



Public Hearing

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

and

Draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement

October 22, 2019



Project Overview

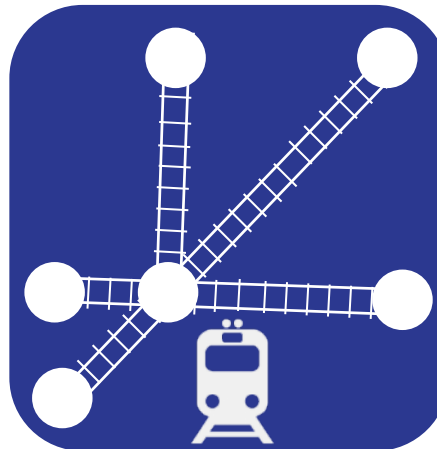


Purpose and Need

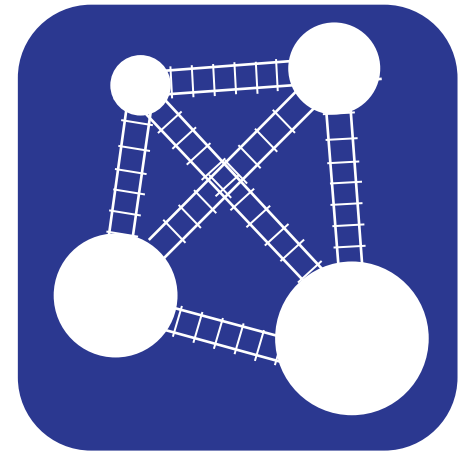
Railroad
Capacity



Network
Connectivity

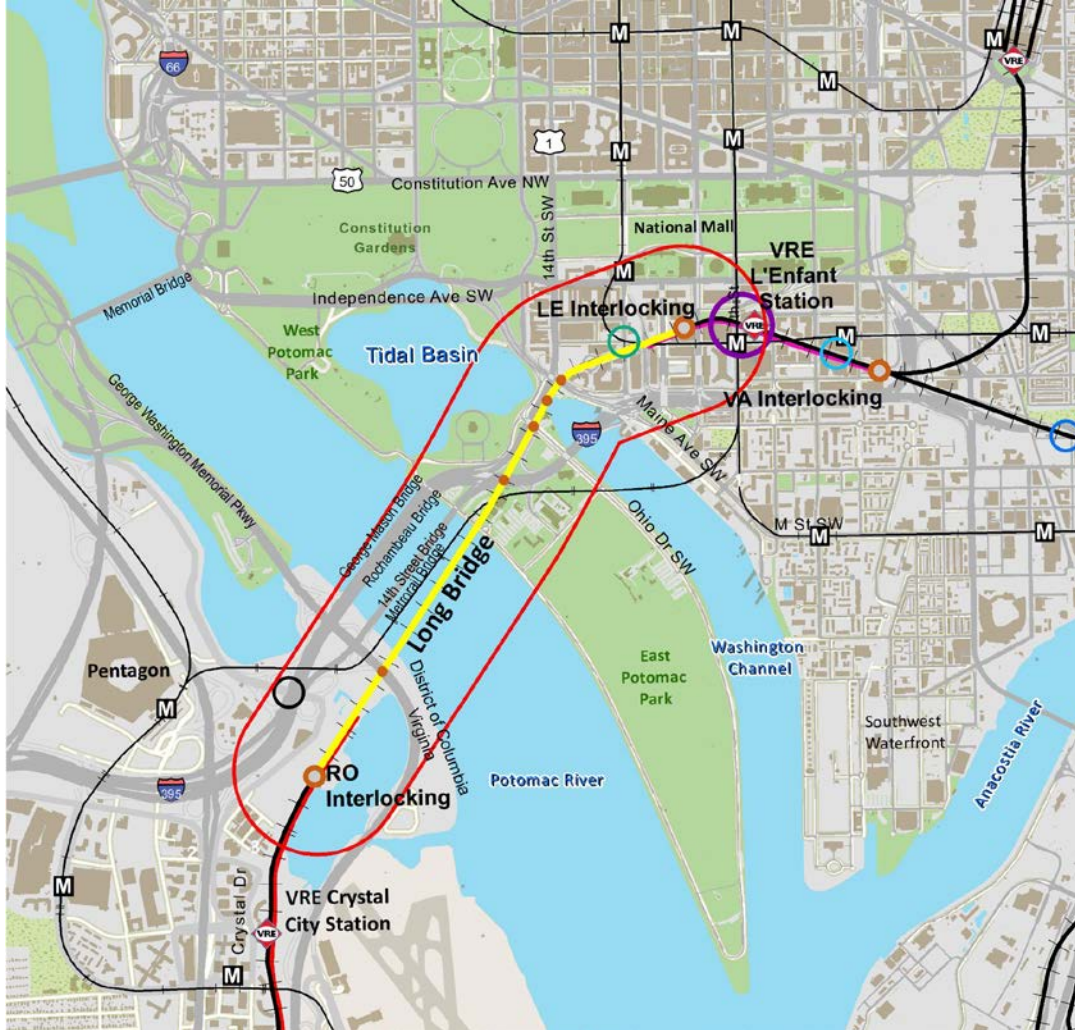


Railroad Resiliency
and Redundancy



No Action Alternative

Planning Year 2040



