traffic totaling 93,000 cars a day.

### **How Important is the Replacement of the 11th Street Bridges?**

This project is very important for several reasons. The existing bridges are structurally obsolete, having outlived their design life. The new 11th Street Bridges will replace the existing functionally and structurally obsolete bridges. The new bridges will improve multi-modal access to and across the Anacostia River for residents and District visitors. Currently, southbound motorists on the Anacostia Freeway cannot access the bridges and motorists on the bridges are currently restricted from traveling north onto the Freeway.

The new freeway bridges will connect the Anacostia Freeway and the Southeast Freeway, providing the missing traffic movements from the north to the east and the east to the north. The new bridges will provide easy access to neighborhoods and local destinations, including Historic Anacostia, Capitol Hill, Navy Yard as well as Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Anacostia Park and improve regional connections to and through the District and reduce commuter traffic on local streets.

Part of the project includes a new bridge that will be dedicated to local traffic and feature safe bicycle and pedestrian access along with streetcar tracks to provide for enhanced improved transit connectivity.

The project is the largest construction project in the city's history and the first river bridge replacement in the District in more than 40 years.

### **What Is The Construction Timeline?**

Construction of the bridges and associated interchange improvements is anticipated to begin this summer and be completed by mid-2013.

### **Will Travel Lanes Remain Open During Construction?**

Yes. The new bridge spans will be built alongside old ones and then the old spans will be demolished. This will allow drivers the same number of open lanes during construction as they have now.

### **What's Different About How the New 11th Street Bridges Will Be Built?**

The District is using an innovative procurement approach called Design-Build-to-Budget. This type of design and construction is performed by a construction contractor and designer (design-build team). This provides increased opportunities for innovation and flexibility, and allows fast-track construction, where construction can begin almost immediately after the project is awarded.





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## **Who is the Contractor?**

The District has selected the Skanska/Facchina Joint Venture Team to design and construct the 11th Street Bridges.

## **Is the Project Consistent With Local Plans?**

The project is consistent with the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan. It provides additional local river crossings, provides improved pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections, space for streetcars, connects the trail on the local bridge to the Anacostia Riverwalk, mitigates regional traffic impacts on local neighborhoods, improves the pedestrian connections, and will incorporate sustainable, low impact design techniques.

## **What Public Meetings Have Been Held to Discuss the Project?**

Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement started in September 2005. Since that time, more than 100 meetings have been held with District and federal agencies, neighborhood groups, civic associations, and business or recreational organizations. DDOT will continue to meet with residents and community groups through completion of the project.

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Additional information on the 11th Street Bridges Project can be found at <http://www.theanacostiawaterfront.com/11thstreet.jsp>.

An overview of the proposed bridge and interchange improvements can be viewed on the Construction Zone page at [www.theanacostiawaterfront.com](http://www.theanacostiawaterfront.com)

