



## Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division Re-Evaluation

**Project Number:** 15th Street Cycle Track Removal and road repaving **Date:** 3/31/2026

**Project Name:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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In accordance with 23 CFR 771.129, FHWA has evaluated proposed changes to the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Cycle Track Removal and Road Repaving Project and associated impacts, to determine if FHWA’s NEPA decision remains valid. On February 27, 2026, FHWA determined that the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Cycle Track Removal and Road Repaving Project could be categorically excluded, relying on 23 CFR 771.117(c)(26). The February CE Form was issued on the assumption that the project would start on or around that date. Since that form was signed, the project was delayed. The February CE Form assumed that all work would be completed prior to the National Cherry Blossom Festival, or would not interfere with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which has already begun and will run through April 12, 2026. The project is now anticipated to begin on April 23, 2026, and to conclude by May 14, 2026. Also, since the February CE Form was issued, the National Park Service (NPS) reevaluated its NEPA decision given the revised window for work. FHWA’s reevaluation also considered NPS’s updated categorical exclusion documentation issued March 31, 2026.

FHWA has reanalyzed the impacts of the project given the revised work window and has determined that continuing to rely on 23 CFR 771.117(c)(26) is appropriate. The project scope has not changed; the work still 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



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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). As stated in the NPS CE and confirmed by FHWA, the project will be implemented using standard traffic-control methods (lane shifts, short-duration lane closures, and/or off-peak work) to maintain traffic circulation and emergency access through the corridor. Any temporary restrictions needed to complete the work will be limited in duration and extent and are not anticipated to result in major traffic disruptions.

According to NPS, shifting work to April 23-May 14, 2026 means the work will now be completed “in the early peak visitor/event season and immediately ahead of the planned U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) special events period (mid-May through August 2026).” NPS determined that the selected three weeks represent the best window of time to complete this work before the 250th special events period for the reasons stated in its CE. FHWA believes that the phased work can be completed from April 23-May 14, 2026 and will work with NPS to mitigate impacts on traffic and emergency access during this higher visitation period.

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