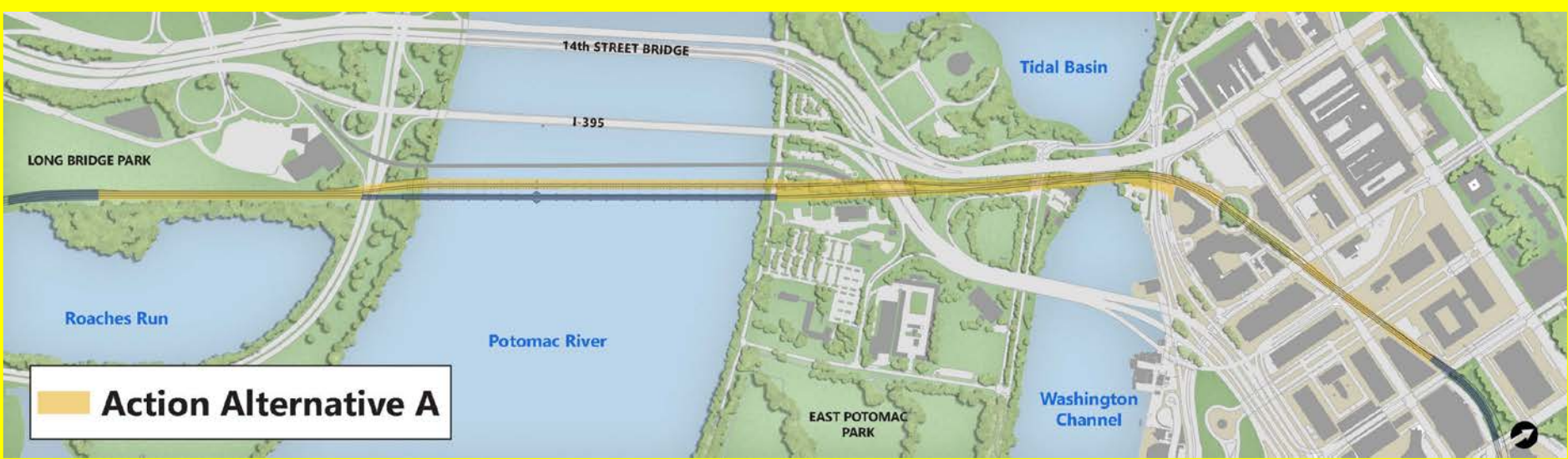
LEGEND

- Boundary Channel Drive Interchange Redesign (2021)
- Virginia Avenue Tunnel (2018)
- L'Enfant North Storage Track (2018)
- L'Enfant South Storage Track (2019)
- L'Enfant Station Improvements (2024)
- Interlocking
- Other Bridges
- VRE Station
- Metrorail Station
- Long Bridge Corridor
- Study Area
- Fourth Track LE to VA locking (2023)
- Fourth Track AF to RO Interlocking (2025)
- Railroads
- Metrorail

