



## What Are The 11th Street Bridges?

The 11th Street Bridges are vital links across the Anacostia River between the Southeast/Southwest Freeway and DC 295/Anacostia Freeway in southeastern Washington, D.C. and projected to serve almost 180,000 vehicles per day by 2030. The bridges are being replaced by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project.

## How Important Is The 11th Street Bridge Project?

This project is very important for several reasons.

The existing bridges have outlived their design life and are functional deficient and structurally obsolete. These bridges lack connections to allow motorists to access the bridges from southbound DC 295 or to access northbound DC 295 from the bridges. Two new freeway bridges being built as part of the project will allow these missing movements, better connecting DC 295 and the Southeast-Southwest Freeway and providing an alternate evacuation route from our Nation's Capital.

A third new bridge will be dedicated to local traffic and feature a shared bicycle and pedestrian path, as well as streetcar rails to allow for future connectivity. Through related interchange improvements, the project also will allow local traffic to access both directions of DC 295.

In addition, the project will provide environmental investments, such as improved trail access and drainage.

The project is DDOT's largest project and the District's first design-build-to-budget bridge.

## What Is The Construction Timeline?

Construction of the bridges and associated interchange improvements began in December 2009 and are scheduled for completion in mid-2013.

## Will Travel Lanes Remain Open During Construction?

Yes. The new bridges will be built between the existing bridges and then have traffic shifted onto them. As a result, except for during schedules work in off-peak travel hours, drivers will have the same number of open travel lanes during construction as they have now.

## What Is Different About How The New 11th Street Bridges Will Be Built?

The District is using an innovative procurement approach called Design-Build-to-Budget. This type of design and construction is performed by a construction contractor and designer (design-build team). This provides increased opportunities for innovation, flexibility and fast-track construction.

## Who Is The Contractor?

The District selected the Skanska/Facchina Joint Venture Team to design and construct the 11th Street Bridge Project.

### **Is The Project Consistent With Local Plans?**

The project is consistent with the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan. It will provide improved pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections; mitigate regional traffic impacts on local neighborhoods; and incorporate sustainable, low-impact design techniques.

### **What Public Meetings Have Been Held To Discuss The Project?**

Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement started in September 2005. Since that time, more than 100 meetings have been held with District and federal agencies, neighborhood groups, civic associations, and business or recreational organizations. DDOT will continue to meet with residents and community groups through completion of the project.



### **For More Information**

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