

### Appendix A: Public Meeting Outreach

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- Public meeting flyer
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- FRA tweets
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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### FRA and DDOT Release Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and Draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for the Long Bridge Project

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and Draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Long Bridge Project. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DPRT) is the named Project Sponsor for the future phases of the Long Bridge Project.

The DEIS identifies the project's preferred alternative, which includes expanding the 1.8-mile Long Bridge Corridor from two to four tracks crossing the Potomac River from RO Interlocking (note that "RO" is the proper name of the interlocking – it is not an acronym) near Long Bridge Park in Arlington, Virginia to L'Enfant (LE) Interlocking near 10th Street SW in Washington, DC. With this alignment, a new two-track bridge would be constructed upstream of the existing bridge, and the existing bridge would be retained to create a four-track crossing. The Preferred Alternative ties into the DC to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail (DC2RVA) Project's four-track alignment at RO Interlocking and VRE's proposed four-track expansion project at LE Interlocking. The proposed project includes a new bike-pedestrian shared use path that would bridge over the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Potomac River.

The project, which will cost an estimated \$1.9 billion, will take approximately five years to construct. Once complete, the project will increase long-term railroad capacity and improve the reliability of railroad service through the Long Bridge Corridor, a critical link to the local, regional, and national transportation network.

Following a public comment period, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will manage the project's construction.

Built in 1904, Long Bridge is the only railroad crossing over the Potomac River between the District and Virginia. The Long Bridge Corridor currently serves freight (CSX Transportation), intercity passenger (Amtrak), and commuter rail (Virginia Railway Express [VRE]).

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Alden Richardson Jr. to Michael Farquhar, S850,000. **41st St.**, 5208-William B. and Barbara J. Craven to Eric Finzi and Brigit Van Widenfelt, 51.18 million. **45th St.**, 4527-Mark and Ann Marshall Schweitzer to Arianna Uglano and Alessandro Gullo, 51.25 million.

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### Candice Jarquin, \$384,000.

SOUTHWEST N St., 301, No. 80-Estate of John N. Robbins Jr. and Paul M. Menszer to Laure Fabrega, \$730,000. Seventh St., 700, No. 811-David Velasco and Valentina Echevery

to Ethan C. Krauss, \$502,400.

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### Long Bridge Public Hearing

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The Long Bridge Project consists of proposed improvements

to the bridge corridor and related railroad infrastructure

located between RO Interlocking near Long Bridge Park in

Arlington, Virginia, and the L'Enfant Interlocking near 10th

and operates the two-track Long Bridge. CSXT, Amtrak and

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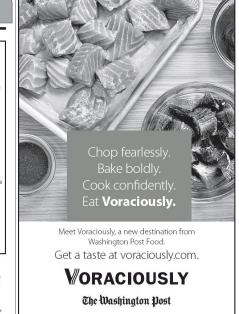
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Por Ana Julia Jatar / SL TEMPOLATIN

La semana pasada el o de la figura jurídica del Whistle Blower Complaint (denuncia de un rmante anónimo) colocó al descubierto la fragilidad del "imperio de la ley" en Estados Unidos, Sobre todo si quien comete el crimen, es el presidente de la Republica. El whistleblower o demunciante, es una alternativa promovida en ciertos sistemas jurídicos para proveer formales, inte tiosos y privados canales de información en la lucha contra la corrupción. Su nombre tiene in origen anglosajón v viene de la práctica de los policias británicos quienes sonaban sus silbatos ante la presencia de un presunto delit

Un agente de la CIA, el whistleblower en este caso expresó el 12 de agosto y de acuerdo con los procedimien-tos establecidos en la ley, una "preocupación urgente" de que había recibido información de "múltiples funcionarios" del gobierno norteamericano so bre una conversación telefónica entre Trump y el presidente de Ucrania, Volodimir Zelenski el 25 de Julio, Tomenos nota de que habían pasado casi 3 semanas entre una fecha y la otra, paes se ha comprohado que al agente, quien trató de resolver esta preocupación por los canales regulares, no le quedo otra alternativa que recurrir a la figura jurídica del Whistle Blower Complaint, pues desde la presidencia lo querian anular

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nal del presidente, Rudolph Giuliani y el fiscal general de la República, William Barr, estaban involucrados. En dicha conversación, Trump prome al presidente de Ucrania, la visita de ambos a su pais para que lo ayudaran en la tarea.

Según The Wall Street Journal. periódico que a diferencia del New York Times es considerado de derecha, el presidente

Donald Trump pidió ocho Unidos, Donald Trump utilizó veces al presidente de Ucrania su poder -tenía bloqueada la entrega de una ayuda de \$ 250 Zelenski durante la llamada telefónica que abriese una investigación contra Joe Biden millones a Ucrania- para pedir la interferencia de ese país en y su hijo,

las elecciones de 2020. Esta in-terferencia incluye, entre otras La gravedad de la denuncia del cosas, la presión a Ucrania para Whistle Blower y la evidencia de la intención por parte de la Casa Blanca de bloquearla, llevó a cambiar de opinión a la investigar a uno de los rivales de Trump, el precandidato presidencial Joe Biden. En la presidenta de la Cámara Baja, denuncia se especifica también que tanto el abogado perso-Nancy Pelosi y a manifestars a favor de abrir una investi-gación sobre la posibilidad de realizar un impeachment o "Si al presidente del

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### Long Bridge Audiencia Pública

El Departamento de Transporte del Distrito (DDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) y la Administración Federal de Ferrocarriles (FRA, por sus siglas en inglés) le invita a una audiencia pública para revelar la copia ediaria (draft) del impacto ambiental (DEIS, por sus siglas en ingles) para el Proyecto Long Bridge, sección intermediaria 4(f) evaluación (Evaluation en inglés), y sección intermediaria 106, acuerdo programático (Programmatic Agreement en inglés). A través del DEIS, DDOT y FRA hacen un análisis detallado sobre el impacto y beneficios del proyecto al medio ambiente y recursos culturales. La audiencia pública también es parte de la consulta concurrente para la Sección 4(f) del Acto del nento de Transporte del año 1966 y la sección 105 de la Ley Nacional para la Conservación Histórica. El DEIS está disponible a través del sitio web longbridgeproject.com o en bibliotecas publicas indicadas en el sitio web.

### Sobre el Proyecto del Long Bridge:

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El Tiempo Latino \_

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The Preferred Alternative:

- Will meet the purpose of the Project to provide additional long-term railroad capacity and to improve the reliability of railroad service through the Long Bridge Corridor.
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- Is anticipated to cost \$1.9 billion and take 5 years to construct.
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Long Bridge Project DEIS Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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**Formal presentations followed by public comment:** 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (same presentation at both times)

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### **Purpose of the Meeting**

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one-minute walk from the Metrorail Green line. Take the escalator/elevator to the ground level and walk straight, the building will be on your right.

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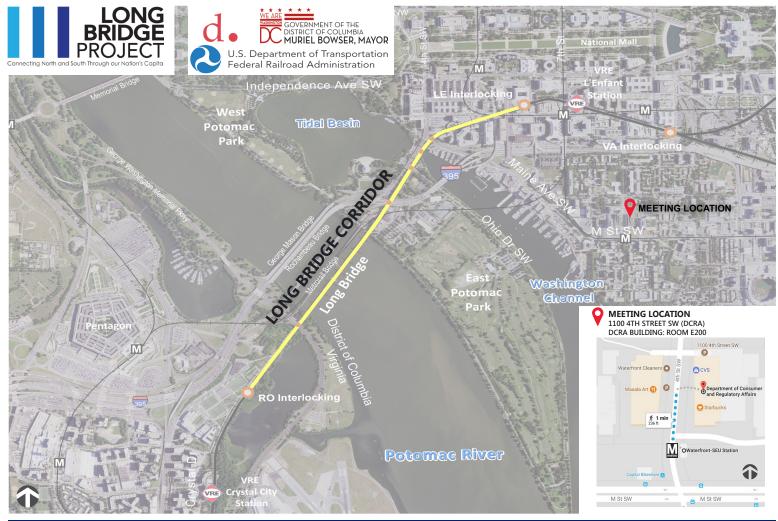




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### **PUBLIC HEARING** Draft Environmental Impact Statement

### Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Open House format: 4:00pm to 7:00pm Formal presentations: 4:30pm and 6:00pm (same presentation at both times)

### DCRA Building Room, E200

1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington, DC 20024

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*Bus*: Metrobus routes 74, A9, P6, and V1; Circulator Eastern Market-L'Enfant Plaza route. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) invite the public to a public hearing to present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Long Bridge Project. Publication of the DEIS is a milestone in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Through the DEIS, DDOT and FRA provide an indepth analysis of the Project's potential impacts and benefits to environmental resources. This public hearing is also part of the concurrent consultation for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

About the Long Bridge Project:

The DEIS is available on the Project website at: **www.longbridgeproject.com** and at local libraries listed on the Project website. Comments during the public hearing can be provided in writing, by speaking to the court reporter, or by speaking at the hearing during the open public comment session.

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing may sign up at the hearing. Verbal comments are limited to three minutes per person, and groups are requested to provide comments through one spokesperson.

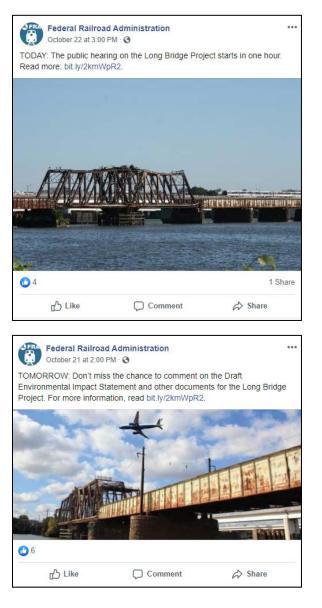
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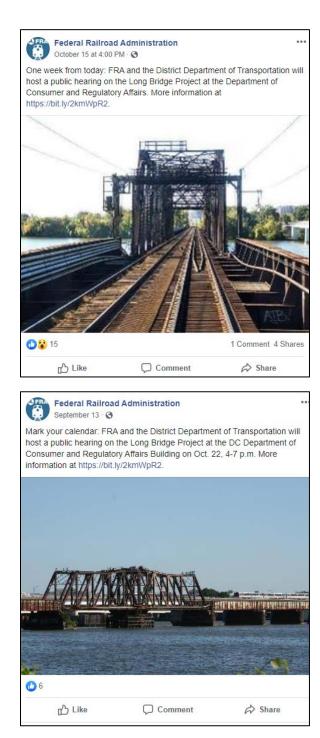
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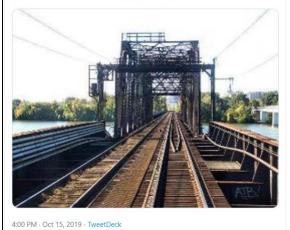


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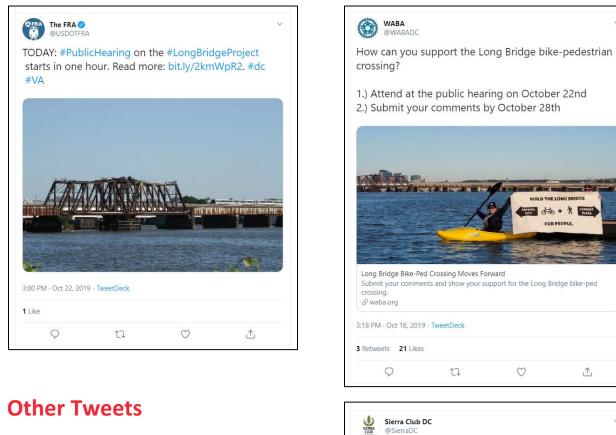
One week from today: FRA & @DDOTDC host a #PublicHearing on the #LongBridgeProject @dcra. More info at bit.ly/2kmWpR2. #dc #VA













@DDOTDC is hosting a public hearing on the Long Bridge Project at the @DCRA building tonight. It's a major piece of #infrastructure that could also give pedestrians and cyclists a new span over the Potomac. Leave a public comment on the proposal by 10/28: bit.ly/204rKcP

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### Long Bridge Public Hearing October 22, 2019

Virginia Railway Express sent this bulletin at 10/21/2019 06:00 AM EDT

### **VRE NEWS - Public Meeting**

### VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE)



Long Bridge Project DEIS Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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**Formal presentations followed by public comment:** 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (same presentation at both times)

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### Purpose of the Meeting

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) invite the public to a public hearing for the Long Bridge Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, and

### LEARN MORE

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Draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA). Publication of the DEIS is a milestone in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) processes. Through the DEIS, DDOT and FRA provide an in-depth analysis of the Project's potential impacts and benefits to environmental and cultural resources. This public hearing is also part of the concurrent consultation for Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Section 106 of the NHPA. The DEIS is available on the Project website at: longbridgeproject.com/deis/.lt is also available at local libraries listed on the website.

