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## District of Columbia Transit For the Future

Council of Governments  
Access for All Committee Briefing  
July 2006



### Previous Transit Studies

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- 1997 Vision, Strategy, and Action Plan (District of Columbia)
  - 1999 Transit Service Expansion Plan (WMATA)
  - 2001 Core Capacity Study (WMATA)
  - 2001 Transit Development Study (WMATA)
  - 2003 Regional Bus Study (WMATA)
  - 2005 District of Columbia Alternatives Analysis (DCAA)
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## DCAA Recommended 2030 System Plan

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## DCAA Implementation

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September 2006      Rapid Bus on Georgia Avenue

Spring 2007          Rapid Bus on Pennsylvania Avenue

Spring 2007          Phase 1 Anacostia Streetcar begins operation

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## **DCAA Implementation: Rapid Bus**

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- ❖ Service provided will be in addition to local bus service
  - ❖ Fewer stops than local bus at major transfer locations
  - ❖ Results in faster service along congested corridors
  - ❖ Vehicles will be ADA compliant, low floor, and environmentally friendly
  - ❖ Sidewalk improvements on Georgia and Pennsylvania Avenues
  - ❖ Amenities for passenger comfort:
    - ❖ Shelters at Rapid Bus Stops
    - ❖ Pedestrian Lighting
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## **DCAA Implementation: Rapid Bus**

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**DCAA Implementation:  
Surface Rail Transit**

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- ❖ Initial surface transit considered was light rail
  - ❖ Technology changed when CSX alignment changed
  - ❖ Streetcars provide more direct access
  - ❖ Streetcars operate similar to buses; with traffic
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**DCAA Implementation:  
Anacostia Streetcar**

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- ❖ Spring 2006 – Complete 30% Engineering
  - ❖ Summer 2006 – Begin Procurement
  - ❖ Fall 2006 – Begin Final Design & Construction
  - ❖ Late 2006 – Vehicle Delivery begins
  - ❖ Late Spring/Early 2007 – Phase 1 service begins
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## DCAA Implementation: Streetcar Phase 1 Alignment

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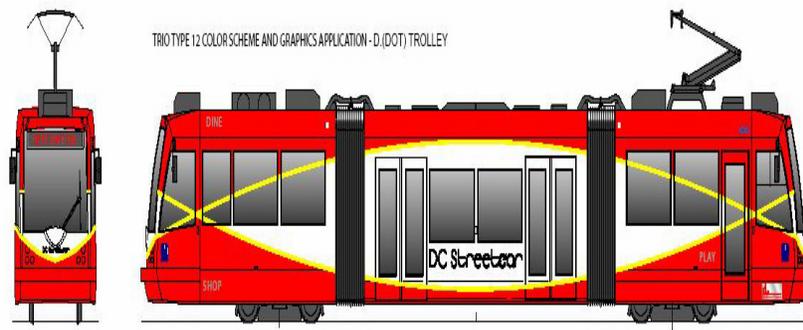
## DCAA Implementation: Streetcar Accessibility

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- ❖ Vehicles are low floor and have direct access from the platform areas
  - ❖ Platform area will be level with the vehicle floor
  - ❖ Platform and vehicles will be ADA compliant
  - ❖ Seats will be configured to provide wheelchair areas
  - ❖ Platforms will include shelters that are fully accessible
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## DCAA Implementation: Anacostia Streetcar

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## DCAA Implementation: Public Involvement

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- ❖ Website (functional 8/06)- [www.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.ddot.dc.gov)
  - ❖ Long History of Community Meetings
  - ❖ Anacostia Streetcar Committee
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**DCAA Implementation:  
Comments from the Public**

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- ❖ New Services may add congestion
  - ❖ Remember regional impacts when making improvements
  - ❖ Will new services truly benefit DC communities?
  - ❖ Improvements must address the needs of the community
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**DCAA Implementation:  
Next Steps**

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- ❖ Continue Dialogue with the public
  - ❖ Finalize the 5 year implementation plan
  - ❖ Begin Planning Phase 2 of the streetcar implementation
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