DC's Budget & Working With Your ANC for Safe Streets

DC Advocate Training & Workshop - March 20, 2023



A few logistics & Introductions

- This session is being recorded
- Find your reactions, chat, and mute controls
- Introduce yourself: Share your first name, neighborhood, and ANC (if you know it)
- Please mute your audio when not talking
- Have a question? Drop it in the chat or hold it to the end
- Have a comment? Please share in the chat

Tonight's Agenda

The DC Budget

- Timelines
- Digging into the Budget
- Weighing In & Hearings
- Tips for Testimony

Working with your ANC for Safe Streets

- How they work
- Effective Contact
- Working Together

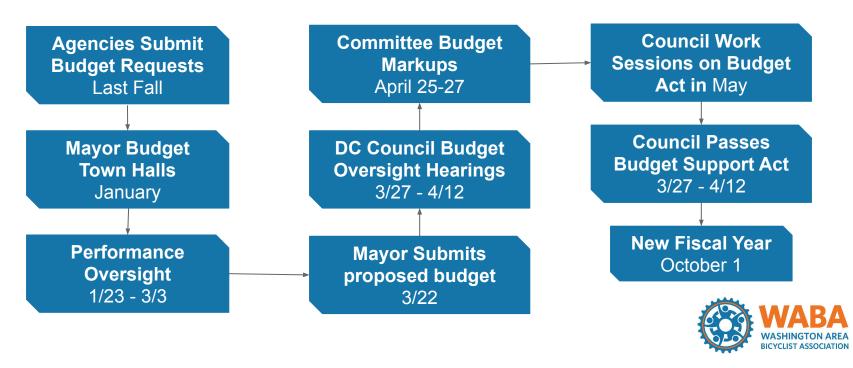


The DC Budget

- Runs by Fiscal Year: October 1 September 30
- Balances income and spending for agencies, programs, projects and staffing
- FY23 Budget was \$19.989 Billion
- Is legislation: Codified in the Budget Support Act passed by DC Council & Signed by Mayor
- Is a **statement of priorities:** should reflect community needs & goals



Budget Timeline



Unpacking the Budget

Operating

- Volumes 2-4
- Covers one year
- Includes most agency staffing, programs, services

Capital

- Volume 5 CapitalImprovements Plan
- Covers 5 years
- Includes major construction, building, rehabilitation and long-term maintenance
- timelines for multi-year projects



KA0-LMSAF-SAFETY & MOBILITY

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KA Implementing Agency: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KA

Project No: LMSA

Ward:



KA0-LMSAF-SAFETY & MOBILITY

Agency: _____ DEPARTMENT OF 1

Description:

This master project includes any projects that have a primary focus of improving safety and efficiency of the District's transportation signals, signs and systems. Projects under this master project will support the objectives outlined within Vision Zero Plan which include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- A. Improving and expanding bicycle lanes and infrastructure;
- B. Improving the production, distribution, and placement of signage throughout the District;
- C. Advancing plans to preliminary design;
- D. Designing and constructing intersection improvements;
- E. Quick build infrastructure improvements.

On-going pro			
Related Pro			
Sub-Project No	Sub-Project Title	Sub-Project I	lo Sub-Project Title
AD308C	BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	LMS18C	GEORGIA AVENUE
CE304C	STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS	LMS20C	SIDEWALKS EXPANSION - GEORGETOWN
E311C	VISION ZERO	LMS21C	ANACOSTIA METRO PED/BIKE BRIDGE
MS08C	LIVABILITY DESIGN PROJECTS	LMS27C	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPLEMENT.
LMS10C	UTILITY MARKINGS	LMS28C	GEORGIA AVENUE LIVABILITY IMPLEMENTATION
MS11C	EASTERN DOWNTOWN CYCLETRACK	NEW	KINGMAN ISLAND PED/BIKE BRIDGE

Sub-Project No	Sub-Project Title				
AD306C	BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY				
CE304C	STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS				
CE311C	VISION ZERO				
LMS06C	LIVABILITY DESIGN PROJECTS				
LMS10C	UTILITY MARKINGS				

(Dollars in Thousands)

F	unding By Phase -	Prior Fundin	g		P	roposed Fu	ınding					
Phase	Allotments	Spent Enc.	ID-Adv	Pre-Enc	Balance	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	6 Yr Total
(01) Design	315	0	0	0	315	33,036	21,033	18,978	18,490	36,990	18,490	147,016
(03) Project Management	135	0	0	0	135	10,014	0	0	0	0	0	10,014
TOTALS	450	0	0	0	450	43,050	21,033	18,978	18,490	36,990	18,490	157,031

