

Middle Anacostia River Crossings Transportation Study

The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative is a massive multi-decade program and hallmark of the District's current revitalization. Under the auspice of the Infrastructure Project Management Administration of the District of Columbia's Department of Transportation, consultants have conducted a series of studies of the transportation network that feeds and serves the Anacostia River Waterfront on its eastern and western sides. As part of a project team led by KCI Technologies, Inc., JSA designed and implemented a twelve-month consensus building process and public involvement plan for the Middle Anacostia River Crossings Transportation (MAC) Study.

The third in a series of planned transportation studies, the MAC study evaluated and analyzed traffic conditions. It also addressed missing interchange movements and investigated alternative uses of existing lane capacity on the Southeast Freeway between 11th Street and Barney Circle. Finally, it assessed the potential for increased pedestrian and bicycle access along the Anacostia River.

To build consensus between highly polarized "west side" and "east side" residents and stakeholders, JSA undertook an intensive process to create shared solutions for geographically distinct problems. In addition to numerous technical advisory group and public meetings, JSA designed and facilitated a consensus-building public dialogue among key leaders of east and west side neighborhoods. This public conversation helped to move residents from polarized arguments towards collaboratively reached recommendations. It also energized direct lobbying by River neighborhood residents at the highest levels of the District's government.

The strength of neighborhood support for the main project recommendations directly led to the decision by Mayor Anthony A. Williams to designate more than \$500 million in local bonds for immediate study and construction of the missing interchanges at the 11th and 13th Street bridges crossing the Anacostia River.



Location	Washington, DC
Client	District Department of Transportation
Contract amount	\$62,000
Project duration	May 2004- June 2005

