

## Draft Alternatives Matrix — The National Mall

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<b>PARKWIDE ACTIONS</b>						
<b>1. OVERALL CONCEPT</b> The National Mall is a completed work of civic art — a historic open space with planned views that provide the setting for memorials, many of them symbols of democracy, and a setting to showcase federal buildings and branches of government, as well as the great cultural institutions of our nation. The National Mall accommodates First Amendment demonstrations, special events, and national celebrations.						
1.1 Vision Emphasis	The park purposes are sometimes contradictory — preserving historic resources, providing for public enjoyment, and accommodating First Amendment demonstrations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This alternative outlines existing conditions and serves as a baseline against which to measure the action alternatives.</li> </ul>	<div style="font-size: 4em; opacity: 0.3; position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%); pointer-events: none;">Draft</div> <div style="position: relative; height: 100px;"> <span style="position: absolute; top: 10%; left: 10%;">A ←</span> <span style="position: absolute; top: 45%; left: 10%;">A ←</span> <span style="position: absolute; top: 80%; left: 10%;">A ←</span> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This alternative concept would restore and maintain the resources of the National Mall as a historic landscape. Under this concept the designed historic landscape would evolve and its value over time would change, reflecting significant national events.</li> <li>Contemporary uses would be accommodated while respecting the planned historic character and visions of the L'Enfant and McMillan plans.</li> <li>The National Park Service would ensure timeless and enduring high-quality design, as well as the highest facility maintenance standards, to create a sense of place that would reinforce the civic, historic, and symbolic role of the National Mall to our nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This alternative would improve the National Mall as the premier civic space for our nation and would support very high use levels. The evolving ceremonial, celebratory, cultural, and visitor uses of this national civic space would be emphasized. Diverse peoples would be welcomed through multilingual educational opportunities, and the needs of large groups (including those arriving by tour bus), demonstrators, and event participants would be met.</li> <li>Some areas would be redesigned to provide a more sustainable civic forum and a stage for First Amendment demonstrations and other events.</li> <li>The National Park Service would ensure timeless and enduring high-quality design, as well as the highest facility maintenance standards, to create a sense of place that would reinforce the civic, historic, and symbolic role of the National Mall to our nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This alternative would meet evolving recreational needs in the nation's capital by providing beautiful, enjoyable, and ecologically sustainable open spaces that would adapt to changing recreational patterns of diverse local and national users. This concept would contribute to healthy lifestyles, healthy parks, and healthy, more sustainable cities.</li> <li>Recreational activities would be expanded by redesigning some areas, increasing recreation rentals (boating, skating, bicycles), adding playgrounds, and emphasizing connections to the recreational and enjoyment opportunities in East Potomac Park, the Georgetown Waterfront, and Rock Creek Park, as well as the Southwest Waterfront.</li> <li>The National Park Service would ensure timeless and enduring high-quality design, as well as the highest facility maintenance standards, to create a sense of place that would reinforce the civic, historic, and symbolic role of the National Mall to our nation.</li> </ul>
<b>2. CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>						
2.1 Memorials and Other Cultural Resources	The National Mall is the site of a number of memorials, some of them well-known symbols of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve memorials, related statuary, and places of commemoration.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>

Ecological sustainability needs to be incorporated, keep recreational opportunities that exist. There are many ways to enjoy the space, recreate and exercise. Keep the existing facilities and maintain them better. If the Mall is a 'completed work of civic art' it probably does not need to be a sports/play destination.

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	our nation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage resources in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and general recommendations of historic structure reports.</li> <li>Consult with the historic preservation officer in accordance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to preserve, restore, adaptively reuse, rehabilitate, or remove other cultural resources (see specific areas).</li> </ul>	→			
2.2 Historic Landscape	Areas with integrity of existing plant materials exist, including portions of Union Square, the Mall, the Lincoln Memorial, the Tidal Basin, and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Landscape health and appearance are deteriorating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage the historic landscape in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes and general recommendations of cultural landscape reports and cultural landscape inventories.</li> <li>Maintain landscape health and conditions at current levels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the Tidal Basin as a complete, integral landscape - study and treat as a whole, not in pieces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar to the no-action alternative, but improve landscape health and appearance, and implement general recommendations from historic structure and cultural landscape reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as alternative A.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as alternative A.</li> </ul>
2.3 Historic Views and Vistas	Primary views (spatial organization and land patterns) were defined in historic landmark plans. The view from the White House to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial is somewhat obscured by trees on the northeast side of the Tidal Basin. Events on the Mall can sometimes obstruct the view between the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain planned views within the historic landscape.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>treat as a whole, not in pieces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect and maintain historic views to ensure they are not obscured, even during events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect and maintain planned views within the historic landscape.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as alternative B.</li> </ul>
2.4 Future Memorial Sites	The 2001 Memorials and Museums Master Plan by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPCC) identifies sites for future memorials in the study area, but outside the Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Watergate area (see line 23) could accommodate six memorials — the Constitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodate future memorials in locations outside the Reserve. Participate in the memorial process to ensure that historic views, character, and plans are respected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define more clearly how/when do 'events' obscure views - and for how much of the year? Is this really a problem?</li> <li>agree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>

