



Summary of Public Comments on Pennsylvania Avenue Received during Public Involvement for the National Mall Plan

A Background Report for the Pennsylvania Avenue National
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BACKGROUND

In 2006 the National Park Service (NPS) began a planning process for the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site to develop a long-range vision for the use and management of these areas.* However, in 2009 the scope of the National Mall plan was revised to separate planning for the National Mall from that for Pennsylvania Avenue because the problems and concerns confronting the two areas are different. Now that the National Mall plan is nearing completion, planning for Pennsylvania Avenue has resumed, and an environmental assessment for this study area is now being developed.

As announced in the *Federal Register* on January 16, 2007 (72 FR 57190), comments that were received during public scoping and involvement for the National Mall plan and that pertain to Pennsylvania Avenue will be incorporated into the planning process for Pennsylvania Avenue. The purpose of this report is to summarize the public comments that have been received thus far. These past comments, along with future comments that will be submitted as the Pennsylvania Avenue planning process continues, will be used in the development and analysis of alternatives.

Four newsletters were published at strategic points during the planning process for the National Mall, as described below; that were intended to gather ideas and feedback from the public as the plan progressed.

- *Newsletter 1: Public Scoping (Fall 2006)* — This newsletter announced the joint planning process, summarized the purpose and significance of both the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site, and solicited public scoping comments about problems and concerns for both areas.
- *Newsletter 2: A Planning Update (Spring 2007)* — This newsletter summarized the range of scoping comments received as a result of newsletter 1.
- *Newsletter 3: Range of Alternatives (Fall/Winter 2007)* — A preliminary range of management alternatives was presented for the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue, including a no-action alternative plus three action alternatives. Public comments were requested.
- *Newsletter 4: A Preliminary Preferred Alternative (Winter 2009)* — This newsletter announced the intention of the National Park Service to revise the scope of the National Mall plan by separating out Pennsylvania Avenue as an independent environmental document. Therefore, the comments received on this newsletter did not relate to Pennsylvania Avenue and are not summarized in this report.

Following the public comment period on newsletters 1 and 3, the National Park Service produced public comment reports and made them available on the project website (www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan/). This current report synthesizes the information that specifically relates to Pennsylvania Avenue. Comments have been organized by newsletter and then by the theme they pertain to. This summary also includes sample quotes that represent the variety of feedback offered; they are reprinted exactly as written by the respondents, with the exception of changes made to correct spelling errors. Words in brackets ([]) indicate inserted words to clarify the meaning of a quote.

* When planning began in 2006, the Pennsylvania Avenue portion of the study area was referred to in legislation as Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Park, which was separate from Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. Recent congressional legislation has changed the name to Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. To reduce confusion for the purposes of this plan, Pennsylvania Avenue is used to refer to the revised study area, which encompasses sidewalks along Pennsylvania Avenue NW from 3rd Street to 15th Street, as well as plazas, commemorative statues, and memorial parks, such as the U.S. Navy Memorial, Pershing Park, Freedom Plaza, Indiana Plaza, the Mellon Fountain, and John Marshall Park. Previous questions and responses have been updated to reflect this change.

During the planning process for the National Mall plan, comments submitted after both newsletters 1 and 3 that pertained to Pennsylvania Avenue were overall similar in nature and tone. Both sets of comments offered important contributions, especially in terms of identifying the issues that the plan will address. These issues will guide future planning for Pennsylvania Avenue as alternatives are developed and analyzed.

Completing the Pennsylvania Avenue plan will require ongoing consultation and coordination with the many entities involved in planning and implementation. Therefore, this planning process will continue to emphasize open and inclusive communication to engage the public and to understand their desires and concerns. As planning continues, the park planning website will continue to be updated. To see these updates and to find more information on the project, please see www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan/. The public will also be notified through various means when the Pennsylvania Avenue plan / environmental assessment is available for public review. The National Park Service expects this public review process to begin by spring 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEWSLETTER 1

In October 2006 the National Park Service issued newsletter 1 to gather input from the public on what issues should be addressed for both the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. This feedback was incorporated into the development and analysis of alternatives. To help facilitate public input, the planning team developed 15 open-ended scoping questions for public comment. The following seven questions specifically related to Pennsylvania Avenue (see appendix A for all of the questions on the public comment form):