Service Layer Credits: public/GLUP
GIS Mapping Center, VHB



Action Alternatives



Bike-Pedestrian Crossing

Proposed Section 4(f) Mitigation



Independent structure upstream of the new railroad bridge spanning the Potomac River

Temporary Construction Impacts

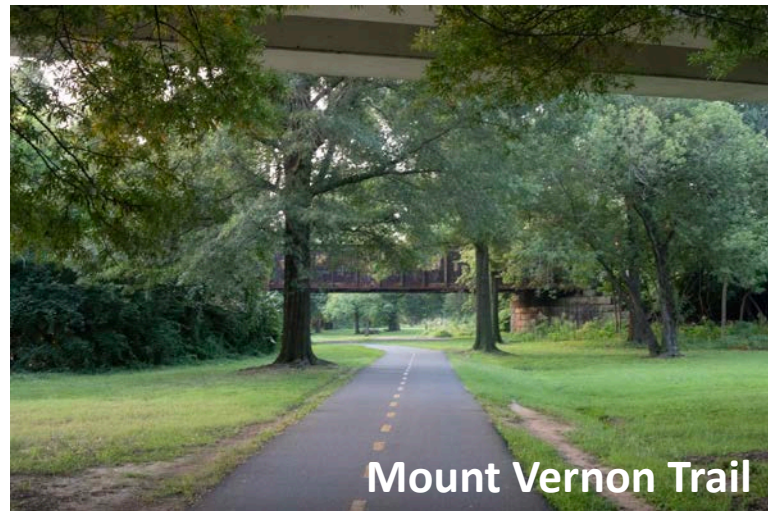


- Operational impacts to railroads, Metrorail, and roadways
- Impacts to parking lots
- Relocation of the Mount Vernon Trail
- Impacts to navigation
- Construction activities would exceed local daytime & nighttime noise limits
- Construction staging & access on parkland