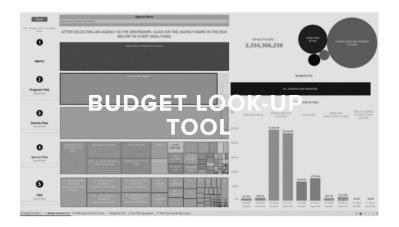
Additional Appropriation	Data		Estimated Operating Impact Summ	ary						
First Appropriation FY 2018 Original 6-Year Budget Authority 44,654		Expenditure (+) or Cost Reduction (-) No estimated operating impact	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	6 Yr Total	
Budget Authority Through FY 2027 74,115 FY 2022 Budget Authority Changes		74,115								
6-Year Budget Authority Through FY 2027		74,115								
Budget Authority Request Through FY 2028 Increase (Decrease)		157,480 83,365								
Milestone Data	Projected	Actual	Full Time Equivalent Data							
Environmental Approvals			Object	FTE	FY 2023	Budget	% of	Project		
Design Start (FY)			Personal Services	8.08		9.864		22.9		
Design Complete (FY)			Non Personal Services	0.0		33,186		77.1		
Construction Start (FY)										
Construction Complete (FY)										
Closeout (FY)										



Helpful Tools & Links

- DC Council Budget Director Website dccouncilbudget.com
- DC Council Budget Lookup Tool dccouncilbudget.com/dashboards
- Past and Current Budgets cfo.dc.gov/budget

Can't find something? It's not you...





DC Council Budget Hearings

An opportunity to:

- Hear an overview of the agency budget
- Focus the committee on your priority
- Argue for cuts, additions or a change in project timeline/scope
- Defend a priority

Some notable hearings for Safe Streets Issues

- COW budget briefing 3/24
- DMV March 28
- DFHV March 28
- DPW March 29
- DDOT March 30



Budget Testimony

Sign up to testify OR submit written testimony

Spoken: 3 minutes on Zoom, must sign up with committee

Written: Any length, but shorter is best

Tips for effective testimony

- Start by introducing yourself & where you live
- Make a clear ask & state your priorities
- Make it personal share your story
- You do not need to be an expert



More Tips for Effective Testimony

Begin by addressing the Chair and committee, then share your full name and where you live (eg. Good afternoon Chairperson Cheh and Members of the Committee, My name is Garrett Hennigan and I live in the Brookland neighborhood in Ward 5).

Start and end stating your position or main point (eg. I am here today to remind the Council why a safe Connecticut Ave with a protected bike lane is important to my community).

Try to cover just a few ideas well. Focus your time on those.

Share a specific story about you, your family, and your experiences. You do not need charts and citations to be compelling.

Be positive, when possible, and always respectful

Thank the committee for the opportunity to share your thoughts



WABA's 2024 Budget Priorities

- Build the Off-Street Trail & On-Street Low Stress Network
 - a. Ensure DDOT teams & capital projects have needed resources to meet DC's goals
 - b. \$ & timeline for trails, streetscapes, safety & mobility
- 2. Fund & implement existing street safety laws
 - a. Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Act 2019
 - b. Safer Streets Act 2022
 - c. E-bike rebate
- 3. Take care of the Existing Network
 - a. DPW \$ for proactive bike lane sweeping program
 - b. DDOT overhaul Safe Accommodations permitting



Short Breakout

What budget issues are or have been important in your Ward or community? 5-6 Minutes

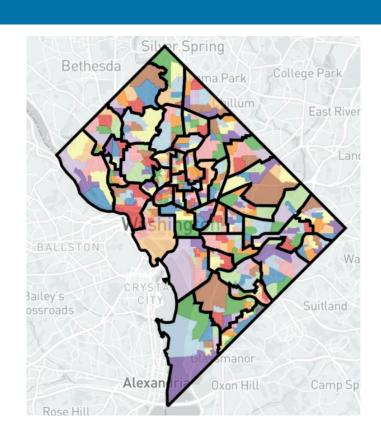


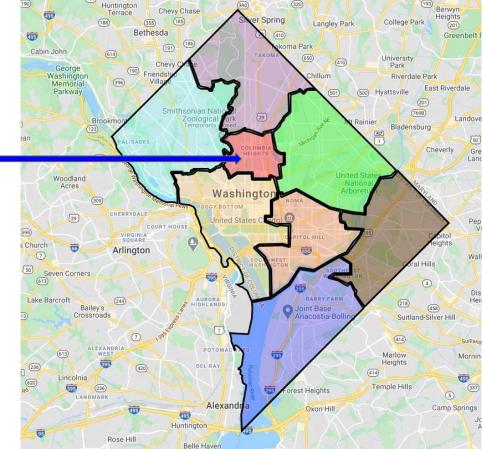
What is an Advisory Neighborhood Commission

- DC's most local form of government
- A body of volunteer commissioners
- Elected by their neighbors for 2 year terms
- Commissioners represent their Single
 Member District, an arbitrary district of about 2,000 people

