

WHAT IS A STREETCAR?

- Modern electric railway vehicles
 - Run on electric power, supplied by a single overhead wire
 - Large windows, wide doors, low floors for easy access
 - Narrower and shorter than light rail or Metrorail cars
- Fits "Main Street" urban scale
 - Can operate in mixed traffic
 - Smaller vehicle fits the scale of the street
 - Load from sidewalk stations
 - Electric power is clean (no exhaust fumes) and quiet
- Dependable service in all conditions



The blue dotted line shows the existing Pike Ride service.



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Columbia Pike Streetcar Project

Bringing Streetcars to Columbia Pike



Over the past several years, Arlington and Fairfax counties, along with regional planning bodies, have identified Columbia Pike as a key corridor for transit improvements and redevelopment. The counties have recognized that an effective transportation network is key in redevelopment efforts to create a pedestrian "Main Street" environment. Streetcar and bus improvements will be important elements in creating that environment, serving as a catalyst for appropriate development, and supporting future transit demand.

THE COLUMBIA PIKE STREETCAR PROCESS

→ Columbia Pike Transit Alternatives Analysis

Features of Streetcar Operation along Columbia Pike:

- Five mile connection between Skyline and Pentagon City.
- Six-minute service.
- Service augmented with Metro buses during peak periods.

→ Financial Planning and Conceptual Design

→ Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering

→ Engineering Design

→ Construction

“High-quality transit services provide a major impetus for transit-oriented development, which results in attractive, safe, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods that add excitement, vitality, diversity and economic value to nearby properties.”

---American Public Transportation Association

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

The Columbia Pike Streetcar Project, with continued extensive bus service, would provide access to corridor businesses and serve as a catalyst for redevelopment for the Bailey's Crossroads area and the Columbia Pike corridor.

Bailey's Crossroads – Fairfax County's vision for Bailey's Crossroads includes a mixture of community- and neighborhood-serving retail, office, residential, and recreational/cultural uses developed with a pedestrian scale and character. New mixed-use projects would create a distinct new identity for Bailey's Crossroads and provide future access to multi-modal transit options.

Columbia Pike – Arlington County has been working to improve the quality of life for its residents, businesses, and visitors to the Columbia Pike corridor. The County's vision and coordinated planning for the Pike will create an enhanced sense of place and community, and complement community goals to create a vibrant pedestrian-friendly "Main Street" environment in the corridor.



Approved Development on Columbia Pike in Bailey's Crossroads
Columbia Crossroads Mixed-Use Development
Image Courtesy of Weissberg Corp and Cunningham | Quill Architects



Photo Simulation of Jefferson Street.



Approved Penrose Square Development on Columbia Pike
Image Courtesy of Carbon Thompson Development and Rounds Vondra Architects

“Communities can become more livable through good urban planning and meaningful investments in public transportation.”