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	Avenue belvedere, a gateway site, two sites along Constitution Avenue, and two sites along Rock Creek Parkway.					
<b>3. NATURAL RESOURCES</b>						
3.1 Water Quality	Water quality issues affect most water features; changes in water chemistry have resulted in algae growth; some pools and ornamental fountains lack proper circulation systems; and the Tidal Basin does not flush as intended.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to address algae growth in designed water features.</li> </ul>	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve water resources by rehabilitating some water features, installing circulation systems, and taking advantage of current technology, maintenance techniques, and upgraded equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative, plus               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek environmentally sound, natural ways to improve water quality.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.2 Flooding in the Monumental Core	<p>Flooding in the Monumental Core occurs from Potomac River over-bank flooding, urban drainage flooding (stormwater management), and tidal surges.</p> <p>A flood control levee system is designed, operated, and inspected annually by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After Hurricane Katrina, the Corps changed requirements for the levee. Funding for levee improvements has been sought since 2000.</p> <p>The Corps and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have redefined the 100-year floodplain.</p> <p>Heavy rains can overwhelm the urban drainage system, and the city sewer system needs capital improvements.</p> <p>The National Capital Planning Commission has the lead in coordinating a comprehensive approach to flood prevention and control. Buildings in low-lying areas near submerged streams may require dewatering. Dewatering and its impact on urban drainage flooding will be examined by the commission and the city.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the flood control system, to erect temporary flood barriers, and to comprehensively examine and address permanent solutions to hydrology and flood control.</li> <li>Work with the Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the city as needed.</li> <li>Help implement NCPC/DC plans for comprehensive flood prevention and control as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>C - But be cautious about the visual impact of 'rain gardens'. Such places should be out of historic view areas so as not to change the historic visual character.</p> <p>Also need to be carefully integrated into the overall general 'flatness' of the central space of the Mall.</p> <p>Maybe better suited to areas already 'out of the way'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative, plus               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek a long-term solution based on results of engineering studies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative, plus               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop sustainable approaches to address urban drainage flooding. In conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, DC agencies, and others.</li> <li>Develop stormwater management structure(s) to mitigate urban drainage flooding.</li> <li>Explore potential collection and storage of water from subsurface drainage / dewatering activities and re-use for irrigation purposes.</li> <li>Explore stormwater retention for urban drainage flooding (Constitution Gardens Lake) as well as rain gardens.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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3.3 Soils and Vegetation	<p>About half of the nearly 600 acres within the National Mall were constructed on tidal flats. Imported soils have often been of poor quality. Additionally, soil compaction from high levels of use affects tree root systems and hardens turf areas. Social trails adjacent to designated walkways or water edges destroy turf and further compact soils.</p> <p>Public comments indicate that the snow fencing used to protect turf areas undergoing rest and rehabilitation are out of character with the desired appearance for the National Mall. Turf recovery periods are scheduled during the winter every two years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage soils and vegetation health; maintain appearance at current levels.</li> <li>• Undertake demonstration projects to explore and document various methods of improving turf conditions.</li> <li>• Continue consultation and demonstration areas for best turf management practices.</li> </ul>	<p><i>B+</i> an alt. to snow fencing as written in C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative, plus:</li> <li>• Improve soil conditions and/or replace soils to reduce effects from compaction.</li> <li>• Protect trees and plants from social trails.</li> <li>• Implement the most successful turf management practices.</li> </ul> <p>Develop an attractive, durable fence system (in lieu of snow fencing) to protect areas during rehabilitation and restoration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to alternative A plus</li> <li>• Seek ways to reduce the physical impact of events, such as compaction and erosion within the Mall elm tree panels and around the Tidal Basin cherry trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as alternative B, plus</li> <li>• Revise rehabilitation and recovery periods so that smaller areas are set aside more frequently and broader public access is maintained. Develop means other than snow fencing to protect areas during rest and rehabilitation periods (such as the "red flag" system and related signs used in New York City's Central Park).</li> </ul>
3.4 Wildlife	<p>Urban wildlife is present, along with less frequently seen fox and deer. Visitors have complained about Canada geese droppings. There are a few listed threatened or endangered species.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue regional coordination with other national park system units and the city on urban wildlife issues.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
3.5 Air Quality	<p>Urban air quality is impacted by vehicular exhaust.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take no additional management actions. Better air quality will result from improved technology (e.g., cleaner cars).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
3.6 Sound	<p>Urban sounds, such as traffic and airplane noise, are audible in all areas. Water features may mask noise to some degree.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take no additional management actions; existing conditions would continue.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
3.7 Effects of Climate Change	<p>There is little that park managers can do to prevent global climate change, which could affect temperature, rainfall, and sea level; however, they can take some steps to mitigate its impact. A 3-meter rise in sea levels could affect many areas in the park. Increased storm severity could result in tidal surges that inundate more park areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess potentially affected areas and risks for sea level rise; consider strategies to mitigate impacts.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative, plus</li> <li>• Consider raising the height of the seawalls.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as alternative A, plus</li> <li>• Develop a natural shoreline.</li> <li>• Determine the park's carbon footprint (estimated through the Climate Leadership in Parks program).</li> <li>• Reduce greenhouse gases by 18% by 2012.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>4. THE CIVIC STAGE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS</b>  According to the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 7.96(g)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term "demonstrations" includes demonstrations, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services and all other like forms of conduct which involve the communication or expression of views or grievances, engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which has the effect, intent or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers. This term does not include casual park use by visitors or tourists which does not have an intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.</li> <li>The term "special events" includes sports events, pageants, celebrations, historical reenactments, regattas, entertainments, exhibitions, parades, fairs, festivals and similar events (including such events presented by the National Park Service), which are not demonstrations under the previous definition, and which are engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which has the effect, intent or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers. This term also does not include casual park use by visitors or tourists which does not have an intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.</li> <li>The term "national celebration events" means the annually recurring special events regularly scheduled by the National Capital Region, including the . . . the Fourth of July celebration, Festival of American Folklife, Columbus Day Commemorative Wreath-Laying, and Inaugural ceremonies.</li> </ul>						
<p>4.1 Demonstrations (First Amendment)</p> <p>(NOTE: Language related to demonstrations and events has also been included in the areas most frequently used for these purposes.)</p>	<p>Demonstrations are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and in accordance with federal regulations (36 CFR 7.96).</p> <p>Demonstrations of 25 people or fewer do not require a permit. Demonstration permits can be extended beyond 21 days unless a site has already been reserved. The Turf Management Program record of decision continues to apply to the Mall area (3rd Street to 14th Street).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with the First Amendment and federal regulations, continue to fully accommodate demonstrations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Draft</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative, plus</li> <li>Provide highly visible venues better designed for high levels of use, offering support infrastructure (electrical power, Internet and media connections) and durable surfacing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as alternative B.</li> </ul>
<p>4.2 Regulations</p>	<p>Regulations for demonstrations and special events on the National Mall are codified at 36 CFR 7.96. Federal courts have ruled that reasonable regulations relating to time, place, and manner for events are appropriate. Demonstrations of 25 people or fewer do not require a permit; all special events require a permit.</p> <p>Special events are to be for no more than 21 days, including setup and takedown time. This provision has not been enforced. Best management practices indicate that time and other limits on events are common, and 21 days is the most common, reasonable limit. The Turf Management Program record of decision continues to apply to the Mall area (3rd Street to 14th Street).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with the First Amendment and federal regulations, continue to improve NCR events permitting procedures to better protect resources and to reduce soil, turf, and vegetation impacts.</li> <li>Consistent with the First Amendment and federal regulations, better enforce and monitor events and demonstrations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Draft</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as the no-action alternative plus</li> <li>Provide sufficient staff to monitor and oversee events and demonstrations.</li> <li>Develop intensive post-event recovery procedures (turf renovation methods, deep-tine aeration, overseeding, with recovery time periods depending on event duration and attendance) to improve resource conditions but minimize rest periods between events.</li> <li>Revise permit limitations (36 CFR 7.96) to allow only those national special events that require installation of security fencing/screening, such as Inaugural activities and Fourth of July, to extend beyond 21 days.</li> <li>Define acceptable products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar to alternative A except</li> <li>Revise NCR standard requirements to recommend that event organizers consider placement of all structures so that they do not block eye-level views between national symbols (such as the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, or the White House).</li> <li>Revise 36 CFR 7.96 to extend the event time period for the American Folklife Festival beyond 21 days.</li> <li>Require the use of supplementary (third) transit services to facilitate large-scale events based on estimated size and location of events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar to alternative A plus</li> <li>Revise turf management program rehabilitation and recovery periods so that smaller areas are set aside more frequently and broader public access is maintained.</li> <li>Monitor and consider turf recovery results in reopening venues early for general and recreational use.</li> <li>Ensure that event scheduling leaves at least one third of the Mall's grass panels open for public recreation at all times (except during First Amendment demonstrations), one third available for events, and one third available for landscape recovery/restoration.</li> <li>Require that bicycle valet parking be provided at events estimated to be attended by more than 2,000 people, with</li> </ul>