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### LONG BRIDGE BIKE-PED CROSSING MOVES FORWARD

October 17, 2019 | Katie Harris

The Long Bridge Project, which will replace an aging rail connection between DC and Crystal City, includes a brand new bike-pedestrian bridge over the Potomac River. As they finalize plans and funding sources, DC government officials need to hear from you: the bike-pedestrian crossing must remain in the plan.

I SUPPORT THE BIKE-PED CROSSING!

The Long Bridge has the potential to be the best crossing of the Potomac River for people who ride, and will support the transportation and environmental goals of DC, Arlington and Alexandria. The entire project will only be a success if the bike-pedestrian crossing is included.



The Long Bridge (as seen in the background)

Northern Virginia, particularly Crystal City, is expecting significant growth in the near future. Wise transportation investments like the bicycle and pedestrian bridge associated with Long Bridge, will ensure that personal mobility can be prioritized without the negative impacts of increased traffic congestion or air pollution.

The Long Bridge Project is a once in a generation opportunity to transform our regional transportation network by adding freight and passenger rail capacity, connecting major regional bicycle and pedestrian trails and providing new, direct links to two of the fastest growing areas of our region. You can read more about the details of the Long Bridge Project here.

In September 2019, District Department of Transportation published the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS), and included the bike-pedestrian crossing as a mitigation measure for the rail components of the project. This is great news! It also shows that the 1600+ people who spoke up in support of the connection (thank you for taking action!) made a difference in the project.

The project managers are accepting public comment until October 28. **Will you speak up in support of the bike-pedestrian crossing?** 



### Support the Long Bridge bike-ped crossing!

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	Email		*

Great infrastructure doesn't just *happen*. It takes all of us standing up and asking for better bike connections, better trails, and better river crossings. Help this great project by submitting your comments right now.

Another opportunity to comment is at the public hearing on Tuesday, October 22.

What: Long Bridge Project DEIS Public Hearing

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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Long Bridge Bike-Ped Crossing Moves Forward | Washington Area Bicyclist Association

Whether you show up in person and testify in support of better biking connections, or write in to show your support, please stand with us to show that there is tremendous demand for this bike-pedestrian bridge.

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Topics: Uncategorized. Tags: capital trails coalition, DDOT, long bridge.

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### Appendix B: Project Factsheet

### THE LONG BRIDGE

The Long Bridge is a two-track steel truss railroad bridge that was constructed in 1904. The bridge is owned by CSX Transportation (CSXT) and serves freight (CSXT), intercity passenger (Amtrak), and commuter railroad service (VRE). The Long Bridge is the only railroad bridge connecting Virginia to the District. The next closest crossing is at Harpers Ferry, WV. The Long Bridge is a contributing element to the East and West Potomac Parks Historic Districts.



### WHAT IS NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. NEPA is an "umbrella" law that encourages integrated compliance with other environmental laws so that a proposed project's impacts are comprehensively evaluated before implementation.

The Long Bridge Project's compliance with NEPA includes preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is currently available for public review and comment.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead Federal agency for the EIS. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is the joint lead agency for the EIS. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will be the Project Sponsor for design and construction.

### FUTURE PROJECT DATES

Comments due on Draft EIS	October 28,2019
Prepare Final EIS (FEIS)/ Record of Decision (ROD)	Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Release FEIS/ROD	Summer 2020

### CONTACT US

Comments can be provided any of the following ways:

At this meeting

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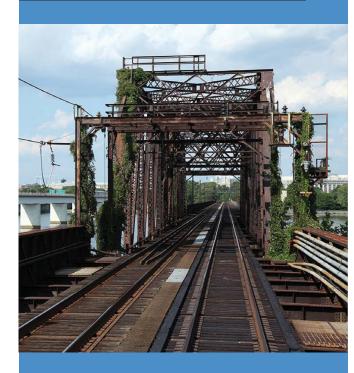




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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FACT SHEET



### **OCTOBER 2019**

### THE LONG BRIDGE PROJECT

The Long Bridge Project consists of potential improvements to the Long Bridge and related railroad infrastructure located between the Interlocking near Long Bridge Park in Arlington, Virginia and the L'Enfant (LE) Interlocking near 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the District.



### **PURPOSE AND NEED**

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide additional long-term railroad capacity to improve the reliability of railroad service through the Long Bridge corridor.

Currently, there is insufficient capacity, resiliency, and redundancy to accommodate the projected demand in future railroad services. The Proposed Action is needed to address these issues and to ensure the Long Bridge corridor continues to serve as a critical link connecting the local, regional, and national transportation network.

### **ACTION ALTERNATIVE A**



### **ACTION ALTERNATIVE B**



### **ACTION ALTERNATIVE A**

- Construct new two-track railroad bridges over the Potomac River and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.
- Retain existing Long Bridge over the Potomac ٠ River and existing railroad bridge over the George Washington Memorial Parkway.
- At the southern end of the Project Limits, add two tracks to existing corridor and tie into the four tracks at RO Interlocking proposed by the DC to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail project.
- After crossing the Potomac River and Ohio Drive SW, add two tracks to the existing corridor through East Potomac Park, across the Washington Channel and Maine Avenue SW, and underneath Maryland Avenue to tie into the four tracks at LE Interlocking proposed by VRE.

### **ACTION ALTERNATIVE B**

- Construct new two-track railroad bridges over the Potomac River and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.
- Replace existing Long Bridge over the Potomac River and existing railroad bridge over the George Washington Memorial Parkway with new two-track bridges.
- Expand Long Bridge Corridor from two to four tracks, as in Action Alternative A.

FRA and DDOT selected Action Alternative A as the Preferred Alternative for the Project because it would have similar benefits as Action Alternative B but with fewer impacts, a shorter construction duration, and lower capital cost.



### Appendix C: Informational Exhibits

# MELCOME OF ONG BRIDGE PROJECT

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## **Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, and**









### **Project Overview**





### What is the Project?

- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- The Long Bridge Project consists of potential improvements to the Long Bridge and related railroad infrastructure located Arlington, Virginia and the L'Enfant (LE) Interlocking near 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the District of Columbia.
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### What is Section 106?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires Federal agencies to:

- Consider and determine the direct AND indirect effects of a proposed undertaking on historic properties.
- Consult with State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribes, and other consulting parties.
- Avoid, resolve, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties.
- See: 36 CFR Part 800 (Protection of Historic Properties).

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Environmental Justice **Executive Order**
- Noise Ordinances
- U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966; Section 4(f)
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Contaminated Materials and Substances
- Endangered Species Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act





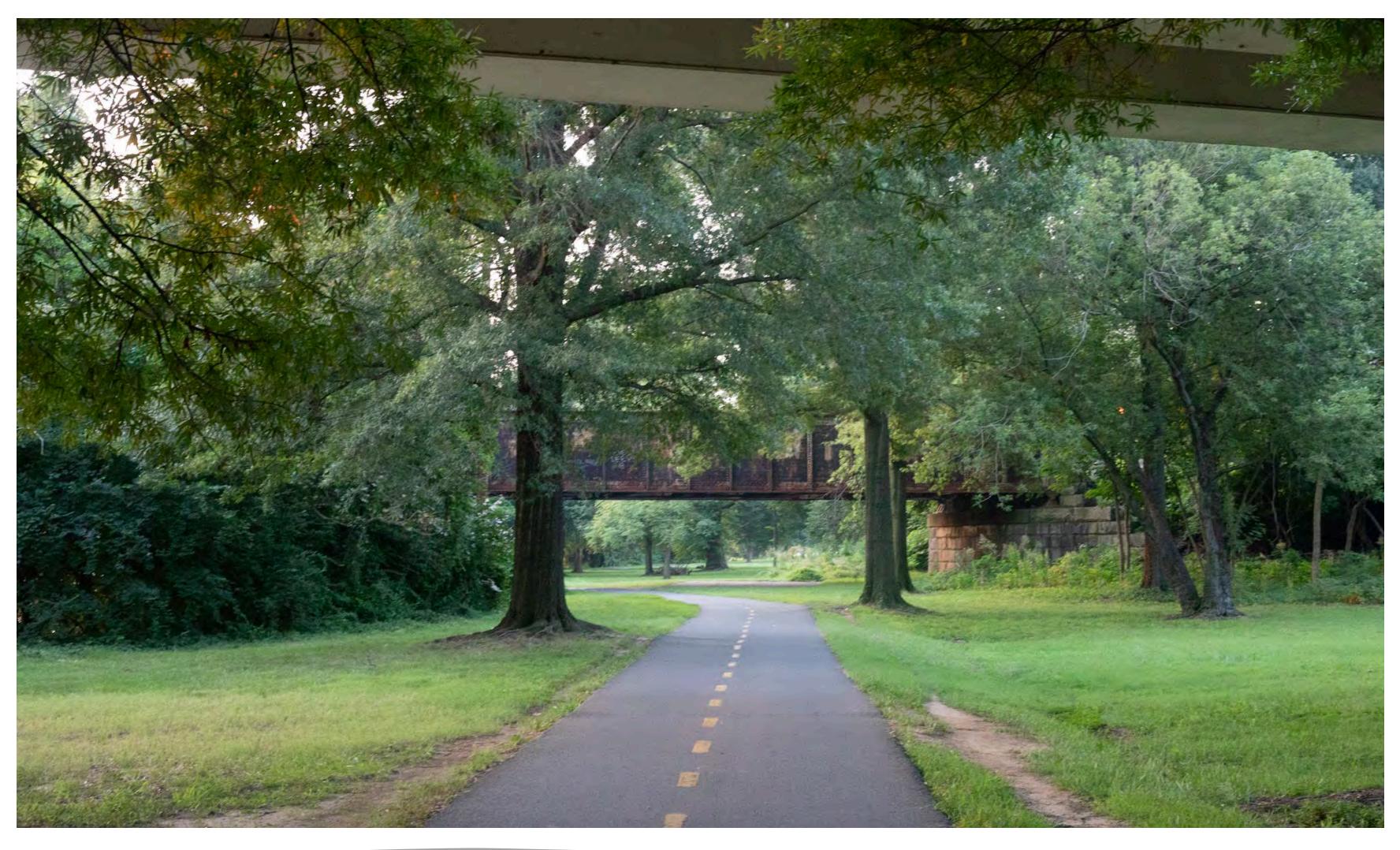
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Protection of Wetlands **Executive Order**
- Floodplain Management Executive Order
- Federal Flood Risk Management Executive Order
- Military Construction and Appropriations Act
- State Environmental Laws
- Local Environmental Laws

### **Project Overview**

### What is Section 4(f)?

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966 prohibits projects funded or approved by a USDOT agency from using publicly owned park and recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or historic sites and structures unless...

- There is no feasible or prudent avoidance alternative, and
- The project includes all possible planing to minimize harm to the property resulting from use.
- Or, the Project would have a *de minimis* impact on Section 4(f)-protected resources.



