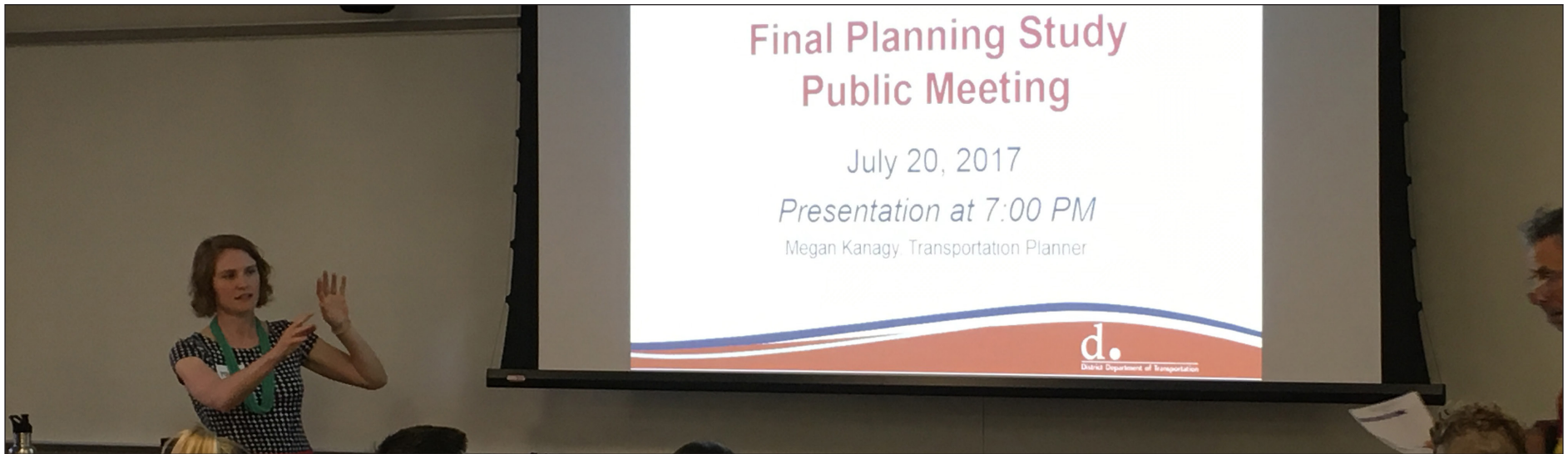




SUMMARY OF FINAL PLANNING STUDY PUBLIC MEETING

July 20, 2017

EVENT SUMMARY



On Thursday, July 20, 2017, the District Department of Transportation held the final public meeting of the Downtown West Transportation Planning Study. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the project, present the recommended alternative, and gather feedback.

The meeting was open-house style with a formal presentation and question and answer period provided at 7:00 pm.

Outreach Efforts

- Emails to over 275 subscribers to the project listserv
- Social media blasts to over 34,000 subscribers through Twitter
- All three Advisory Neighborhood Commissions within the study area notified
- Public meeting announcement issued by DDOT

MEETING QUICK STATS

- **Date:** July 20, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm
- **Location:** George Washington University, Fonger Hall
- 44 meeting **attendees** signed in
- 26 **Title VI** respondents
- 200+ **comments** received

MEETING MATERIALS



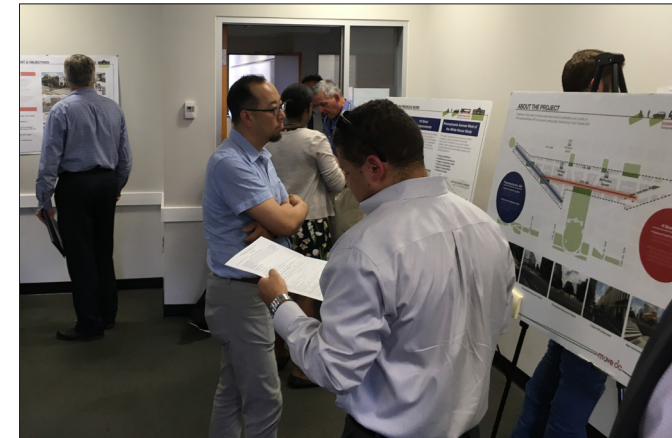
The following boards and maps were on display:

| Title | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| About the Project | Study purpose, map, and existing condition photos |
| Study Schedule and Public Outreach | Description and intent of the study phases and the accompanying outreach activities |
| Building on Previous Work | Descriptions of prior and related studies helpful to understanding the current planning study |
| Goal Statement & Objectives | Discussion of the planning study's goal and objectives |
| Existing Conditions | Extended roll map showing existing conditions in the study area |
| Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 | Individual detailed maps of the three alternatives considered |
| Matrix of Alternatives | Charts comparing the Pennsylvania Avenue NW alternatives and the feasibility of the H Street NW bus lane |
| Recommended Alternative | Large-format wall map offering a close up view of the recommended alternative and proposed improvements |



A large wall map of the study area was presented to illustrate the recommended alternative. The format and size allowed participants to get a closer look at proposed improvements.

Meeting attendees were able to submit comments on specific locations using sticky notes.



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



Nearly all of the attendees participated in the discussion following the presentation. Questions and comments touched on cycle track design, operation and enforcement of the contraflow bus lane, access to garages and businesses, Secret Service closures around the White House and disruption to bicycle access, parking, concerns about existing bus layover zones, and design details of the recommended alternative. Staff addressed comments during the discussion and encouraged attendees to remain involved as the project progresses into its next phases.

DDOT provided different opportunities for the public to submit their ideas, concerns, and general comments during and after the meeting, including:

- Sticky notes to comment on the recommended alternative wall map
- Comment cards
- Title VI comment section
- One-on-one and group discussions
- Emails before and after the meeting
- Mailed letters
- ~~All three Advisory Neighborhood Commissions within the study area notified~~
- ~~Public meeting announcement issued by DDOT~~

During the meeting, attendees provided 28 comments. By August 21, the end of the comment period, DDOT had received over 200 comments including mailed letters and emails collected by the Coalition for Smarter Growth and Greater Greater Washington.

A summary of comments received with responses is provided in an appendix to the Study's final report.