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6.9 Taxis	Taxi stands are dispersed throughout the National Mall, at the Washington Monument, major memorials, and near museums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make no change to taxi stands.</li> </ul>	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
6.10 Tour Bus Management	<p>Up to a third of visitors to the National Mall arrive by tour bus. Tour bus drop-offs and pick-ups are accommodated in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Mall (four locations)</li> <li>• Washington Monument</li> <li>• Thomas Jefferson Memorial</li> <li>• Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial / future Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial</li> <li>• Lincoln Memorial (Daniel French and Henry Bacon drives)</li> <li>• Raoul Wallenberg Place</li> </ul> <p>Tour bus regulations limit time for engine idling.</p> <p>Tour buses frequently deposit large amounts of waste from box lunches.</p> <p>Turf areas may be destroyed or compacted by large numbers of people getting on / off buses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with the D.C. Department of Transportation and other city agencies to address tour bus parking.</li> <li>• Continue to improve tour bus drop-off locations and waste management.</li> </ul>	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
<b>7. VISITOR FACILITIES</b>						
7.1 Architectural Character	<p>Historic structures and memorials are unique and contribute to the National Mall character. Visitor facilities developed for memorials are generally compatible with the specific memorial's character. Historic buildings such as Survey Lodge and Monument Lodge on the Washington Monument grounds, or the lockkeeper's house near 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, have been or are being adaptively reused to provide visitor facilities. Their character contributes to telling stories about the National Mall. The variety of architectural styles in visitor facilities does not con-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make no change to the mixture of architectural styles on the National Mall.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Retain ex structures &amp; arch mix. New facilities should be appropriate to setting (ex. Sculpture Garden entry) but use A/C approach to technology. Unifying element can be graphic design, suitable to older and newer structures;</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design all new visitor service facilities to be compatible with timeless visitor facilities (e.g., the Mall and Lincoln refreshment stands), making them more identifiable for visitors, strengthening the NPS identity, and noting that they are secondary to memorials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to alternative A, except</li> <li>• Potentially develop a limited number of architecturally significant destination visitor facilities in certain locations (e.g., Washington Monument multi-purpose visitor service event venues, Constitution Gardens restaurant and restrooms, Union Square visitor facilities, Tidal Basin area).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to alternative B, except</li> <li>• Focus on cutting-edge, sustainable design solutions, with a minimum requirement of a silver rating under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.</li> <li>• Incorporate visible but subtle renewable energy components, such as photovoltaic systems.</li> </ul>