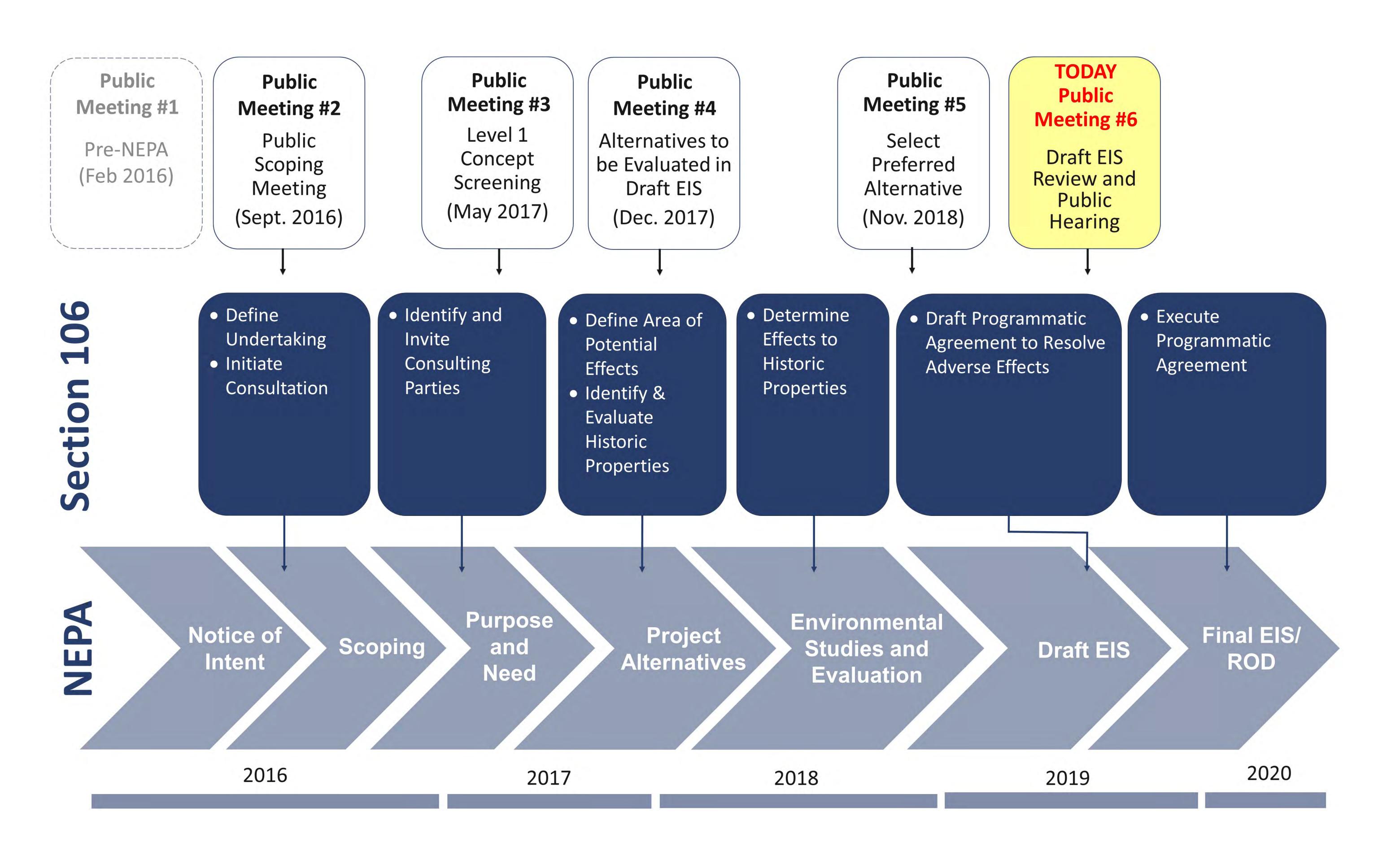


\*Section 4(f)-protected historic properties are illustrated on the Section 106 Summary of Adverse Effects board



### There are several Section 4(f)-protected historic sites and parks within the Long Bridge Project Study Area

### Section 106 and NEPA Coordination





### **Project Area**



### The Project:

- Connects logical termini;
- improvements in the area are made; and
- Has independent utility even if no additional transportation • Does not restrict consideration of alternatives for other reasonably foreseeable transportation improvements in the area.





Project limits extend from RO Interlocking near Long Bridge Park in Arlington, Virginia to LE Interlocking near 10th Street SW in the District

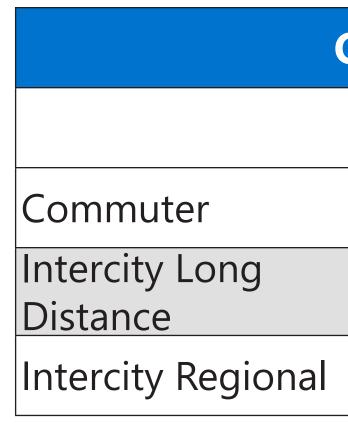
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Train Operator	Current # of Trains per Day	2040 # of Trains per Day	Percent Increase
VRE	34	92	171%
MARC	0	8	
Amtrak	24	44	83%
CSXT	18	42	133%
Norfolk Southern	0	6	
Total	76	192	

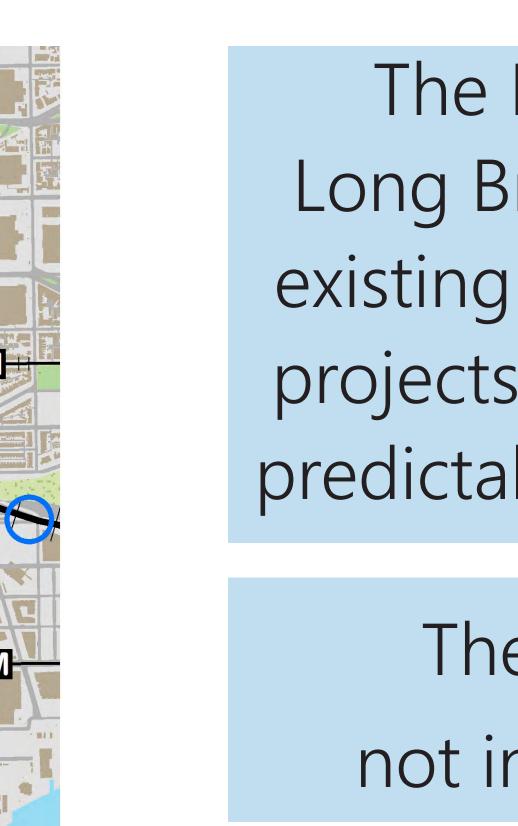




On Time Performance			
	Current (Observed)	No Action (2040)	
	91%	25%	
	70%	12%	
	1070	7%	

### **No Action Alternative**





### LEGEND

0	Boundary Channel Drive Interchange Redesign (2021)		
0	Virginia Avenue Tunnel (2018)		
0	L'Enfant North Storage Track (2018)		
0	L'Enfant South Storage Track (2019)		
0	L'Enfant Station Improvements (2024		
0	Interlocking		
•	Other Bridges		
VRE	VRE Station		
Μ	Metrorail Station		
-	Long Bridge Corridor		
	Study Area		
-	Fourth Track LE to VA locking (2023)		
+	Fourth Track AF to RO Interlocking (2		
++	Railroads		
	Metrorail		

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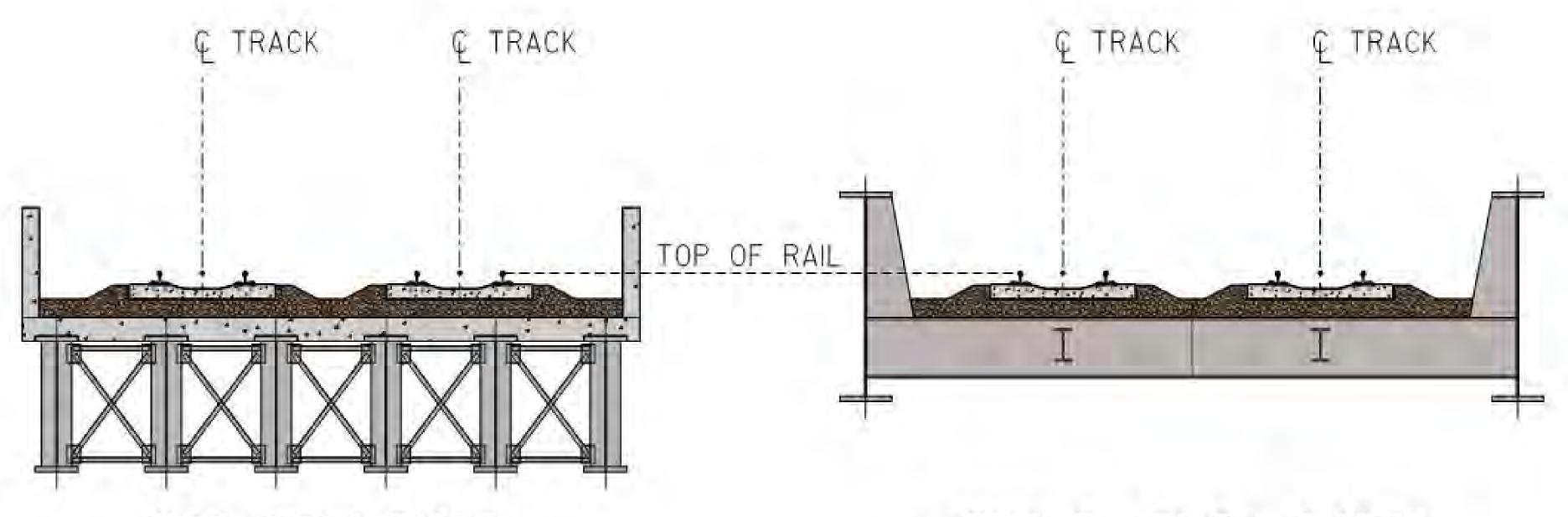


The No Action Alternative for the Long Bridge Project EIS consists of the existing transportation network, plus all projects within the Project Area that are predictable by the planning year of 2040

The No Action Alternative does not include the Long Bridge Project



# New Railroad Bridge Type Options



### STEEL DECK GIRDER

- > Consists of multiple steel I-shaped girders with a steel or bridge deck at the top of the girders
- Bridge type generally preferred when clearance below the structure is not an issue

## STEEL THROUGH GIRDER

> Consists of two main girders on the outsides of the bridge with smaller floorbeams spanning perpendicular to the main girders to support the transportation load, allowing for railways to pass "through" the girders

> Bridge type generally preferred when clearance below the structure is critical

## Steel through girder bridges & steel deck girder bridges

 Common railroad bridge structure types

 Allow for shallow structure depth over the Potomac River to retain existing vertical clearance over the navigation channel without significant increase to the bridge profile

