

American University Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee Summary

December 2nd, 2019

Key Discussion Points:

- Transportation and parking working group update
- AU campus plan assessment
- Campus plan timeline update

Summary:

The Transportation and Parking Working Group recognizes that the work it needs to do is critical to the campus plan process. They have already held two meetings with DDOT and the Office of Planning. AU will conduct a Comprehensive Transportation Review (CTR) using an expansive set of intersections (approximately 40) to examine potential traffic impacts around campus.

AU's campus plan facility assessment has three guiding principles: reinforcing existing program adjacencies; reinforcing existing building heights; and height variations. AU has identified 12 possible opportunity sites, not all of which will be pursued in the Campus Plan. The area around East Campus has two possible opportunity sites, the area north of Katzen along Mass Ave has one site, while the rest are located within the main campus. A point was made that AU can do a better job of landscaping around the campuses thoroughfares, such as Nebraska Ave and Massachusetts Ave to improve the feel that one is traveling through a university. There was discussion about ways to effectively bring AU students into the Partnership and how to better engage the student body as a whole.