- What is *most important* to you about Pennsylvania Avenue?
- What, if any, improvements to the appearance of Pennsylvania Avenue are needed?
- What types and amount of facilities, if any, do visitors need in Pennsylvania Avenue? Where should they be located?
- What should Pennsylvania Avenue look like, or what streetscape character should it have?
- What programs, activities, educational, and recreational opportunities do you feel are appropriate for Pennsylvania Avenue?
- What kinds of information would help you get around more easily?
- Do you have any other comments you would like to share about Pennsylvania Avenue?

The public comment period for newsletter 1 extended from November 1, 2006, until March 16, 2007. During this period, 4,833 respondents posted comments online at the project website, while an additional 183 pieces of correspondence were sent via e-mail or in letter form, for a total of 5,016 pieces of correspondence. Of these, 4,039 pieces of correspondence were identified as a replication of a form letter by a stakeholder organization (National Parks Conservation Association) and pertained only to the National Mall. The remaining 977 pieces of correspondence were unique contributions or contained some unique aspect. From this correspondence, professional researchers extracted and coded a total of 2,964 comments. Of these comments, 63 (2.14%) pertained to Pennsylvania Avenue. The comments are summarized below by theme and were also printed in newsletter 2.

Public Comments

Comments submitted in response to newsletter 1 primarily involved themes related to services, design, public access, and identity.

Services

Comments requested services such as vendors, restrooms, maintenance, and information.

Sample Quotes:

Can we get rid of the street vendors? They really cheapen what should be a moving experience.

Ideally, exhibits at some point or points on the Avenue would provide information about the evolution of Pennsylvania Avenue over time and the various historical events that have occurred along the connection between the Capitol and the White House.

Replace broken trash cans with others that were specifically designed for Pennsylvania Avenue.

Fix the drinking fountains – they either run over or don't work!

Design

Certain comments addressed the desired appearance and urban design along the avenue.

Sample Quotes:

Retain and enhance history.

The most important point is that planning for the public space along Pennsylvania Avenue cannot be undertaken in isolation, separated from the larger land use and transportation considerations involving the adjacent areas.

The buildings on Penn Ave. need landscaping desperately!

If it is a park, it needs to be unified through design and purpose.

Pennsylvania Avenue should be furnished (in sidewalk lighting, benches, etc.) in a 19th/early 20th century theme.

Public Access and Safety

Public access comments related to physical and psychological barriers to admittance.

Sample Quotes:

About Pennsylvania Avenue, I have only one comment: public access is critical. Americans and foreign visitors need to see this part of the country as integrated into the land and the city, not as an insulated unit apart. Let people in close, and provide interpretive workers to help people understand what they're seeing.

It actually gives me the creeps to walk along there because I am afraid that if I do anything even remotely suspicious (what, I wouldn't know), a police officer will stop me (or god forbid, shoot me). It's very chilling to me, and I try to avoid going there with my kids – despite the nice views one gets of the White House. [EDITOR'S NOTE: Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House is outside the study area for this planning effort; the study area is defined in the footnote on page 1.]

The extremely large number of homeless people living on Pennsylvania Avenue [is] a national shame in so many ways. Can we get help from policing organizations to keep people from sleeping or camping on the Avenue while also referring or taking them to the many housing shelters in DC?

Pershing Park is greatly underutilized due to its design. It feels unsafe because of the degree of enclosure its design provides. It is a shelter for litter, vagrants and the homeless.

Identity

Comments in this category reflected a lack of awareness of Pennsylvania Avenue as a National Historic Site.

Sample Quotes:

While Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] is a name commonly used by National Park Service employees, I doubt many of the public, tourists and residents are aware of what it actually represents.

Maybe signage explaining that this is Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site].

It doesn't really feel like a park to me.

I am unfamiliar with this park — cannot answer.