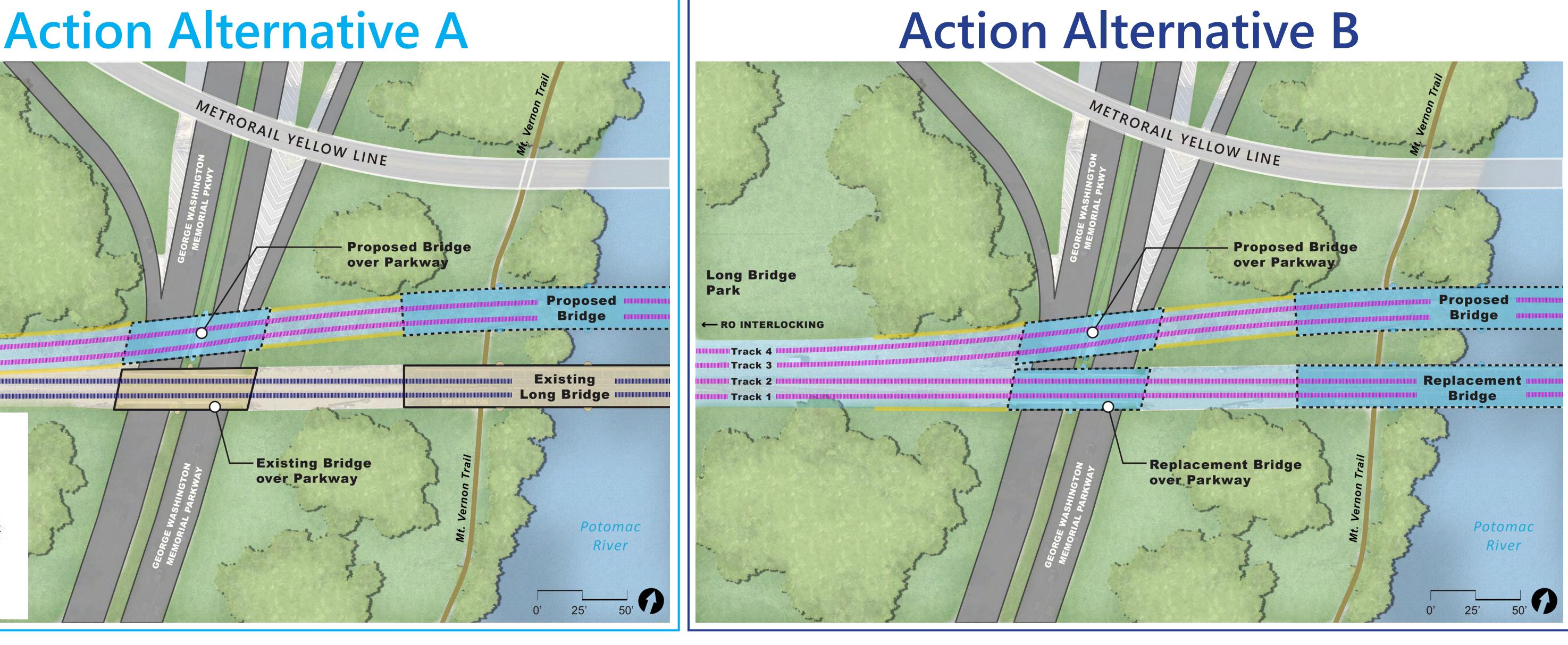


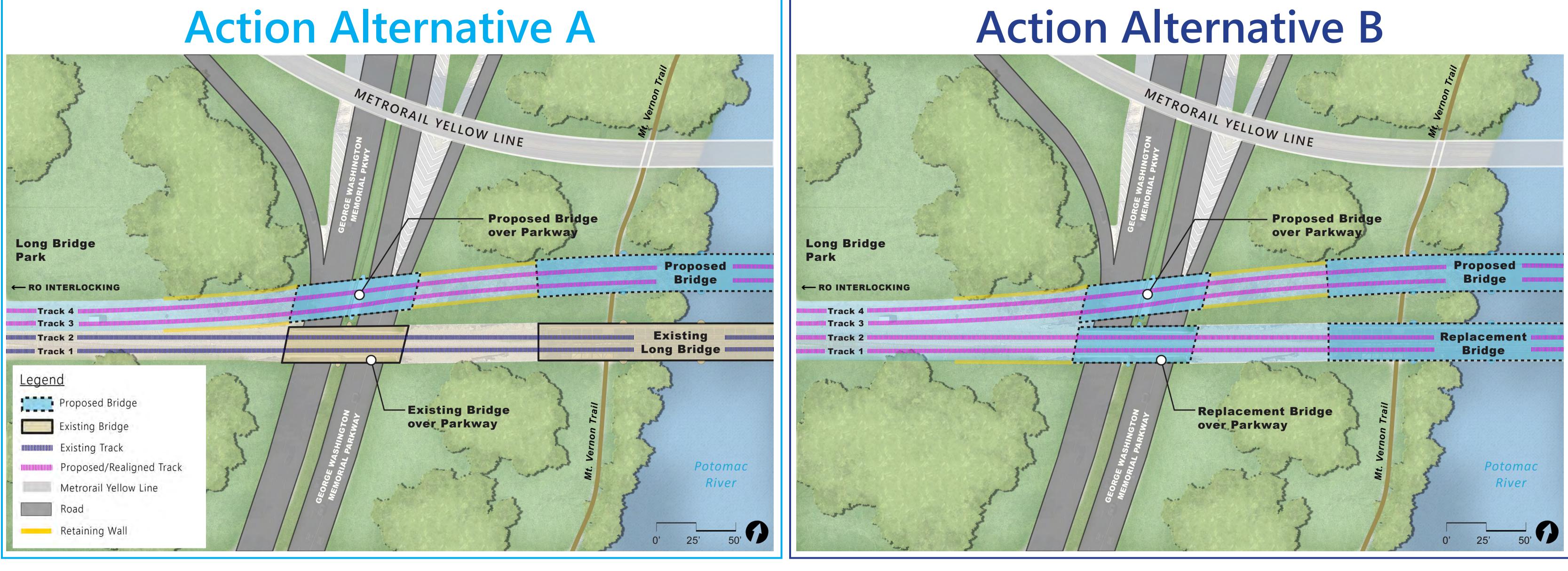
Standard types used by CSXT

More cost effective than other

structure types

# **Action Alternatives** Long Bridge Park to the George Washington Memorial Parkway





### Key Difference

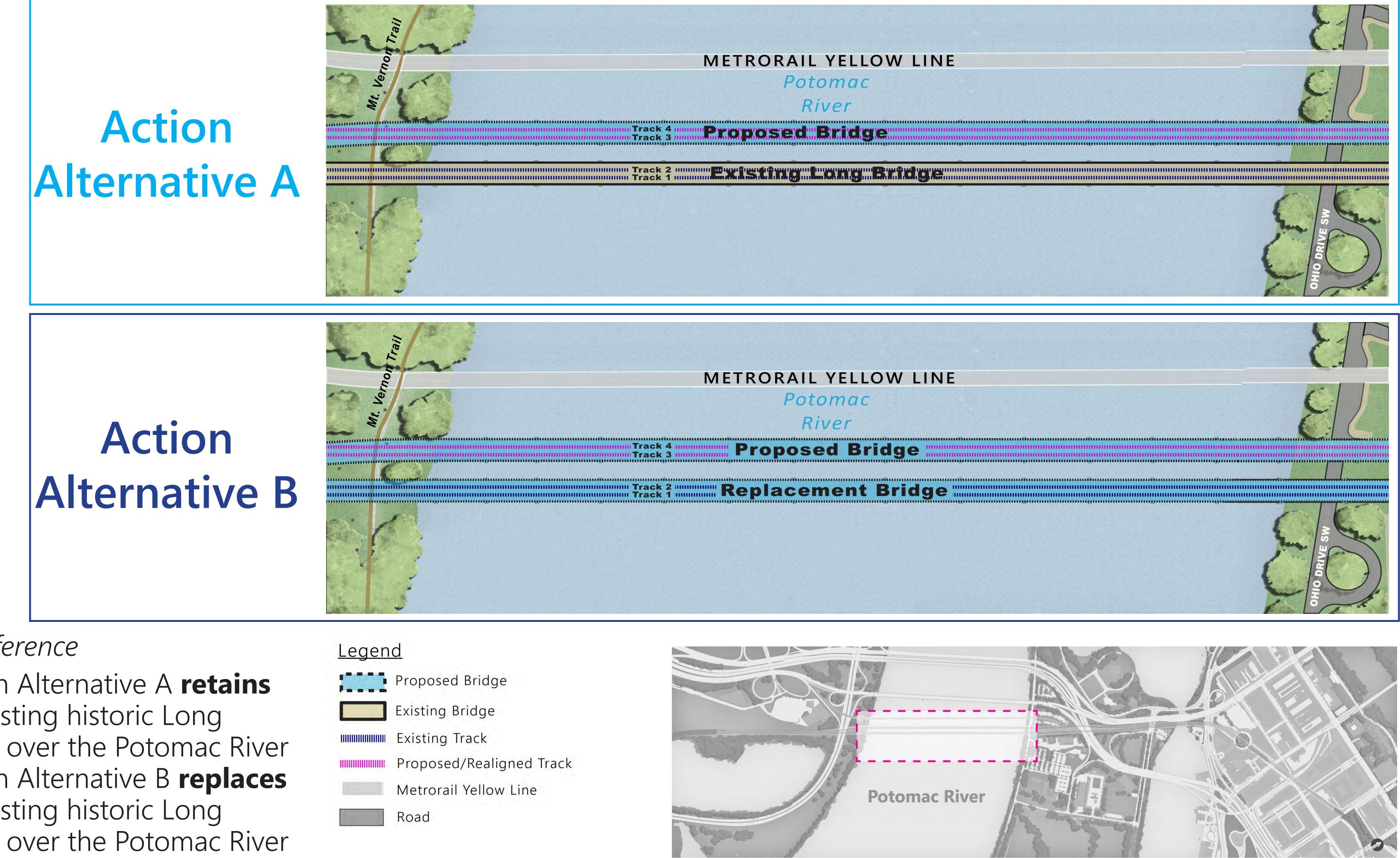
- Action Alternative A **retains** the existing historic railroad bridge
- over the George Washington Memorial Parkway

over the George Washington Memorial Parkway
Action Alternative B **replaces** the existing historic railroad bridge



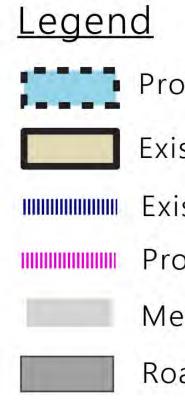


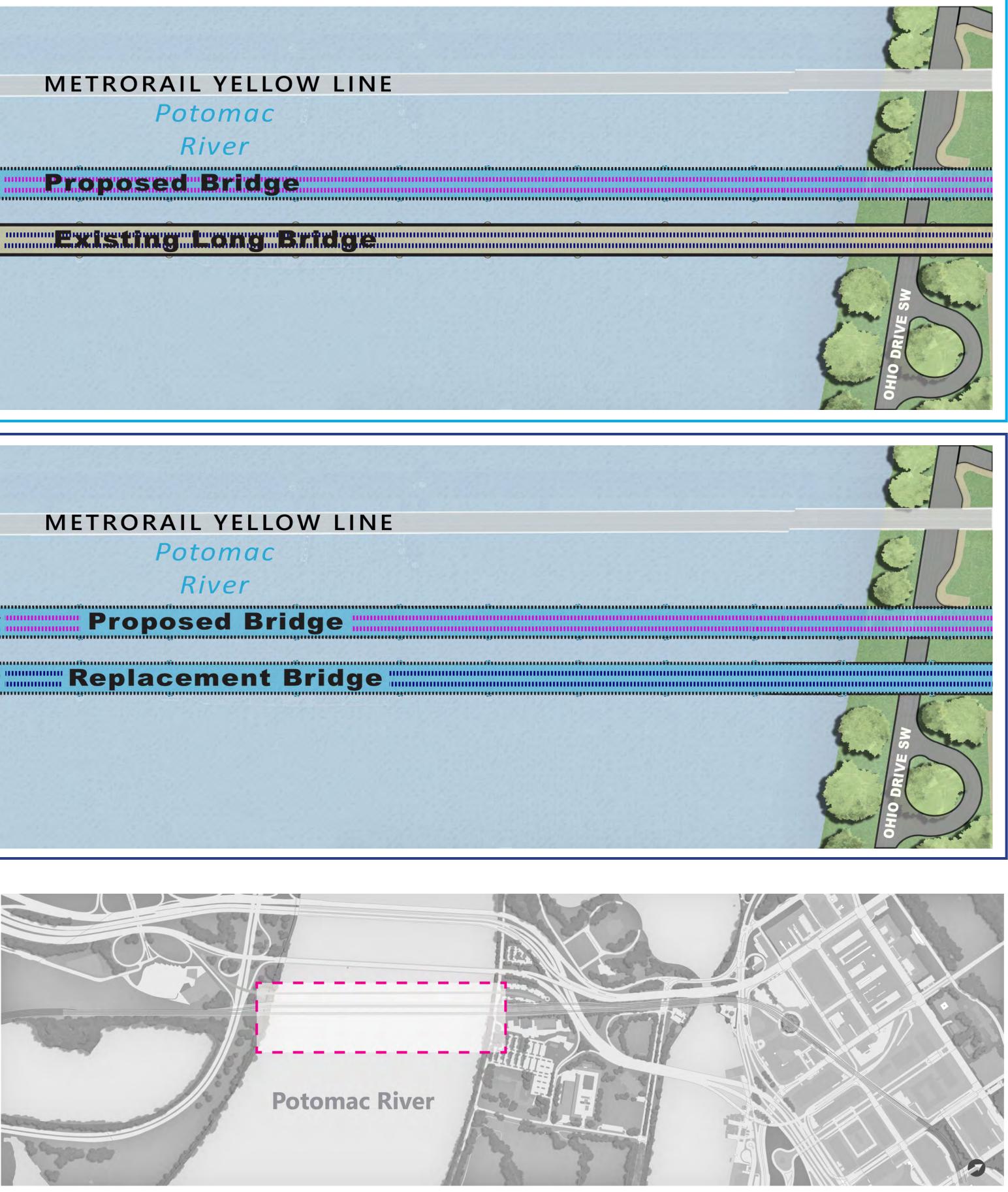
## **Action Alternatives** Spanning the Mount Vernon Trail and the Potomac River



