

Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division
NEPA Categorical Exclusion Form

Project Number: 15th Street Cycle Track Removal and road repaving **Date:** 2/27/2026

Project Name: 15th Street Cycle Track Removal and road repaving

Location: National Park Service, National Mall and Memorial Parks
District of Columbia, DC

CE Category 23 CFR 771.117(c)(26): Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the constraints in paragraph (e)[..]

See [23 CFR 771.117](#) for full description of CE categories, including additional requirements when applying (c)26-28.

Project Description

The work consists of removing existing cycle-track and bicycle-related traffic control features and restoring the roadway to a conventional lane configuration within the existing curb lines along three segments—15th St NW / Raoul Wallenberg Pl SW (Constitution Ave NW to Maine Ave SW), Maine Ave SW (15th St NW to Ohio Dr SW/East Basin Dr SW—southbound), and Ohio Dr SW/East Basin Dr SW (Maine Ave SW to the Jefferson Memorial Food Kiosk—southbound)—including removal of cycle track barriers/delineator posts and anchor bolts with restoration of resulting voids; milling and overlaying asphalt within curb faces to a maximum treatment depth of ≤ 4 inches; grinding/removing existing pavement markings within concrete bus laybys; removing bicycle signal faces and retiming/rephasing traffic signals as needed; removing bicycle route signage and installing new signage (and striping transitions) at the north and south project limits to safely transition bicyclists; and restriping the corridor to a typical cross-section of two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes (plus turn lanes where feasible), with crosswalk markings replaced in-kind on asphalt and new stop bars and lane-use arrows installed at intersection approaches as warranted.

This project supports implementation of Executive Order 14252, "Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful" by advancing coordinated stewardship and improved visual quality of prominent federal public spaces through removal of roadway appurtenances and

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restoration of a standardized, maintainable corridor configuration within the existing roadway prism.

With the upcoming National Cherry Blossom Festival and preparations underway for Americas 250th anniversary, ensuring safe access for residents, commuters, visitors, and emergency services is a shared priority. These nationally significant events draw substantial visitation and require coordinated infrastructure planning to support mobility, security, and a positive experience for all.

Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Measures

N/A

Summary of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act Compliance

Because effects are limited to temporary construction disturbances (noise, equipment presence, localized dust) within an already developed roadway, the action is not anticipated to adversely affect listed/proposed species or designated critical habitat, and significant impacts are not expected. The FHWA Eastern Federal Lands relies on the National Park Service determination.

Summary of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Compliance

On February 20, 2026, the National Park Service Cultural Resource experts determined the proposed federal undertaking would have **no adverse effect to historic properties**.

Additional Agency Coordination and Compliance

The FHWA Eastern Federal Lands relies upon the existing Categorical Exclusion decision made by the National Park Service and concurs with the National Park Service Categorical Exclusion documentation dated February 23, 2026.



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Categorical Exclusion Recommendation:

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I believe the project should be categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis.

Kelly Stern
Environmental Protection Specialist
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division
Federal Highway Administration

Date

Categorical Exclusion Determination:

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. The project meets the 23 CFR 771.117(a) definition of a categorical exclusion. No unusual circumstances per 23 CFR 771.117(b) apply.

Kevin S. Rose
Environmental Team Leader
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division
Federal Highway Administration

Date

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Appendix A: Environmental Checklist

<p>Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are Federally-listed species potentially present in the study area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, see Notesⁱ <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, effects determination: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Effect <input type="checkbox"/> May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect <input type="checkbox"/> May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
<p>Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are historic properties known to be present in the study area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, will they be impacted by the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • Will previously undisturbed ground be disturbed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • Effects determination: <input type="checkbox"/> No Historic Properties Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Adverse Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Effect, MOA Executed • Was tribal consultation completed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Water and Wetlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Are impacts to Waters of the US anticipated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, approval anticipated: <input type="checkbox"/> Nationwide Permit (NWP) <input type="checkbox"/> Regional General Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Permit • Section 401 of the Clean Water Act <input type="checkbox"/> NWP certified by State <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Certification • Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Will the land disturbance threshold likely be exceeded to require a permit and SWPPP? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • Is post-construction stormwater management review/approval anticipated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project is consistent with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands
<p>Floodplains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project in a FEMA floodplain? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain not mapped • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project is consistent with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management
<p>Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project meet the Section 4(f) exemption for Federal lands transportation facilities under Section 1119(c)(2) of MAP-21, 23 U.S.C. 138(a)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • Is there a use of a Section 4(f) property in the study area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, De Minimis Finding: <input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual 4(f): <input type="checkbox"/>

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Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the property purchased with grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • If Yes, was documentation of approval from National Park Service Director received for the conversion or replacement of 6(f) property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project in a Coastal Zone? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • If yes, will a Federal Consistency Review be completed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Right of Way:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project completely within the transportation facility's right-of-way? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • If no, will the project require relocations or easements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Hazardous Waste and Materials:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are hazardous materials or contamination exceeding regulatory thresholds (as set by U.S. EPA, County Environmental Health, etc.) present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • If Yes, is the nature and extent of the hazardous materials or contamination fully known? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, plan for securing information provided in Notes
Section 7(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there Wild and Scenic Rivers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible If Yes, has review by the river-administering agency been completed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clean Air Act:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project in a non-attainment area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, is the project on the Transportation Improvement Program(TIP)/State Implementation Plan(SIP)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Highway Traffic and Construction Noise Regulations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project is a Type I project (highway on a new location, substantial horizontal or vertical alteration, new through or auxiliary lanes). Noise analysis is required. • <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project is a Type II project (retrofit for noise abatement). • <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project is a Type III project (noise analysis not required). • <input type="checkbox"/> Does not apply.
Farmland Protection Policy Act for Highway Projects:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project displace, require acquisition of, or require an easement from farmland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project affect any other resources not listed above? Explain below and list anticipated permits:
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ⁱ Federally-listed species per U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's IPaC: Northern Long-Eared Bat (Endangered), Tricolored Bat (Proposed Endangered), Monarch Butterfly (Proposed Threatened)