Feedback from Stakeholder Organizations

In addition to the comments received from the general public that were posted online and sent via e-mail and regular mail, letters from five stakeholder organizations were also received as comments on newsletter 1. The Downtown D.C. Business Improvement District (BID) was the only organization that submitted comments specifically relating to Pennsylvania Avenue. This organization is a property tax-funded nonprofit that works to revitalize and maintain the District's traditional downtown. Comments that related to Pennsylvania Avenue are as follows:

- **Integration:** [The] D.C. Office of Planning and the Downtown BID currently are working on a Center City Action Agenda that projects major growth in three sub areas near Downtown and the National Mall. It is imperative that planning for the National Mall and the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] proceed with this in mind.
- **Transportation and Accessibility:** Integration of National Mall transportation into the District and regional transportation network; more careful management of Tour Bus Parking; a system of way finding signage for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians should be integrated with that for the rest of the city; pedestrian and bicycle safety — in particular, Pennsylvania Avenue can be hazardous for pedestrians to cross.
- **Partnerships:** We encourage NPS to bring the same level of collaboration to its National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] partnerships as it has with other projects.

NEWSLETTER 3

The purpose of newsletter 3, which was issued in the fall/winter of 2007, was to gather feedback on the range of preliminary alternatives for the future management of the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue. The planning team developed 21 topic areas to encourage open-ended comments on this range of alternatives. Respondents were encouraged to mix and match ideas and to present new ideas that were not mentioned in the alternatives. Topic areas 19-21 solicited comments specific to Pennsylvania Avenue (see appendix B for all of the public comment form questions):

Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] is our national main street, where we celebrate the peaceful transfer of power in Inaugural Parades. Its parks, sidewalks, and open spaces commemorate events and offer opportunities for a lively urban environment. Each of the alternatives describes choices that lead to a different future for this grand avenue. This is your time to tell us how you would combine ideas.

Please answer the following:

19. What ideas need to be included in a preferred alternative to make it just right? These ideas can be your own or from the sets of ideas in this workbook. Please identify specific ideas from the sets of ideas that you would like to include. It would be helpful if you provide reasons why you think specific ideas should be included.
20. What ideas should not be included in a preferred alternative? Why? Please share your ideas or identify specific ideas from the sets of ideas.
21. Is there anything else you'd like to share?

These topic areas and questions were made available on the planning website at www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan as announced in newsletter 3. The public comment period lasted from December 15, 2007, to February 15, 2008. Comments could be submitted through the website, as well as through e-mail and regular mail. During the course of the comment period, 17,758 comments were received by means of the National Mall website, e-mail, mail, or fax. Of these, over 13,830 comments were submitted as e-mail variations of form letters pertaining specifically to First Amendment rights, along with 2,622 faxes pertaining to the First Amendment. Subsequently, the National Park Service updated the plan website and pro-

duced an interpretive brochure to reflect and reinforce the NPS commitment to First Amendment rights, as based on the Constitution and reaffirmed in legal decisions over the years. It is very important to note that there will be no restrictions or limitations of any kind on First Amendment demonstrations on Pennsylvania Avenue as a result of the forthcoming plan.

Public Comments

Most of the ideas set forth by those who responded to questions specifically about Pennsylvania Avenue reinforced the feedback given during the public scoping comment period for newsletter 1. Respondents underscored the importance of treating Pennsylvania Avenue as a separate entity from the National Mall. Both the function and character of this corridor were stressed. Because of considerable overlap, the responses for these three questions were combined for analysis purposes under the following themes.

Design

Many comments addressed general aesthetic and design considerations for Pennsylvania Avenue, such as landscaping, shade structures, and fountains. Others offered design recommendations for specific locations along the avenue, such as Freedom Plaza and Pershing Park.

Sample Quotes:

Any way that can be devised to moderate the hostility of the FBI building to the street and passersby would be a huge plus. Murals, pavilions, a shallow fountain, anything would help.

Redesign Pershing Park; retain the memorials, but add small commercial kiosks (bike rental, flower stand, newsstand). Keep the tree boxes, but don't go overboard; there is no need for game tables, flower baskets, and flower pots.

Freedom Plaza is unusable 5 months out of the year because it is too exposed to the sun — change it by adding trees or a sun canopy. Keep the Temperance Union statue on Pennsylvania Ave. — it is a unique and beautiful part of history.