## Key Difference

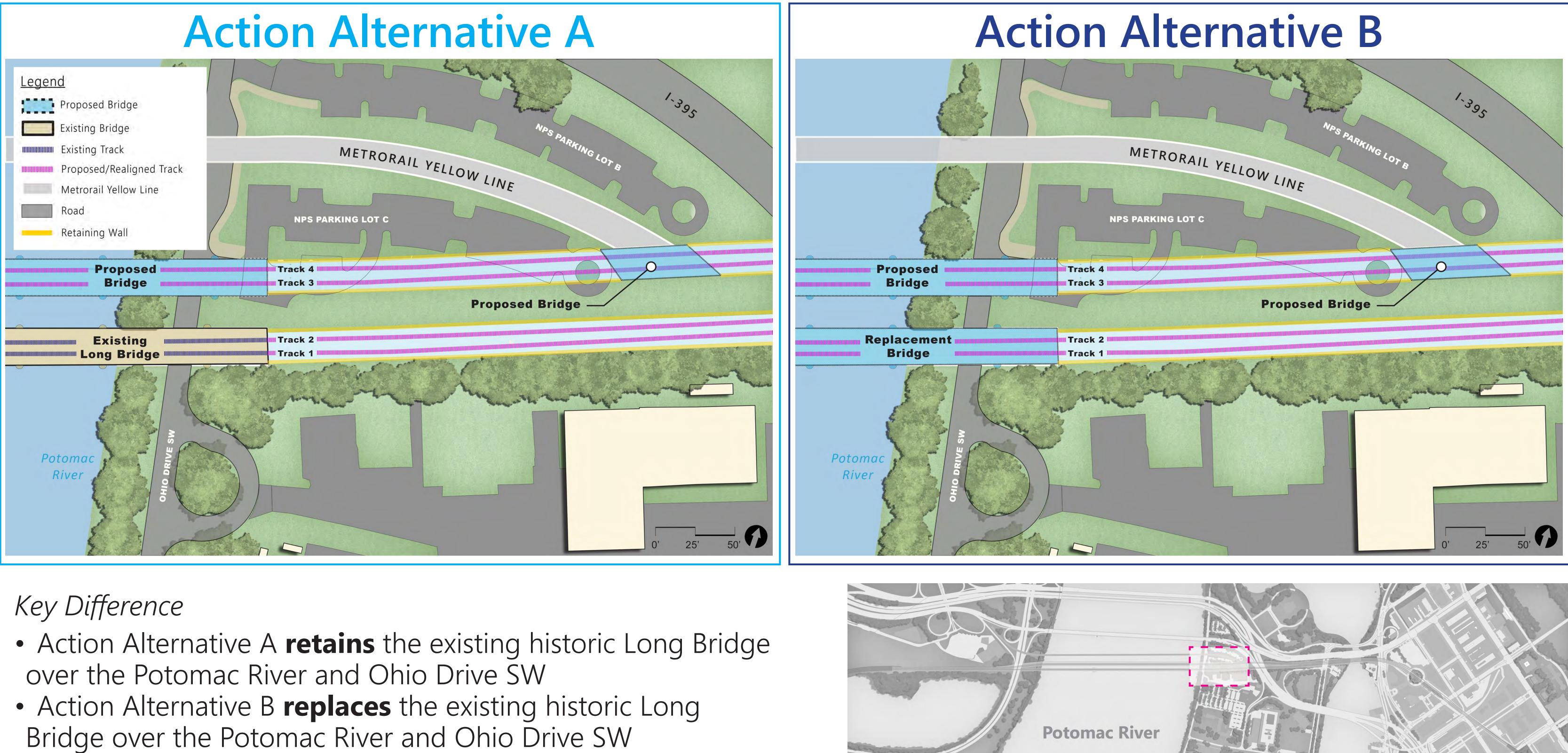
- Action Alternative A **retains** the existing historic Long Bridge over the Potomac River
- Action Alternative B **replaces** the existing historic Long Bridge over the Potomac River

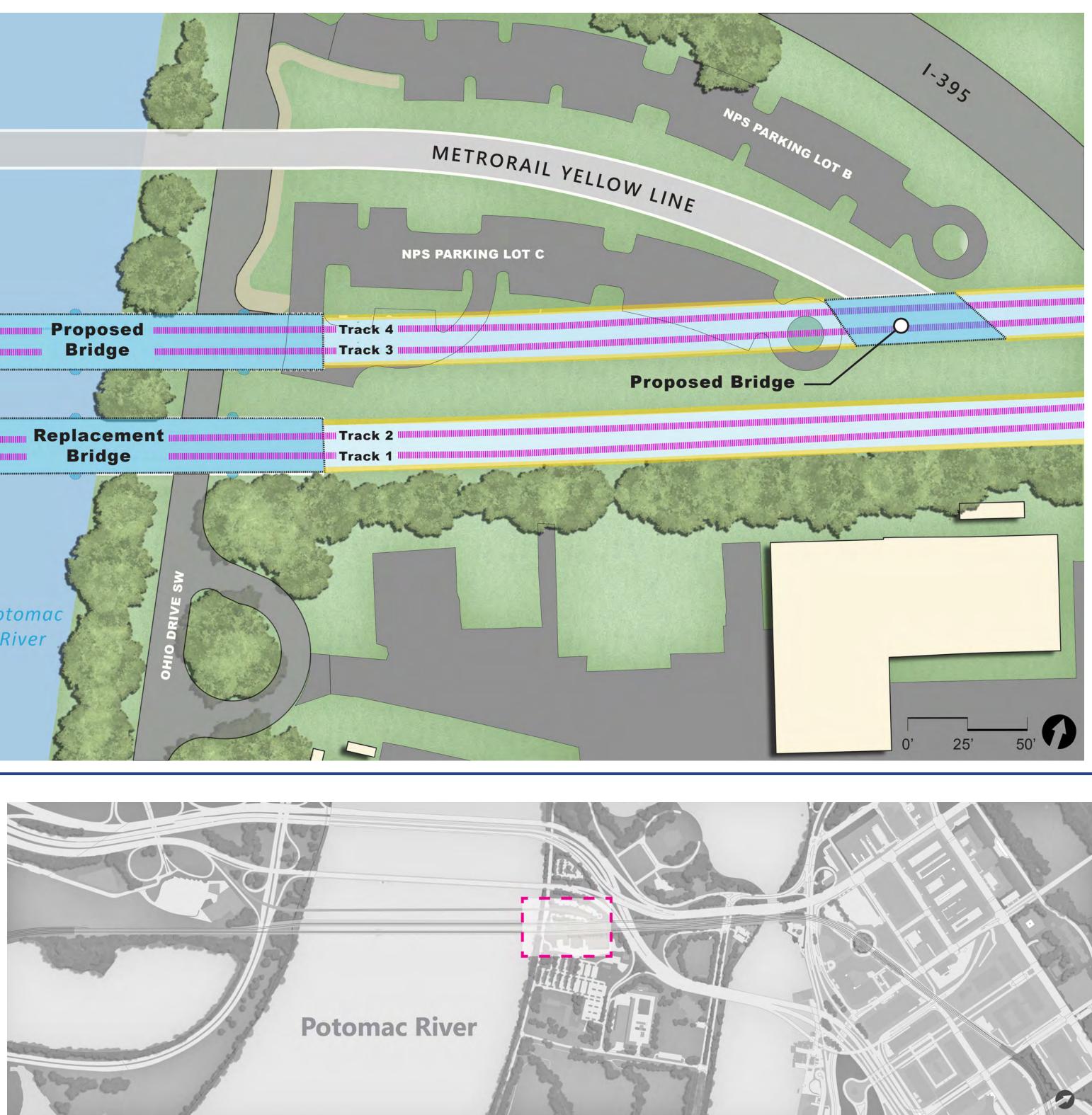






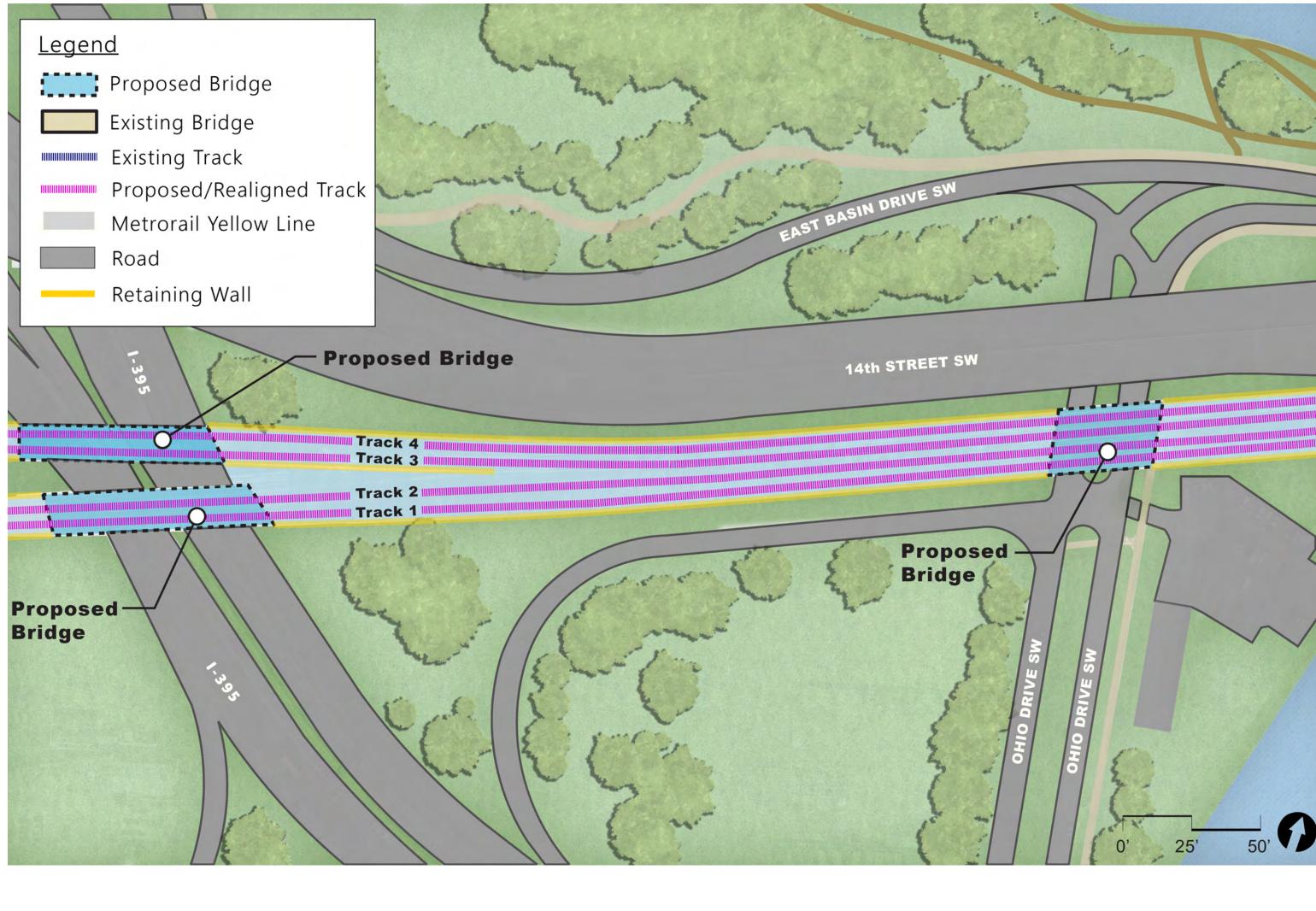
# **Action Alternatives** Ohio Drive SW and WMATA Metrorail Tunnel Portal







