

The Future of Transportation Discussion

- Transportation and ...
 - the Competitive City
 - Shared Prosperity
 - Neighborhood Vitality
 - the Sustainable City



Panel: Changing Times

How the city has changed the transportation system and how demands for transportation will change in the future

- Interest in urban living
- Pent up demand for “walkable urbanism”
- Growth has costs – who pays?
 - Public health cost of pollution
 - Rising housing prices

Panel: Connecting the Dots

How transportation can benefit other city challenges

- Jobs
 - Investments in transportation and manufacturing provide local jobs and economic opportunities
 - Nearly one in ten jobs are in or linked to transportation, but women are tremendously underrepresented
- Talk about housing and transportation together
 - Move jobs to where the workers are
 - Limited supply of walkable urbanism leads to high prices – produce more
 - Poor transportation should not be a strategy to guard against displacement
- Mobility options not available to all
 - Capital Bikeshare requires a bank account or credit card but 1 in 10 District residents have neither

Panel: Building the Future

How to accelerate transportation implementation in the face of constrained resources and risks

- Costs
 - Walkable urban infrastructure costs less than drivable suburban systems
 - More economical to remove highways than restore them
- Funding
 - Value capture for streetcar
 - Charge market rates for parking
 - Transit requires subsidy
- Construction
 - Reallocate some right-of-way from cars to transit and bicycle facilities
- Implementation
 - Remove barriers to intermodal transfers

Panel: Transportation for All

How to make the system work for all residents, especially seniors and families

- Perspective
 - Planners should put selves in users shoes
 - Create a transit rider union
- Design
 - Design for the least mobile
 - Improvements for some, i.e. curb ramps, are a benefit for all
 - Put amenities in the neighborhoods where people live
- Benefits
 - Walkable urbanism improves public health and allows for aging-in-place

Panel: Act Locally, Think Regionally

How to bridge the regional transportation divide

- Impossible to succeed with out regional coordination
- Urban core should not surrender to suburban travel demands
- Fix neighborhood transportation first
- DC infrastructure should serve the needs of DC residents

Panel: Transportation Wishes

The panelists' wishes for transportation in the next 25 years

- Dramatic improvements in bus service
- Efficient connectivity – get anywhere in the city in 30 minutes
- Possible for everyone to afford the neighborhood of their choice