Something needs to be done about Freedom Plaza. It can be quite hot in the summer and cold and windy in the winter. It needs trees and less concrete.

Include improvements to John Marshall Park, Mellon Fountain, Constitution Avenue Triangle, Indiana Plaza, Freedom Plaza and Pershing Park. Our specific recommendations, on which we would be glad to partner: John Marshall Park — To be rehabilitated in cooperation with the John Marshall Society and enlivened with programming in cooperation with the John Marshall Society and the park's neighbors, the Canadian Embassy to the west and the judiciary to the east. Indiana Plaza — To be rehabilitated in cooperation with the Indiana Society. Freedom Plaza — In addition to accommodating a future national memorial, to be improved as a prime site for some First Amendment and other events. The plaza is sun-baked in the summer, and shade alternatives should be considered, while preserving the Capitol vista. Pershing Park — To be redesigned with small commercial kiosks and as a programmable event space, in keeping with the ambience of the adjacent Willard Hotel and surrounding historic buildings. The water feature must be repaired, if not redesigned. The skating rink should be considered for removal, given the current, excellent rink at the National Gallery of Art nearby.

This stretch of Penn Ave is not a place where people hang out. It's loud, it's full of traffic. The existing parks are nice and they have trees and benches. The NPS should not sink its already limited funding into improving something that does not need to be improved.

On Pennsylvania Avenue, with even a slightly greater allocation of funds for actual maintenance, light fixtures could be painted and missing parts replaced, tree grates could be returned after cutting back the center area as the trees grow, as the grates were designed to have happen, bricks could be reset (and fewer would need to be replaced with non-matching bricks), replacement trees when actually

planted (none have been replanted in front of the National Archives) could be the same caliber as those originally planted, lawns could be kept up, weeds could be pulled, light globes could be replaced with those of the same style, light ballasts could be replaced, light bulbs could be replaced on a more frequent schedule, fountains could be maintained, not to mention the mundane such as grass being cut and watered when needed. Today, the condition of the avenue is a disgrace.

Amenities and Services

Respondents offered suggestions with respect to the amenities and services available to visitors, residents, and office workers who use the avenue.

Sample Quotes:

Until more is done south of Independence Avenue, visitors will migrate north from the Mall. Pennsylvania Avenue is the best place to provide more services for them — as well as for the greatly increased number of office workers in the area. Here the Old Post Office should be re-thought — as well as some of the spaces in and around the Reagan building.

There should be more amenities along the street, particularly after 5 PM.

Add a dog park off Penn Ave for the Penn Quarter residents. Can be as simple as a fenced-off area at Marshall Park in front of the Canadian Embassy. We have no green space in the neighborhood — and this central meeting place will work for many.

We recommend including or improving commercial food service wherever NPS would deem appropriate.

Space for art, fairs and activities, entertainment and markets. Add small stands. Provide skateboard park at a location.

Plan further animation of Pennsylvania Avenue with first-floor retail businesses, sidewalk cafes, kiosks, street furniture, and the like.

As for the Pennsylvania Ave National Historic [Site], I'd like to see Alternative C with new pocket gardens, combined with Alternative B that envisions a colorful lively urban street. This would bring additional pedestrian traffic and life to the corridor.

Pennsylvania Avenue is an urban street. It is not a park in the traditional sense. It should be enhanced as such. Pennsylvania Avenue should be a colorful, lively urban street, with space for additional commemoration, public art, cultural fairs / activities, public entertainment, and markets. It should connect with the “downtown” of D.C. Sidewalks and furnishings should be expanded to include items such as newsstands, foodcarts, tables/chairs, and seasonal banners. Urban recreation and enjoyment should be emphasized. Activities, and educational programs, and waysides should showcase the diversity of civic activities, along with temporary exhibits and permanent works of public art. Keep the “Actions Common to All Alternatives.” Sidewalk cafes and community activities should be encouraged. Install automated public toilets.

Resource Protection

There was some discussion in public comments about the protection of historic resources as it relates to skateboarding, stormwater management, and other factors.

