

Chat and Q&A Transcript

Questions and Comments from the Chat:

12/07/2021 18:58:29 PM from Ron B to Everyone: Will parking be taken away from Chestnut St?

12/07/2021 18:59:47 PM from V. Preston to DDOT Host (privately): Given that some sections of the trail will be in an alley and informal existing trails, can you talk a little about any safety measures you can implement?

12/07/2021 19:00:24 PM from Jason Levitis to Everyone: Is there a reason you didn't mention a one-way street with a contra-flow bike lane? That approach has been very successful here on 8th St., and it works well with a narrow roadway.

12/07/2021 19:00:26 PM from George Branyan to Everyone: The project is in preliminary design phase, so no decision like that have been made. The meeting is intended to show different concepts and their advantages and impacts.

12/07/2021 19:01:21 PM from Evan Yeats to Everyone: Previous renderings showed a bike bridge that crossed Piney Branch road? Is that still being considered?

12/07/2021 19:02:10 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: How can you address the wing wall of the bridge at Cedar Street just west of the Metro Sta. entrance

12/07/2021 19:03:31 PM from V. Preston to DDOT Host (privately): As a suggestion, I would select Van Buren Street for Segment 6 because it continues east past the Red Line train tracks.

12/07/2021 19:04:20 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: Will you cross under RR at Piney Br. on the north or south side of the street?

12/07/2021 19:07:05 PM from Jason Levitis to Everyone: Great, thanks

12/07/2021 19:07:24 PM from Tanya to Everyone: You mentioned that the property at the trestle at Piney Branch is owned by WMATA. This property had been for sale. So they did not sell it? did

12/07/2021 19:07:26 PM from Jim Werner to Everyone: if we do not build a bridge over Piney Branch NOW, will we have to wait for decades like the bridge over Riggs at Fort Totten that Paul Meier spent so many years advocating?

12/07/2021 19:08:24 PM from George Branyan to Everyone: Robert, it would come down the grassy bank to the south side of Piney.

12/07/2021 19:09:18 PM from Bradley Green to Everyone: Have you considered taking the trail off street and through the parks around the Takoma Recreation Center?

12/07/2021 19:12:38 PM from George Branyan to Everyone: Bradley, that's an interesting idea. Come to the breakout room for Segment 6 and we can talk about it.

12/07/2021 19:15:41 PM from Jason Levitis to Everyone: Have you thought about how any of these options might connect to an east-west route toward Walter Reed? Currently the only east-west bike route is Butternut, and it has bike lanes only part of the way and is major thoroughfare for Metrobuses, Greyhound buses, impatient commuters, etc. With all the new construction and bike infrastructure coming in at Walter Reed and the MBT, it's important to have a link.

12/07/2021 19:15:57 PM from Ron B to Everyone: I asked the question about parking on Chestnut St, which has not been answered.

12/07/2021 19:16:06 PM from Bradley Green to Everyone: What kind of gradient is achievable in taking the trail from Piney Branch to Chestnut?

12/07/2021 19:16:16 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: The ramps and switchback on the grassy hill will be a major downside for through movement of using the west side trail

12/07/2021 19:16:21 PM from Jim Werner to Everyone: That's great news Michael. I hope DDOT can buy it. Thanks for the Question Tanya. Big news.

12/07/2021 19:17:04 PM from Tanya to Everyone: Michael (and Jim S, because I know you are out there) thank you both for working on the land acquisition of that parcel from WMATA.

12/07/2021 19:18:16 PM from DDOT Host to Everyone: Project Website:
<https://metbranchtrail.com/>

12/07/2021 19:20:43 PM from Julie Lawson to Everyone: Do traffic counts include people moving outside of cars? bikes, pedestrians, kids on scooters getting to school?

12/07/2021 19:24:59 PM from Jim Werner to Everyone: I'm unclear why publicly funded roads are being used for storage of private personal property (i.e., "parking" of cars).