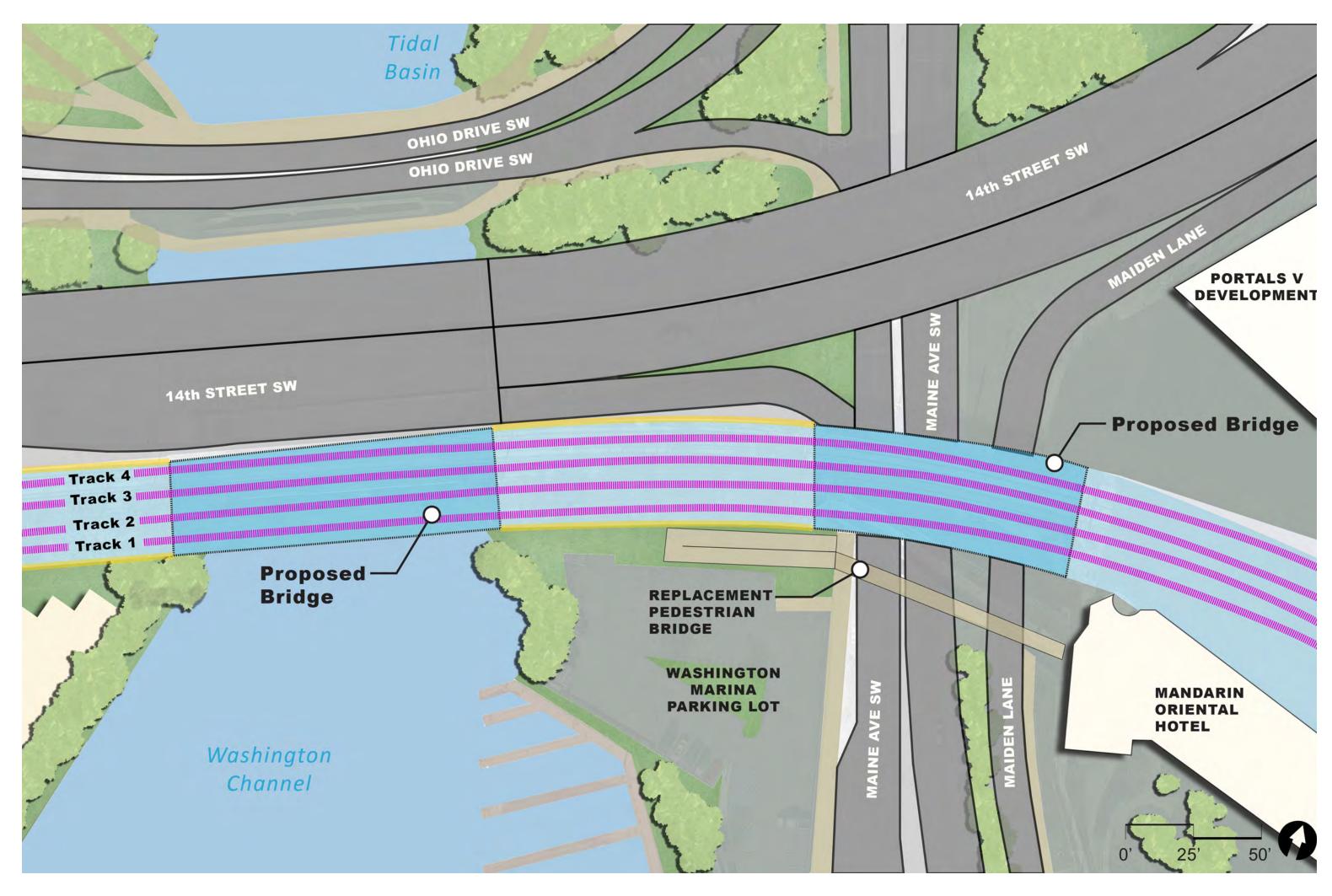
# **Action Alternatives**





# I-395 to Maine Avenue SW Action Alternatives A & B

> Design elements do not vary between the Action Alternatives in these segments of the Project corridor <

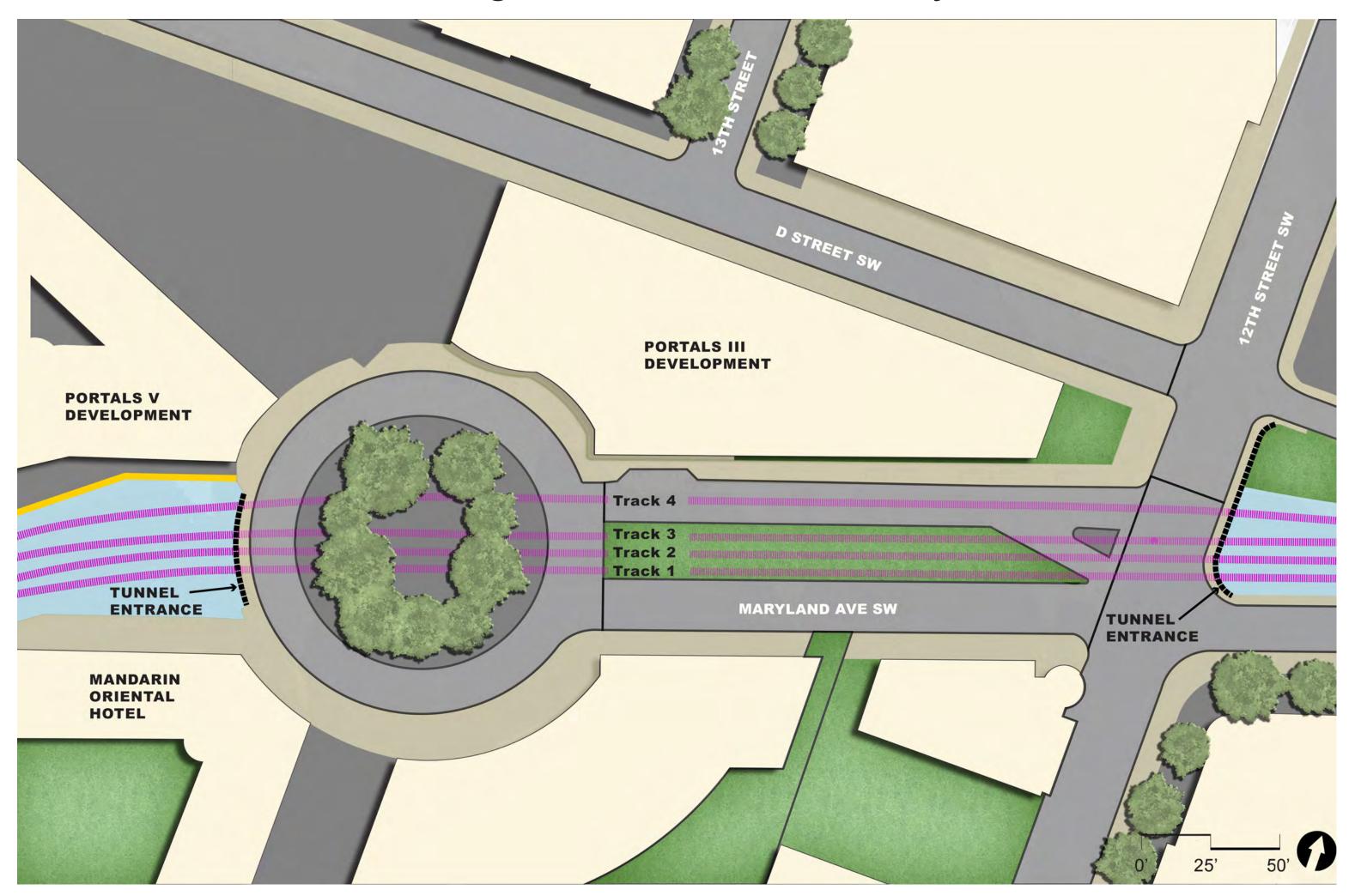




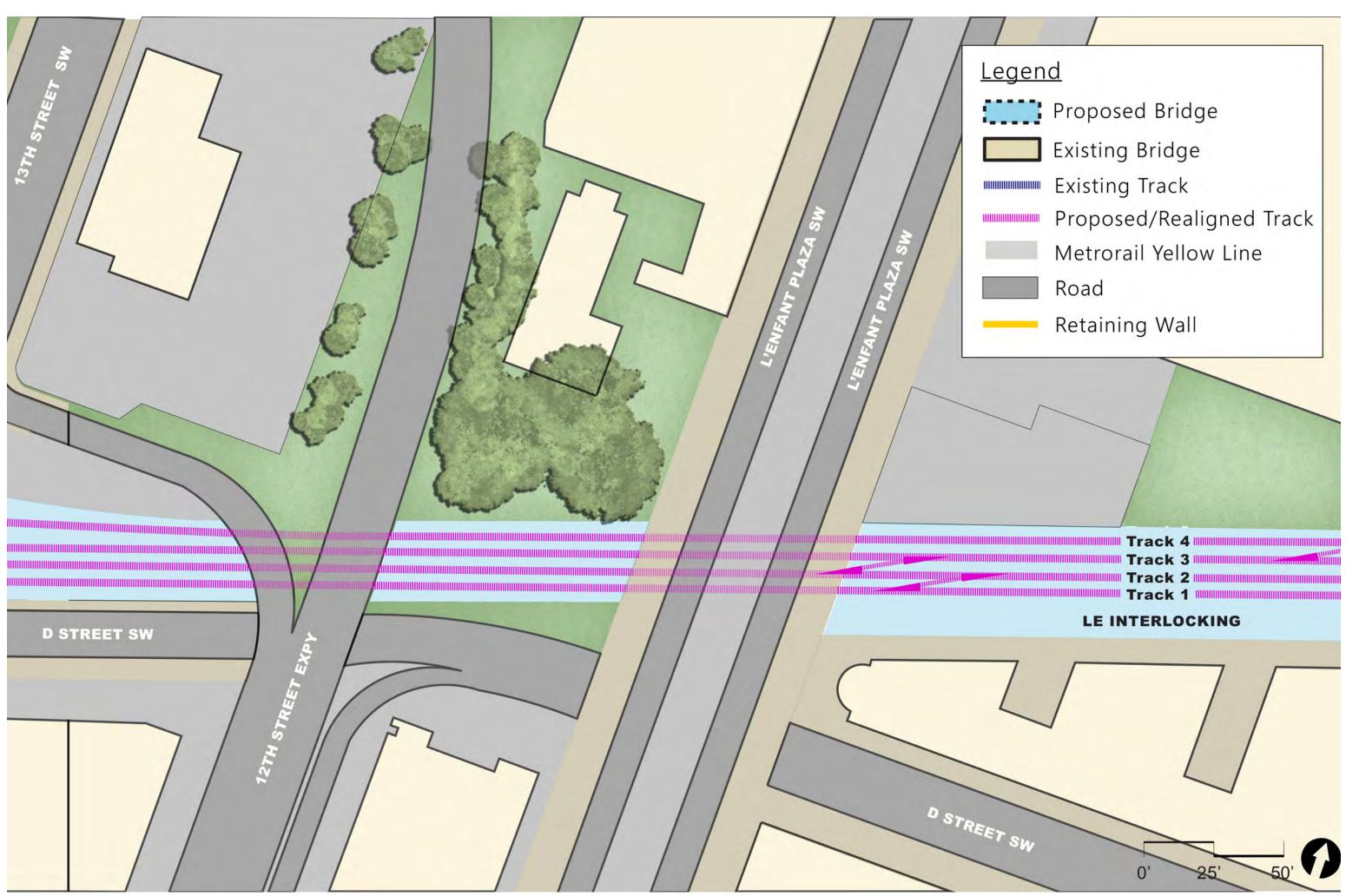


# **Action Alternatives** Maryland Avenue SW Overbuild to LE Interlocking Action Alternatives A & B

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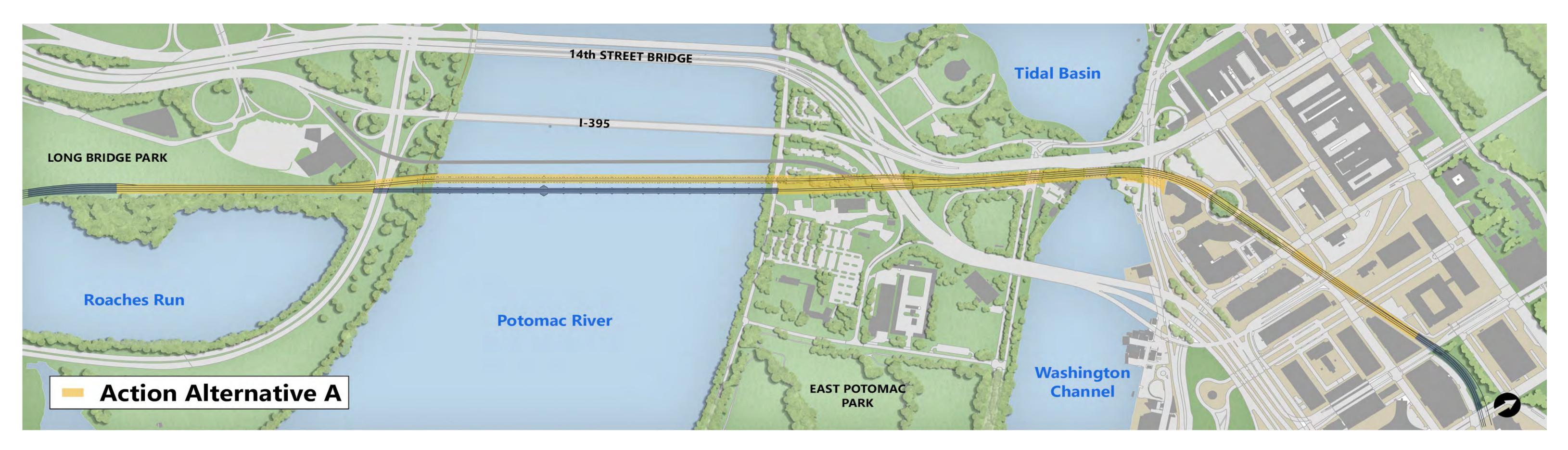




