

The Mount Pleasant Main Street (MPMS) Transportation Enhancement Program

DDOT/FHA
Fiscal Year 2010

- Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities
- Landscaping and Scenic Beautification



Goals

- Increase the safety of transit areas for pedestrians and cyclists
- Create a more walkable and bikable corridor
- Enhance the usability of Lamont Park
- Implement amenities for residents and visitors which are immediately visible and useful



Recommendations from Studies

The activities proposed in the MPMS Transportation Enhancement Program build upon several existing plans and community input including:

- 2008 Mount Pleasant Transportation Plan (DDOT)
- 2005 Mount Pleasant Public Space Design Mini Charrette (MPMS/reStore DC)
- 2004 Columbia Heights/Mount Pleasant Transportation Study (DDOT)

Strategy

- **Install and upgrade bicycle and pedestrian facilities** for increased safety and improved circulation
- **Improve landscaping** along Mount Pleasant Street and in Lamont Street Park for beautification and to enhance the pedestrian experience
- **Improve lighting and amenities** to attract pedestrians and cyclists to the main street, reducing reliance on private automobiles
- Enhancing the function of public space, including Lamont Street Park, to support diverse cultural, recreational, commercial and educational activities





1. String lights between streetlamps - 2nd string further south at intersection of Irving and Mount Pleasant
2. Bicycle sharing signage - (18) on Mount Pleasant and (14) on Park Road between 18th and Beach Drive
3. New street tree with recessed treeboxes at sidewalk level - 10 new trees (shown in color)
4. New mid-block pedestrian crosswalk
5. New signage at pedestrian crosswalk - 2 signs, one at either end of crosswalk
6. New circular benches around existing park trees - typical of 5 new benches
7. New uplights for existing trees - 3 lights per tree (15 new light fixtures total)
8. Approximate location of existing electric meter - in sidewalk of existing public stage
9. New benches along Mount Pleasant Street - roughly two per block, each side of street

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

- Share the road arrows (sharrows) painted on Mt. Pleasant Street and on Park Road
- Mid-block crosswalk and pedestrian crossing signs at Mount Pleasant Street between Lamont Street and Park Road (North of Metro bus turnaround)

Landscaping and Streetscape

- New trees on the east side of Mount Pleasant Street between Lamont St NW and Park Road (there are currently no trees)
- Landscaping on the large median island between Mount Pleasant Street and 17th Street NW
- Improve Lamont Park tree boxes by removing metal grates surrounding trees and adding a surrounding bench (benches are removable if park undoes renovations in the future)
- Benches on east and west side of Mount Pleasant Street between Irving Street and Lamont Street, NW

Lighting Along Mt. Pleasant and in Lamont Park

- Cross street string lighting across Mount Pleasant Street at south and north gateways
- Uplight trees in Lamont Park with in-ground lights
- Paint existing cobra street lights black

Implementation

- FHA (Federal Highway Administration) allocated funds to DDOT
- MPMS will work with neighborhood groups to specify style and location of grant elements
- MPMS will work with DDOT to write the detailed scope of work
- DDOT will procure and implement
- MPMS will maintain lighting, benches and treeboxes with assistance from MPBA, business owners and the Green Team

Cross Street Lights



