

**Summary of Field Review Comments**  
**Brookland Transportation & Landscape Study**  
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## **Transportation Comments**

### General:

- Speeding on 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been a concern. The side street approaches at the unsignalized intersections are controlled by stop signs. It appears from the traffic counts that 4-way stops are not warranted. Other traffic calming measures should be considered.
- There are existing bus shelters at various locations. These are standard shelters and do not include any seating. The report should include a recommendation to request that WMATA replace the shelters with “decorative” models including appropriate seating.
- One “Zip Car” and a “Flex Car” were observed on Monroe Street south of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Additional vehicles of this type can be recommended as a way to reduce the overall parking demand in the area.
- For locations where bulb out are being considered, intersection geometry should be tested for turning movement requirements of large vehicles.

### 1) 12<sup>th</sup> Street @ Monroe Street

- The presence of metro bus stops and associated operation may restrict our ability to install bulb outs (i.e., maneuverability and delays associated with buses having to re-enter the traffic stream after making a stop).
- The report should include recommendations for optimizing the signal timings at this intersection as well other signalized intersections in an effort to achieve maximum capacity.

### 2) 12<sup>th</sup> Street @ Newton Street

- Consider providing a designated “Loading Zone” to accommodate truck delivery. One possibility would be an area on the north side of Newton Street just west of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. During the field observations there was a large delivery truck parked on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street (i.e., southbound lane) within the no-parking zone, which obstructed the view of drivers traveling eastbound on Newton Street.
- Bulb outs should be considered on all corners of this intersection.
- The vacant lot east of the intersection on the north side of Newton Street (behind CVS) may be a possible area for providing off-street parking spaces. However, size and ownership information is needed to assess this possibility.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Street @ Otis Street

- An existing driveway located just north of the intersection on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street is not being utilized and, therefore, should be closed. The property (Gen ‘N’ Gear Motors) has other access facilities.

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- There is construction activity at 3730 12<sup>th</sup> Street (contractor: Coakly Williams Construction). It is desirable to determine the type and schedule of this development.
- Some sections of the sidewalks are in need of repair.
- This intersection might be a good candidate for bulb outs.

12<sup>th</sup> Street @ Quincy Street

- Bulb outs should be considered on all corners of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The parking lot located on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street just south of Quincy Street is currently underutilized. This lot, which is adjacent to Intergenerational Child and Adult Daycare (Brookland Senior Daycare Center), may present a possibility for providing additional off-street parking.

12<sup>th</sup> Street @ Michigan Avenue/Randolph Street

- The eastbound left-turn movement from Michigan Avenue to northbound 12<sup>th</sup> Street is currently prohibited. Vehicles desiring to travel in that direction use eastbound Randolph Street and turn left on to the northbound lanes of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- It might be possible to operate both intersections with one traffic signal. This scenario can be tested using the Synchro model.

Monroe Street @ 9<sup>th</sup> Street

- Bulb outs may be suitable on the west side of the intersection (at the bottom of the bridge) to narrow the width of Monroe Street.

**Landscaping Comments**

- Pedestrian-scale lighting fixtures are clearly needed for improved night-time illumination.
- There is an old call box on the west side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street south of Perry Street, which is not in use and has been designated as an historic item. It would be desirable to repaint the box and the post to improve its appearance.
- The existing tree planters should be replaced with features that are more attractive.
- Consider stamped concrete crosswalks at intersections along 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Rhode Island Avenue to Michigan Avenue. This would be a signature footprint for this “Main Street.”