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- A - keep old structures / keep the aesthetic mix
- + B - limited #, carefully sited destination facilities - stay out of key visual areas as those.
- + C for all build in technology

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<b>ACTIONS COMMON TO ALL ALTERNATIVES</b>						
<b>10. PROJECTS APPROVED BY CONGRESS</b>	Several projects have been approved by Congress for the National Mall and would be implemented under all alternatives. Planning, compliance, and construction would be completed by others for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center (underground facility with restrooms, information, exhibits, and bookstore)</li> <li>• National Museum of African American History and Culture (land transferred to the Smithsonian Institution; Washington Monument food service / gifts to be relocated)</li> <li>• Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial (with restrooms, information, and bookstore)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate approved projects into the overall management program for the National Mall.</li> </ul>	o/c.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as the no-action alternative.</li> </ul>
<b>11. COORDINATION WITH THE NCPC FRAMEWORK PLAN</b>	NCPC's <i>Framework Plan</i> calls for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• replacing, consolidating, and relocating I-395 bridges to the south to create additional gathering space southeast of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial</li> <li>• providing a new Metro station in East Potomac Park convenient to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial</li> <li>• providing new Metro entries at Navy / Archives / Penn Quarter</li> <li>• adding midblock crosswalks on Constitution Avenue</li> <li>• redesigning roads north of Constitution Avenue and west of 23rd Street NW with improved pedestrian connections from neighborhoods and the Kennedy Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with the National Capital Planning Commission on the <i>Framework Plan</i>.</li> </ul>	ok, but all these actions will have a dramatic impact on historic views & vistas --	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the long-term vision to relocate the I-395/14th Street bridges (George Mason, Rochambeau and Arland D. Williams Jr., Metro and railroad bridges) in accordance with the <i>Framework Plan</i> vision.</li> <li>• Support the long-term vision to develop a new Metro station near the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.</li> <li>• Support the goal of new Metro station entries.</li> <li>• Support establishing new mid-block crossings on Constitution Avenue.</li> <li>• Support redesigning roads to improve pedestrian access and connections to neighborhoods and the Kennedy Center.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as alternative A.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as alternative A.</li> </ul>

This needs to be carefully coordinated with new food & service facilities