12/07/2021 19:25:29 PM from Jason Levitis to Everyone: Thank you

12/07/2021 19:26:21 PM from David to Everyone: I didn't get a chance to attend last meeting, but I was wondering if you considered adding 4 way stop signs on Aspen and Blair to improve safety.

12/07/2021 19:27:56 PM from Bradley Green to Everyone: Is there a separate traffic count category for scooters?

12/07/2021 19:28:06 PM from Julie Lawson to Everyone: Thanks, Charlie!

12/07/2021 19:29:15 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: Where on the screen is the BO room selected?

12/07/2021 19:29:58 PM from atapia to Everyone: bit.ly/MBTTakoma

12/07/2021 19:31:40 PM from DDOT Host to Everyone: Title VI Form Link: <https://rebrand.ly/MBTTakoma-Comments>

12/07/2021 19:33:22 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: I do not see choose a breakout room

12/07/2021 20:04:54 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: Nice Bomb Jim.

12/07/2021 20:06:06 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: I suggest a public walk through on a non snowy day.

12/07/2021 20:06:14 PM from DDOT Host to Everyone: Survey: <https://bit.ly/MBTTakoma>

12/07/2021 20:06:40 PM from DDOT Host to Everyone: Project Website: <https://metbranchtrail.com/>

12/07/2021 20:07:00 PM from Dulce Naime to Everyone: it was great!

12/07/2021 20:07:21 PM from Robert Patten to Everyone: This meeting really worked well. nice job

12/07/2021 20:07:33 PM from Beth Kingsley to Everyone: The meeting went really well, thanks to all who made it work.

12/07/2021 20:07:49 PM from DDOT Host to Everyone: Title VI Form Link: <https://rebrand.ly/MBTTakoma-Comments>

12/07/2021 20:07:50 PM from Linda Gray to Everyone: Thank you for hosting this meeting, Again Michael THANK YOU for putting this alignment on the table!!

12/07/2021 20:07:53 PM from DDOT - Michael Alvino to Everyone: rebrand.ly/MBTTakoma-Comments

12/07/2021 20:07:57 PM from Joe Church to Everyone: With regard to the discussion in breakout room 3. We have concerns about the widening of a sidewalk along the south side of Whittier, as this might cut into our yard at the corner of 3RD and Whittier.

12/07/2021 20:07:58 PM from Evan Yeats to Everyone: Thanks for all the folks working late tonight!

12/07/2021 20:08:06 PM from Jason Levitis to Everyone: Agree. Really helpful, and clearly lots of great thought and work went into it.

12/07/2021 20:08:30 PM from Julie Lawson to Everyone: Thank you!

From the Q&A:

Linda Gray – 7:03pm

Q: To Michael I'd like to address the western Alignment.

Beth Kingsley – 7:05pm

Q: At Aspen Street, is the plan to still have the trail go east there as in the currently planned segment, or will the new connection replace that so the trail stays on the west side of the tracks? Sorry if this was answered, I joined a couple minutes late.

DDOT Host – 7:16pm

A: This question has been answered verbally.

Becky Bosshart – 7:06pm

Q: Can you cover what is going to happen at the intersection of Aspen & Blair? There is a huge number of accidents and a lot of traffic there.

George Branyan – 7:17pm

A: This question has been answered verbally.

Adelle Dantzler – 7:12pm

Q: HOW and WHO will you be conducting traffic studies? There is a lot of traffic in this area around 5pm.

DDOT Host – 7:19pm

A: This question has been answered verbally.

Ric – 7:16pm

Q: For the part of the plan that could go down 4th St, has there been any consideration given to taking away some of the parking spots? I hope not; it's not heavily trafficked like Aspen

DDOT Host – 7:21pm

A: This question has been answered verbally.

_____ (*no name*) – 7:17pm

Q: (*blank question*)

George Branyan – 7:17pm

A: This question has been answered verbally.