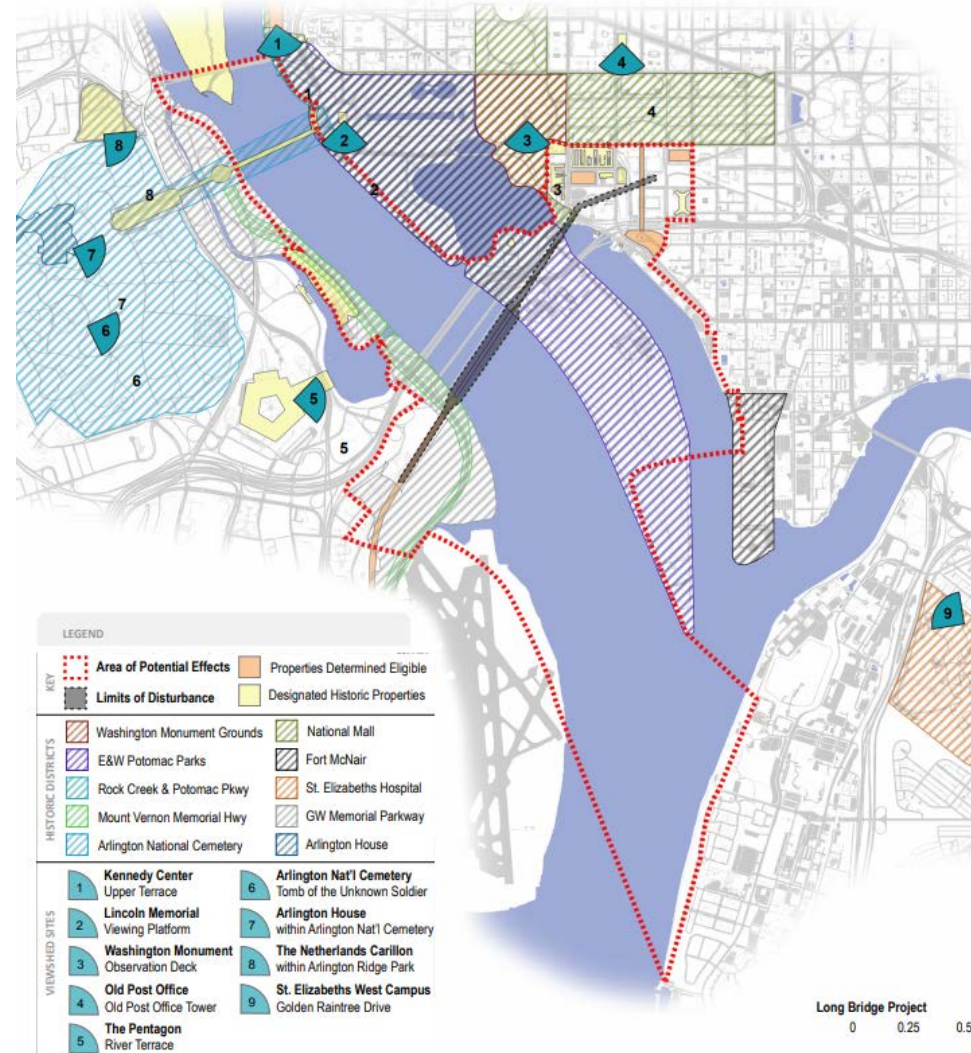
Permanent Impacts



- Benefits to railroad operations
- Permanent impact to NPS Parking Lot C & Washington Marina parking
- Noise impacts at Long Bridge Park & Mandarin Oriental Hotel
- Conversion of park land to railroad use (approx. 3 acres)
- Removal of trees & mature vegetation
- Introduction of new elements into viewsheds



Section 106 & Section 4(f)



Section 106

Summary of Potential Resolution

Historic Property	Adverse Effect	Resolution
George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)/Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (MVMH) East and West Potomac Parks	Visual changes to views and viewsheds	Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA)	Removal of contributing trees and vegetation	Tree Protection Plan Tree Restoration Plan Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks NAMA	Introduction of new elements into HDs	Tree Restoration Plan Design Review
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks	New bridge would obstruct views of existing Long Bridge, diminishing visual integrity as a contributing structure	Interpretation Plan
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks NAMA	Use of historic districts for construction staging	Construction Management Plan
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks Riverbed	Potential adverse effects to archaeological resources	To be determined through future identification and evaluation efforts

Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Summary of Uses to Section 4(f) Resources in the Study Area

Section 4(f) Resource	Official with Jurisdiction	Resource Type	Action Alternative A (Preferred Alternative)	Action Alternative B
Long Bridge Park	Arlington County	Parkland	<i>de minimis</i> impact	<i>de minimis</i> impact
GWMP	NPS	Parkland	Use	Use
GWMP Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
MVMH Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
Mount Vernon Trail	NPS	Parkland	No use	No use
East Potomac Park	NPS	Parkland	Use	Use
East and West Potomac Parks Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
Hancock Park	NPS	Parkland	No use	No use
Plan of the City of Washington	NPS	Historic Resource	No use	No use

Next Steps

Environmental Impact Statement

October 28, 2019

Comments due on Draft EIS

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Consider & respond to comments;
Prepare Final EIS (FEIS);
Prepare Record of Decision (ROD)

Summer 2020

Release FEIS/ROD

Section 106 Process

October 28, 2019

Comments due on Draft
Programmatic Agreement

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Revise Programmatic Agreement;
Additional review by Signatories

Spring 2020

Finalize & execute
Programmatic Agreement

How to Comment on the Draft EIS, Draft PA, and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

- Available for review at www.longbridgeproject.com/DEIS
 - Hard copies available at:
 - DDOT Library, 55 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003
 - Southwest Interim Library, 425 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
 - Aurora Hills Library, 735 18th Street South, Arlington, VA 22202
- Public comments accepted until **October 28, 2019**
 - At today's public hearing
 - Via email to info@longbridgeproject.com
 - Through the online comment form at www.longbridgeproject.com



How to Comment at Today's Hearing

- Speak during the open public comment session:
 - Sign up to speak at the sign-in table
 - Limit comments to three minutes
 - Groups are requested to provide comments through one spokesperson
 - The stenographer will record all comments
 - Please begin by stating your name and organization, if any, for the record
 - FRA and DDOT will not be responding to questions today – responses will be provided in the Final EIS



- You may provide verbal comments to the stenographer at any time until the end of the meeting
- Please provide written comments using the comment form

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