Sample Quotes:

The Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site]’s defining characteristic is the street corridor. To allow ceremonial events and civic activities, Pennsylvania Avenue is a notably wide street with exceptionally wide sidewalks. While it is important to ensure that important ceremonial and civic activities can continue on Pennsylvania Avenue, it is equally important to realize that this excess

capacity, while ideal for inaugural parades and other events, is unused the vast majority of the year. Most of the time — despite business development on Pennsylvania Avenue and in surrounding neighborhoods — much of the capacity of the wide street and sidewalks is unused. During these times, this excess capacity continues to produce stormwater runoff, which enters the combined sewer system and contributes to overflows into local waterways.

There is no need for game tables, flower baskets, and flower pots. Keep maintenance low. While a laudable goal to protect historic resources, a skateboard park developed at another location to provide a challenging alternative recreational venue might not be sufficient. Use subtle anti-skate board design.

Indiana Plaza is an integral part of Pennsylvania Avenue and is a beautiful plaza. It is, however, degraded by skateboarders and the homeless. Since we cannot expect the National Park Service to constantly monitor the Plaza, might I suggest an inexpensive method of preserving it. If dividers were installed along key surfaces — and the five yards length of low wall outside the Argentine Naval Commission's building on Indiana Avenue would be key — skateboarders might be dissuaded from using the Plaza as a Mecca.

Public Access, Circulation and Safety

Comments in this category involved concerns for safety at night, the quality of the pedestrian environment, and other issues such as public transportation and public access for First Amendment demonstrations.

Sample Quotes:

I think it is important to give some attention to Pennsylvania Avenue National Historical Park, especially improved pedestrian links and some landscape improvements.

As it is currently configured, Pennsylvania Avenue is much too wide for existing traffic volumes. A reduced width would make the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor more conducive to bicycle traffic and improve the overall pedestrian experience. I think this will make the mall a slower, more biker/pedestrian friendly place for locals and tourists to enjoy.

Improve pedestrian safety on Pennsylvania Ave. Reduce auto travel lanes and add bike lanes.

Please let's put a stop to Pennsylvania Avenue as a corridor for tour bus parking.

Pennsylvania Avenue has become a hazardous area for pedestrians. It is wide, relatively dark and busy with vehicular traffic. We suggest design improvements to promote pedestrian safety, including improving lighting.

Streetcars! Streetcars! Streetcars!

Dividers on the benches on Indiana Plaza would discourage the homeless from sleeping there and preventing tourists and neighbors from sitting there.

Please be sure that whatever plan you develop does not restrict freedom of political and civic expression through demonstrations in this important public space.

Planning Recommendations

Other comments suggested the need to separate Pennsylvania Avenue out from the National Mall plan and to ensure that planning is coordinated with other agencies and in relation to issues beyond the plan area.

Sample Quotes:

Although we understand that both the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National [Historic Site] fall within the NPS's National Mall & Memorial Parks unit, we strongly recommend that the NPS separate the planning efforts for these unique and distinct resources. Given the public's familiarity with and substantial interest in the National Mall, we are concerned that planning for Pennsylvania Avenue will be underserved or overlooked in dual-purpose discussions. The National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue each deserve a focused effort that takes into account the resources' specific, character-defining features and uses.

Pennsylvania Avenue [National Historic Site] has a different history and function from the National Mall and needs a separate and focused approach as well as public meetings dedicated to its future. This avenue, unlike the park setting of the Mall, is a busy urban boulevard that serves multiple functions from federal ceremonial use to everyday city activity.

The most important point is that planning for the public space along Pennsylvania Avenue (the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] for which comments are being requested) cannot be undertaken in isolation, separated from the larger land use and transportation considerations involving the adjacent areas (the Downtown area to the north and the Federal Triangle to the south). The National Park Service needs to view the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor as a whole and acknowledge the critical role of the immediate adjacent areas, and the role of other federal and District agencies and the private sector.

Identity

Similar to comments on newsletter 1, a comment in this category suggested that there is a lack of identity for Pennsylvania Avenue as a national historic site.

Sample Quotes:

The designation "Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Park" is little known and can be confused with "Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site." I would go with one or the other designation and have the area include the larger area included in Pennsylvania Avenue NHS. This park should have a better interpretive scheme (a wayside exhibit on each block?) and a small visitor center (probably in the Old Post Office). The visitor center could have exhibits and a bookstore focused on the history of the avenue and adjacent blocks (particularly the Federal Triangle) and could be the starting point for walking tours.