# **Selection of Preferred Alternative - Action Alternative A**

# FRA and DDOT have selected Action Alternative A as the Preferred Alternative

## Action Alternative A has a lower capital cost, shorter construction duration, and fewer impacts



- and the public on the Project to date

# • Both Action Alternatives support the Purpose and Need and provide the same anticipated benefits • Selection of the Preferred Alternative occurred after consideration of all comments from agencies





# **Comparison of Alternatives**

### **No Action** Alternative

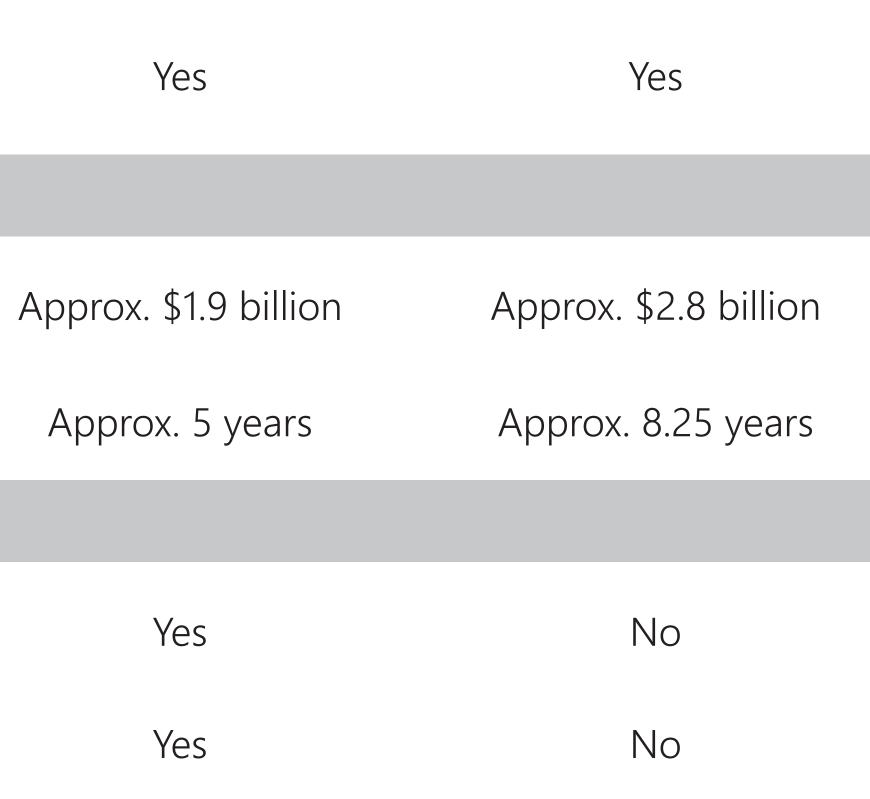
Support of Purpose and Need			
Increases capacity; facilities connectivity; and expands resiliency and redundancy	No		
<b>Capital Costs and Construction Duration</b>			
Capital Costs*			
Construction Duration			
<b>Differentiating Infrastructure Elements**</b>			
Existing railroad bridge over George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) retained	Yes		
Existing Long Bridge retained	Yes		

\*Approximate costs are based on conceptual engineering and subject to change as design advances. Costs in 2019 dollars. \*\*All other infrastructure elements are the same for Action Alternatives A and B.



### Action **Alternative A**

### Action **Alternative B**



Compared to Action Alternative A, Action Alternative B would have... > More permanent environmental impacts due to replacement of existing Long Bridge and the railroad bridge over the GWMP

longer)

> Greater Section 106 impacts due to replacement of existing historic bridges - Long Bridge and the railroad bridge over the GWMP

protected under Section 4(f) due to replacement of the existing historic bridges and greater Section 4(f) impacts to parks protected under Section 4(f) due to additional construction staging areas and wider right-of-way required in East Potomac Park > Greater temporary beneficial impact on jobs due to construction



> More temporary construction impacts due to demolition of existing bridges, construction of replacement bridges, and longer construction duration (up to 3.25 years

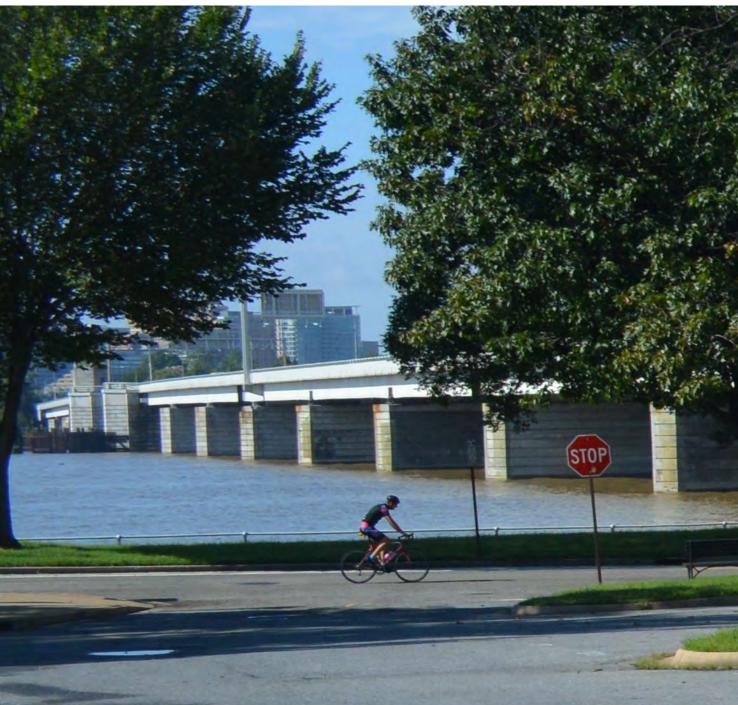
> Greater Section 4(f) impacts to historic properties

## **Bike-Pedestrian Crossing**





If constructed as part of the railroad bridge construction contract, construction would begin following completion of the railroad bridge because the space for the bike-pedestrian crossing is needed to deliver equipment and materials for the bridge construction. Construction would take approximately 2 additional years.

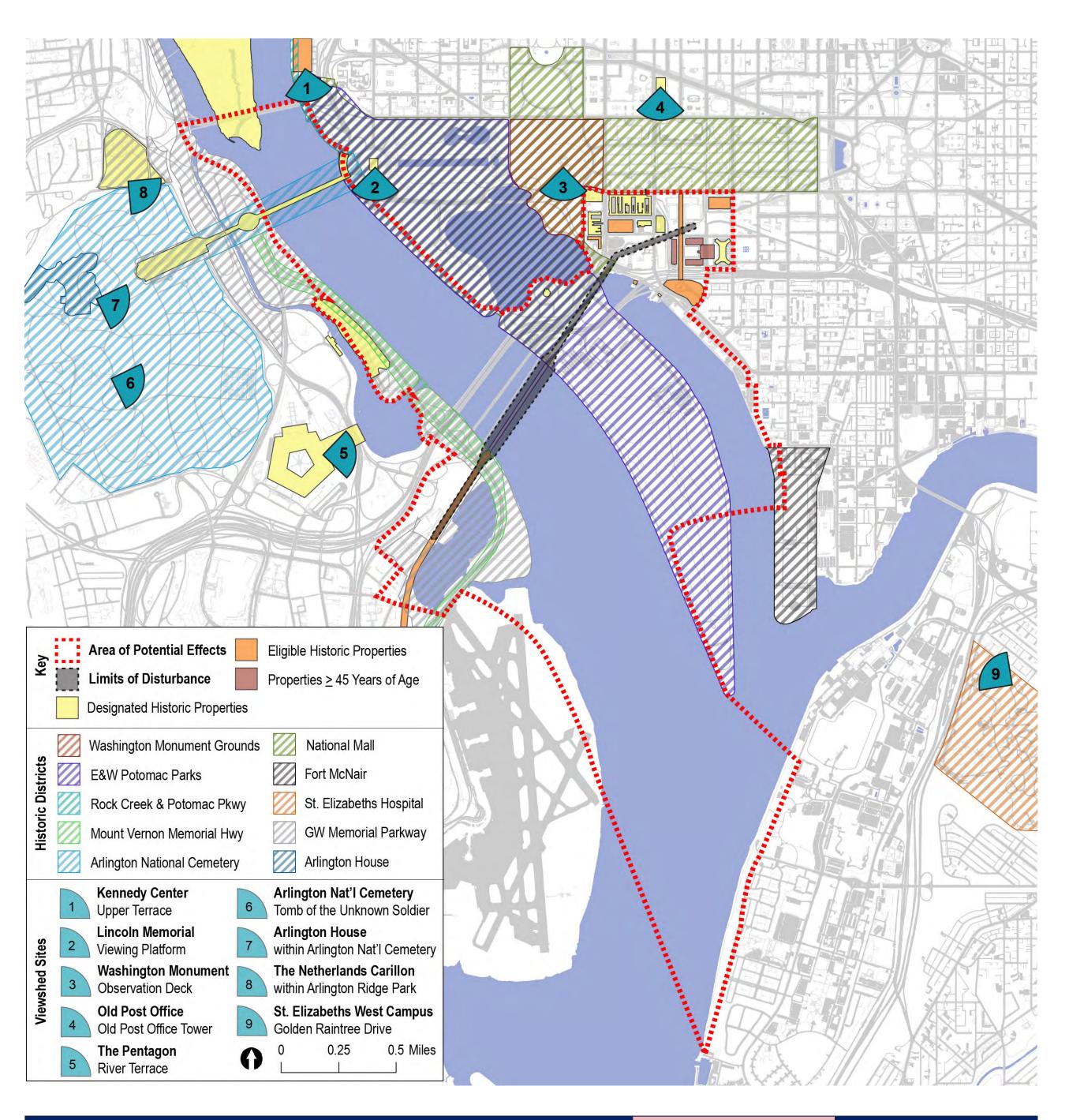




- New bike-pedestrian crossing proposed as mitigation for impacts to Section 4(f)protected resources
- Crossing would provide important connection within the regional trail system
- Crossing would link Long Bridge Park, Mount Vernon Trail, and East Potomac Park



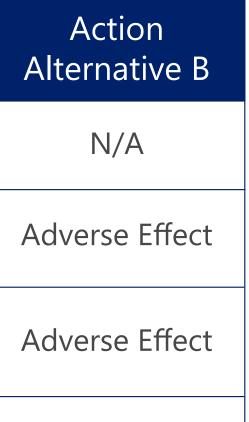
# Section 106 Summary of Adverse Effects & Resolutions