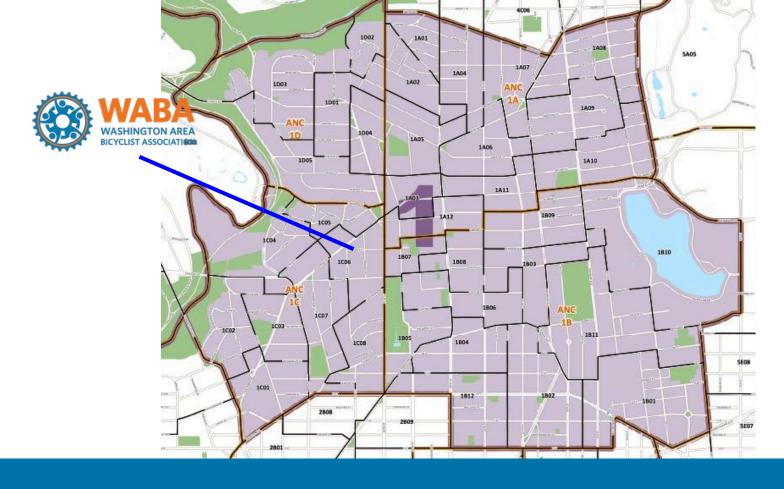
DC has

- 8 wards
- ~46 ANCs & ~345 Single Member Districts
- ~345 elected neighborhood representatives
- See <u>openanc.org</u> to find yours









Our office is in ANC 1C (on the west side of 16th St)





Commission, 1C
Visit the ANC 1C

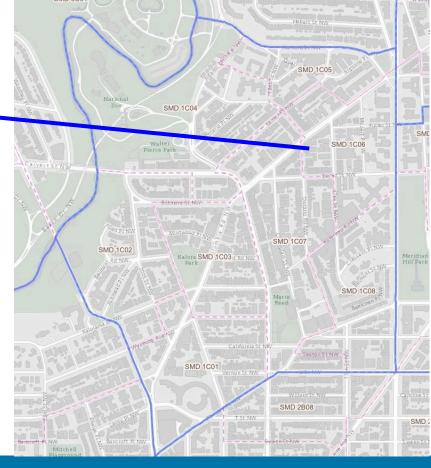
information page.

Single Member District **1C06** is represented by

Commissioner, Michaela Wright.







What do ANCs Do?

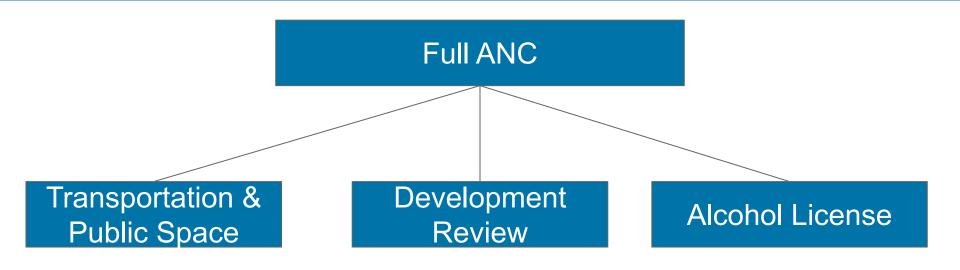
- They advise the DC government
- By law, DC government agencies must give ANCs notice and "great weight"
- Evey ANC works a little differently
- They hold public meetings
- They discuss and vote on resolutions to take a position on issues (proactive or reactive)

Common areas of focus

- Street changes (parking, major rebuilding design, striping changes, like bike lanes)
- Development & Zoning ANCs have an official role in development review, Planned Unit Developments, and zoning changes. Most also weighed in on the Comprehensive Plan
- Public space and alcohol licenses restaurants and licence holders will negotiate with ANC for their support



Some Have Committees





ANC Meetings

- Noticed on the ANC website, email or twitter
- Have an agenda that is set & published in advance
- Open to the public
- Set aside time for community announcements & community concerns
- May provide time for community discussion on agenda items





Your Commissioner

- Was elected by neighbors
- Is there to represent you
- Should be responsive & open to input
- Is a resource for addressing community concerns, streets safety & more
- Is an **unpaid**, **volunteer human** with limited time (thank them for it)

Start a relationship with your commissioner. Plan for the future.





Hey ANC Commissioners: a constituent wants to give you input on a decision your ANC will discuss soon. What's the most helpful way for them to interact with you?

In the replies: what do you want them to know for a more productive interaction?

10% Twitter/Facebook

61% Short email

Long email full of detail

6% phone call



Robb Dooling @RobbD... 6h Replying to @gwhennigan

I value them knowing that my vote alone is not enough.

If they can convince their neighbors in adjacent districts to work on their commissioners too, it may go a long way.



Corey Holman @corey... 5 Replying to @gwhennigan

For me: short email with offer to talk more and some broad time buckets that would work for you. But there are 290ish commissioners so I can't speak for everyone. Also reach out early in the

Second ?: Awareness of agenda ANC process is helpful to not have to explain.

process



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A short email concisely explaining a) your position and b) your reasons, with specific reference to the relevant criteria & legal standards the ANC must apply.

Two things I find of no use at all: how long you have lived in DC/whether you were born here, and how much you like /1

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Searchin' in the sun f... 4h Replying to @20002ist @gwh... or dislike the applicant. IMO the decisions of the ANC do not depend on a popularity contest; nice people can ask for ridiculous things and odious people can make reasonable requests.

Short Breakout

How can you help WABA (or your campaign) track and stay in better touch with your ANC? 5-6 minutes