Feedback from Stakeholder Organizations

The respondent pool also included stakeholder organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, Committee of 100 on the Federal City, East Coast Greenway Alliance, Equal Honor for All, Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington DC, National Coalition to Save Our Mall, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Potomac Valley Track Club, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, and Washington Area Bicyclist Association. Comments and sample quotes from these stakeholders were integrated into the "Public Comments" discussion.

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC COMMENT FORM — NEWSLETTER 1

We would like to know what you think. Please help us by answering the following questions. Please identify which question listed below that you are commenting on by listing the question number on the Public Comment Page.

The National Mall (1–8), and Pennsylvania Ave NH[S] (9–15)

1. What is *most important* to you about the National Mall?
2. What, if any, improvements to the appearance of the National Mall are needed?
3. What types and amount of facilities do visitors need? Where should they be located?
4. What should visitor facilities and sidewalk furnishings look like, or what character should they have?
5. What programs, activities, educational, and recreational opportunities do you want on the National Mall?
6. What kinds of information would help you get around more easily
7. What kinds of events and recreational opportunities do you feel can be accommodated in addition to First Amendment demonstrations and open public access?
8. Do you have any other comments you would like to share about the National Mall?
9. What is *most important* to you about Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site]?
10. What, if any, improvements to the appearance of Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site] are needed?
11. What types and amount of facilities, if any, do visitors need in Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site]? Where should they be located?
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Making a Public Comment on the National Mall & Memorial Parks National Mall Plan. The Park maintains a comment collection site on the National Park Service Park Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website. If you wish to review questions and leave comments to these questions it will assist us in doing a better job in reaching our goals. Follow the link below to take you to the specific site for this plan.

APPENDIX B: PUBLIC COMMENT FORM — NEWSLETTER 3

We would like to know what you think. You are providing comments on a website for the National Mall plan. Comments provided in this manner can be analyzed efficiently and cost effectively. The National Park Service appreciates your participation and continued interest in the National Mall plan.

The alternative choices in this workbook *can be combined in different ways*. Help us explore how to combine them in what you consider the best way. The purpose of your response to these questions is to help define a preferred future for both the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic [Site]. Public comment helped to define the alternative choices in this workbook newsletter, and the National Park Service and its cooperating agencies will use your responses as they begin to develop a preferred alternative. Please answer questions for each area and use the last space to share any additional comments.

THE NATIONAL MALL

The National Mall is a designed historic landscape, home of presidential and other memorials, the site of First Amendment demonstrations and national celebrations as well as numerous events. It is the location of great cultural institutions of our nation. It must continue to preserve historic resources and be the civic stage for our nation, as well as provide for some level of enjoyment and recreation. Each of the alternatives describes choices that lead to different futures for the National Mall.

There are many needs and opportunities to balance, and this is your time to tell us how you would combine ideas to achieve an ideal balance.

Please answer the following:

What alternative choices for each area should be included in a preferred alternative to make it just right? These ideas can be your own or from the choices listed in this workbook. Please identify specific ideas from the alternative choices that you would like to include. It would be helpful if you provide reasons why you think specific ideas should be included.

1. Union Square (Capitol Reflecting Pool and Grant Memorial)
2. Mall (3rd to 14th)
3. Washington Monument Grounds
4. World War II Memorial
5. Constitution Gardens
6. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Grounds
7. Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool
8. Northwest area and Riverfront
9. Korean War Veterans Memorial
10. DC War Memorial
11. Ash Road, JFK Hockey Fields, and U.S. Park Police Stables
12. Tidal Basin Area
13. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
14. George Mason Memorial
15. Thomas Jefferson Memorial

16. Were there any other ideas that could be applied to all areas you feel should be in a preferred alternative, such as those addressing wayfinding, education, events and visitor facilities? Please provide reasons why these ideas should be included?
17. What ideas should not be included in a preferred alternative? Why? Please share your ideas or identify specific ideas from the alternative choices.
18. Is there anything else you'd like to share?

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NATIONAL HISTORIC [SITE]

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Thank you.

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