Historic Property	No Action Alternative	Action Alternative A
National Mall Historic District - <i>DC</i>	N/A	N/A
George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) - VA/DC	N/A	Adverse Effect
Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (MVMH) - <i>VA/DC</i>	N/A	Adverse Effect
East and West Potomac Parks - <i>VA/DC</i>	N/A	Adverse Effect

Historic Property	Adverse Effect	Minimization/Mitigation Measure
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks	Visual changes to views and viewsheds	Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks NAMA	Removal of contributing trees and vegetation	Tree Protection Plan Tree Restoration Plan Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
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Adverse Effect







### Appendix D: Public Meeting Presentation



### **Public Hearing**

### Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and Draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement October 22, 2019





U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration

#### **Project Overview**

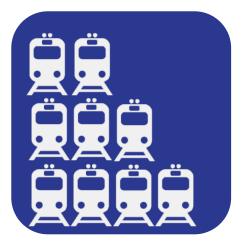




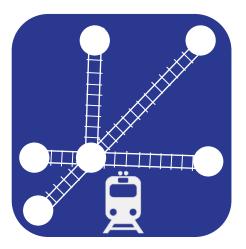
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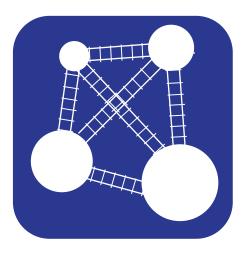
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Network Connectivity



Railroad Resiliency and Redundancy



#### No Action Alternative Planning Year 2040



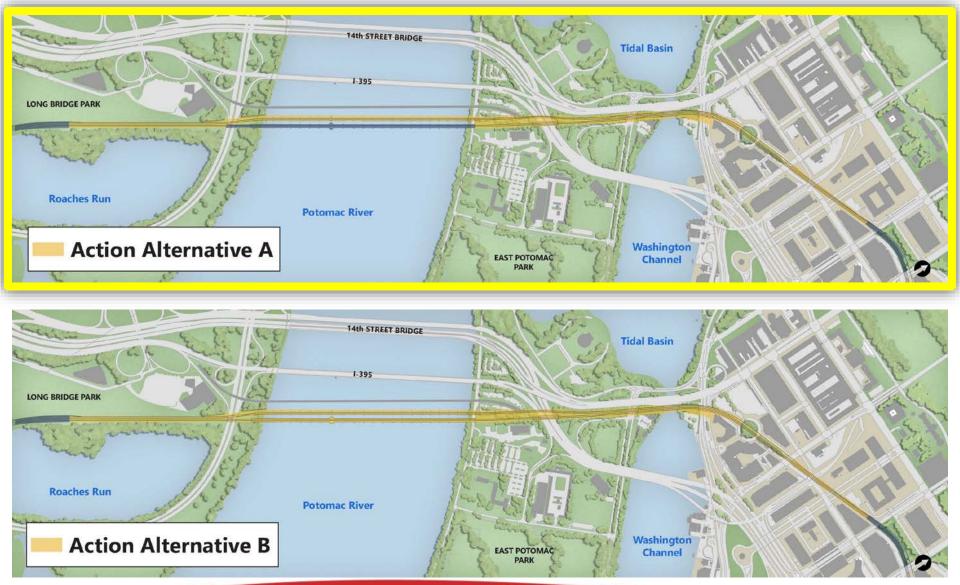


#### LEGEND

0	Boundary Channel Drive Interchange Redesign (2021)
0	Virginia Avenue Tunnel (2018)
0	L'Enfant North Storage Track (2018)
0	L'Enfant South Storage Track (2019)
0	L'Enfant Station Improvements (2024)
0	Interlocking
	Other Bridges
VRE	VRE Station
Μ	Metrorail Station
_	Long Bridge Corridor
	Study Area
	Fourth Track LE to VA locking (2023)
	Fourth Track AF to RO Interlocking (2025)
++	Railroads
	Metrorail
	e Layer Credits: public/GLUP apping Center, VHB

#### **Action Alternatives**





### **Bike-Pedestrian Crossing**

**Proposed Section 4(f) Mitigation** 





Independent structure upstream of the new railroad bridge spanning the Potomac River

#### **Temporary Construction Impacts**





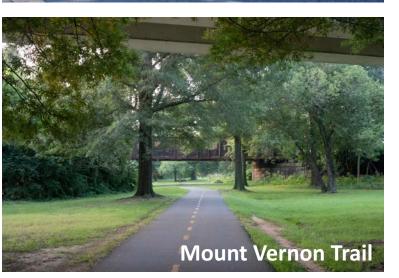
- Operational impacts to railroads, Metrorail, and roadways
- Impacts to parking lots
- Relocation of the Mount Vernon Trail
- Impacts to navigation
- Construction activities would exceed local daytime & nighttime noise limits
- Construction staging & access on parkland

#### **Permanent Impacts**





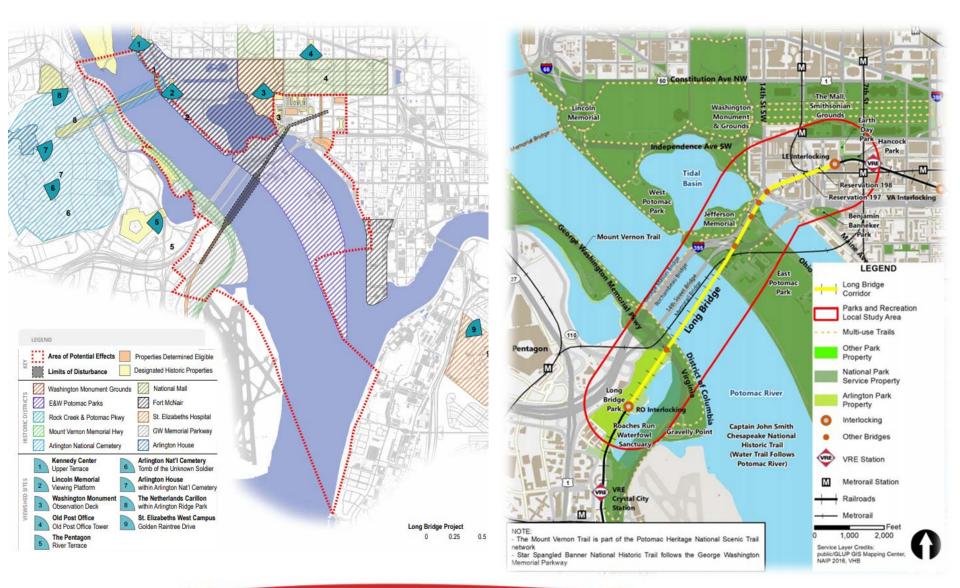




- Benefits to railroad operations
- Permanent impact to NPS Parking Lot C & Washington Marina parking
- Noise impacts at Long Bridge Park & Mandarin Oriental Hotel
- Conversion of park land to railroad use (approx. 3 acres)
- Removal of trees & mature vegetation
- Introduction of new elements into viewsheds

### Section 106 & Section 4(f)





### Section 106

#### **Summary of Potential Resolution**



Historic Property	Adverse Effect	Resolution
George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)/Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (MVMH) East and West Potomac Parks	Visual changes to views and viewsheds	Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA)	Removal of contributing trees and vegetation	Tree Protection Plan Tree Restoration Plan Design Review Viewshed Protection Plan Cultural Landscape Inventories
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GWMP/MVMH East and West Potomac Parks	New bridge would obstruct views of existing Long Bridge, diminishing visual integrity as a contributing structure	Interpretation Plan
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### **Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation**



#### Summary of Uses to Section 4(f) Resources in the Study Area

Section 4(f) Resource	Official with Jurisdiction	Resource Type	Action Alternative A (Preferred Alternative)	Action Alternative B
Long Bridge Park	Arlington County	Parkland	de minimis impact	de minimis impact
GWMP	NPS	Parkland	Use	Use
GWMP Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
MVMH Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
Mount Vernon Trail	NPS	Parkland	No use	No use
East Potomac Park	NPS	Parkland	Use	Use
East and West Potomac Parks Historic District	NPS	Historic Resource	Use	Use
Hancock Park	NPS	Parkland	No use	No use
Plan of the City of Washington	NPS	Historic Resource	No use	No use

#### **Next Steps**



**Environmental Impact Statement** 

October 28, 2019 Comments due on Draft EIS

#### Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Consider & respond to comments; Prepare Final EIS (FEIS); Prepare Record of Decision (ROD)

> Summer 2020 Release FEIS/ROD

**Section 106 Process** 

October 28, 2019 Comments due on Draft Programmatic Agreement

<u>Fall 2019 – Spring 2020</u> Revise Programmatic Agreement; Additional review by Signatories

> Spring 2020 Finalize & execute Programmatic Agreement

#### How to Comment on the Draft EIS, Draft PA, and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation



- Available for review at <u>www.longbridgeproject.com/DEIS</u>
  - Hard copies available at:
    - DDOT Library, 55 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003
    - Southwest Interim Library, 425 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
    - Aurora Hills Library, 735 18<sup>th</sup> Street South, Arlington, VA 22202
- Public comments accepted until October 28, 2019
  - At today's public hearing
  - Via email to info@longbridgeproject.com
  - Through the online comment form at <u>www.longbridgeproject.com</u>





### How to Comment at Today's Hearing

- Speak during the open public comment session:
  - Sign up to speak at the sign-in table
  - Limit comments to three minutes
  - Groups are requested to provide comments through one spokesperson
  - The stenographer will record all comments
  - Please begin by stating your name and organization, if any, for the record
  - FRA and DDOT will not be responding to questions today – responses will be provided in the Final EIS



- You may provide verbal comments to the stenographer at any time until the end of the meeting
- Please provide written comments using the comment form



## Thank You

For more information visit: longbridgeproject.com

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### Appendix E: Example of Comment Card

#### LONG BRIDGE PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING

Do you have any comments on the Long Bridge Project?

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### Appendix F: Example of Title VI Questionnaire

#### **GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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#### TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The District Department of Transportation is committed to providing all citizens, regardless of race, color, age, gender, or national origin, the opportunity to participate in and respond to transportation plans, programs, and activities that may affect their community. To help us make sure we are reaching our goal and maintaining compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all relevant federal and local nondiscrimination laws, we ask that you **voluntarily** complete the following information. DDOT's Title VI Coordinator will handle the information you provide with confidentiality. For more on DDOT's Title VI Program, please contact DDOT's Civil Rights Office at 202.671.2700 or <u>ddot.titlevi@dc.gov</u>.

#### Please print your responses:

Project/Meeting Name:				
Date (Month, Day, Year):				
Location of the Meeting (Address):				
Was this meeting held at a convenient time? Yes No				
If no, what time of day would be more convenient for you? 10am – 12pm 3pm – 5pm 6pm – 8pm				
How did you travel to get here today? (Please circle <u>all</u> that apply)				
Car Bus Metro Taxi / Uber Bicycle Walked Circulator Capitol Bikeshare Other				
How did you find out about this meeting? (Please circle <u>all</u> that apply)				
DDOT Website Project Website Listserv Blog Flier Newspaper Facebook Twitter Other				
Did you find the meeting location to be accessible? (Location, access to transportation and/or disability)				
Yes No (If no, please explain)				
Name: Gender (Please circle) Female Male				
Ward: Email: Zip Code:				
What is your race/ethnicity? (Please circle as many as apply)				
American Indian/Alaskan Native African-American Asian/Pacific Islander				
Caucasian Hispanic Other				
What is your age? (Please circle)				
Under 18 yrs. 18-24 yrs. 25-34 yrs. 35-44 yrs. 45-54 yrs. 55-64 yrs. 65-74 yrs. senior citizen				
What is your primary language spoken at home: (Please circle one)				
English Spanish French Amharic Chinese Korean Vietnamese				
Tagalog Other (please specify)				
Did you require special accommodations (ADA, language translation, etc): Yes No (If yes indicate type of accommodation provided)				
Were ADA features satisfactory? Yes No If no, please explain				
Were Language Access				
accommodations satisfactory? Yes No If no, please explain				

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Comments/Concerns regarding this meeting or the project:				