

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



### **PALISADES TROLLEY TRAIL & FOUNDRY BRANCH TROLLEY TRESTLE BRIDGE**

#### **DECISION DOCUMENT**

**January 6, 2020**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has completed the feasibility study for the Palisades Trolley Trail and Foundry Branch Trolley Trestle Bridge. This study was an effort by the DDOT to identify critical issues in developing a trail for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities on the former Glen Echo Trolley line corridor, an area commonly referred to as the Palisades Trolley Trail (PTT).

The study considered a range of factors including, but not limited to, transportation network connectivity, topography, utility conflicts, right-of-way impacts, stormwater management, cost, stakeholder and public input.

Based on the opportunities identified in the feasibility study, DDOT has identified two projects that will move forward from the study:

#### **Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the Pedestrian Bridge and Connecting Trail at Arizona Avenue, NW**

A section of the former trolley corridor is included in the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the Pedestrian Bridge and Connecting Trail at Arizona Ave NW project. This project is currently in the preliminary design phase. As part of the reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge over Arizona Avenue, the trail will be improved between Galena Place NW and Nebraska Ave / Sherier Place NW.

#### **Arizona Avenue Connection to the Capital Crescent Trail**

This project would add an accessible connection to the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) at Arizona Avenue NW. Going forward, DDOT will continue to work with the National Park Service to develop agreements for design, construction, and maintenance of this trail.

Based on the constraints identified in the feasibility study, DDOT has determined that two sections of the trail corridor will not be advanced to next phases of project development.

#### **Nebraska Avenue to Foxhall Road**

This section of the trail will not move forward to environmental review or design at this time. This decision is based on the costs associated with the three new bridges and risks associated with existing utility conflicts.

**East of Foxhall Road (including the Foundry Trestle Trolley Bridge)**

DDOT evaluated five potential trail alignments in this area and has determined, based on cost, constructability, topography, and right-of-way impacts, that this project will not be moving forward. Therefore, DDOT will not seek to acquire ownership of the Foundry Trestle Trolley Bridge.

The full feasibility study, including all appendices, will be made available at the project website at:

<https://ddot.dc.gov/page/palisades-trolley-trail>