

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) engaged HNTB District of Columbia, PC (HNTB) to investigate transportation management and streetscape improvements along 18th Street and in the surrounding area of Adams Morgan. The study area extends:

- on the north — Cathedral Avenue, Calvert Street, Adams Mill Road, and Harvard Street, NW
- on the east — 16th Street, NW
- on the south — Florida Avenue, NW
- on the west — Connecticut Avenue, NW

The 18th Street / Adams Morgan Transportation and Parking Study is a multi-modal study addressing issues of pedestrian flows and environment, on-street and off-street parking management, traffic safety, transit, bicycle activity, and general traffic operations and capacity.

Background

This study was launched in response to the concerns expressed by residents regarding

traffic operations in the study area. These concerns include:

- traffic speed, volume, and congestion
- the lack of available parking (both on-street and off-street)
- pedestrian and bicycle access and safety
- improved mass transit.

Study Purpose

The purpose of the study was to investigate existing conditions in the study area and to determine appropriate transportation and streetscape improvements to respond to the concerns above. Particular attention was given to traffic congestion during peak morning and evening travel hours and during weekends, especially Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, when the bars and restaurants on 18th Street and Columbia Road are at their busiest; improving access for residents, employees, and visitors to mass transit; and protecting the residential streets from traffic impacts.