


# District of Columbia Commuter Bus Plan Update

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# Agenda

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- Update of District Commuter Bus Plan
- Current regulatory/operational changes
- Future plans



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# Commuter Bus Plan Goals

- Identify existing conditions
- Improve coordination with carriers providing commuter bus service
- Ensure compliance
- Implement strategy to improve efficiency
- Integrate commuter bus service into overall District planning efforts and projects



# Commuter Bus Service (Existing Conditions)

- Commuter bus service provides transportation for regional residents for DC based employers
- Region-wide service in 15 counties and cities
- Majority of the service provides connections to locations in the city with high federal employment
- Heaviest volume occurs during AM and PM peak (7:00am-9:30am, 3:30pm-6:30pm)
- Time sensitive schedules similar to Metro bus service

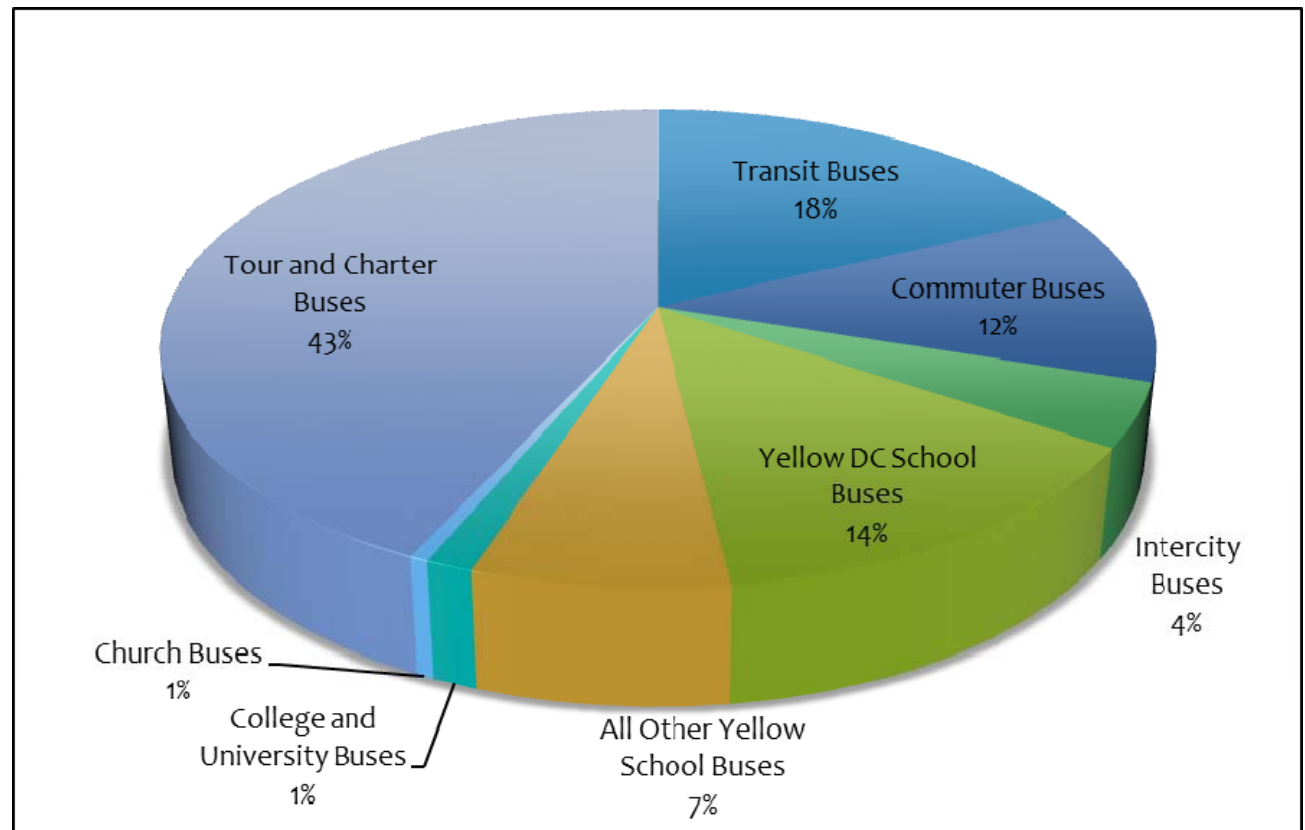


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# Observed Bus Volume

- Counts performed in March and April 2012
- 12 separate locations
- Approximately 1,900 buses observed travelling throughout the District daily
- Approximately 210 commuter buses travel in the District per day (Monday-Friday)




# Coordination

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- Met with carriers to share information on stops
- Coordinated with Metro to encourage sharing stops with carriers

# Compliance

- DDOT facilitated permitting process with carriers
    - Permit where required for the placement of signs in public space
    - Permit/Rental fee required for the placement of signs
    - Permit included sign specifications
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## Stops to be Eliminated by Corridor/Area

Corridor/area	AM Existing	AM Eliminated	PM Existing	PM Eliminated
L Street, NW	N/A	N/A	4	2
M Street, NW	4	3	N/A	N/A
K Street, NW	16	8	10	3
18th Street, NW	7	3	7	1
19th Street, NW	8	2	7	1
Foggy Bottom	9	2	9	2
14th Street, NW	13	3	8	2
H Street, NW	2	1	2	1
I Street, NW	3	1	3	1
Metro Center	8	3	7	3
Dupont Circle	3	0	3	2
Pennsylvania Avenue	10	4	8	3
Constitution Avenue	12	1	9	3
7th Street, NW	5	1	5	0
Independence Avenue	17	5	18	5
Southwest	8	2	9	1
M Street, SE	15	6	14	3
Capitol Hill	19	7	22	9
Miscellaneous	4	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>42</b>

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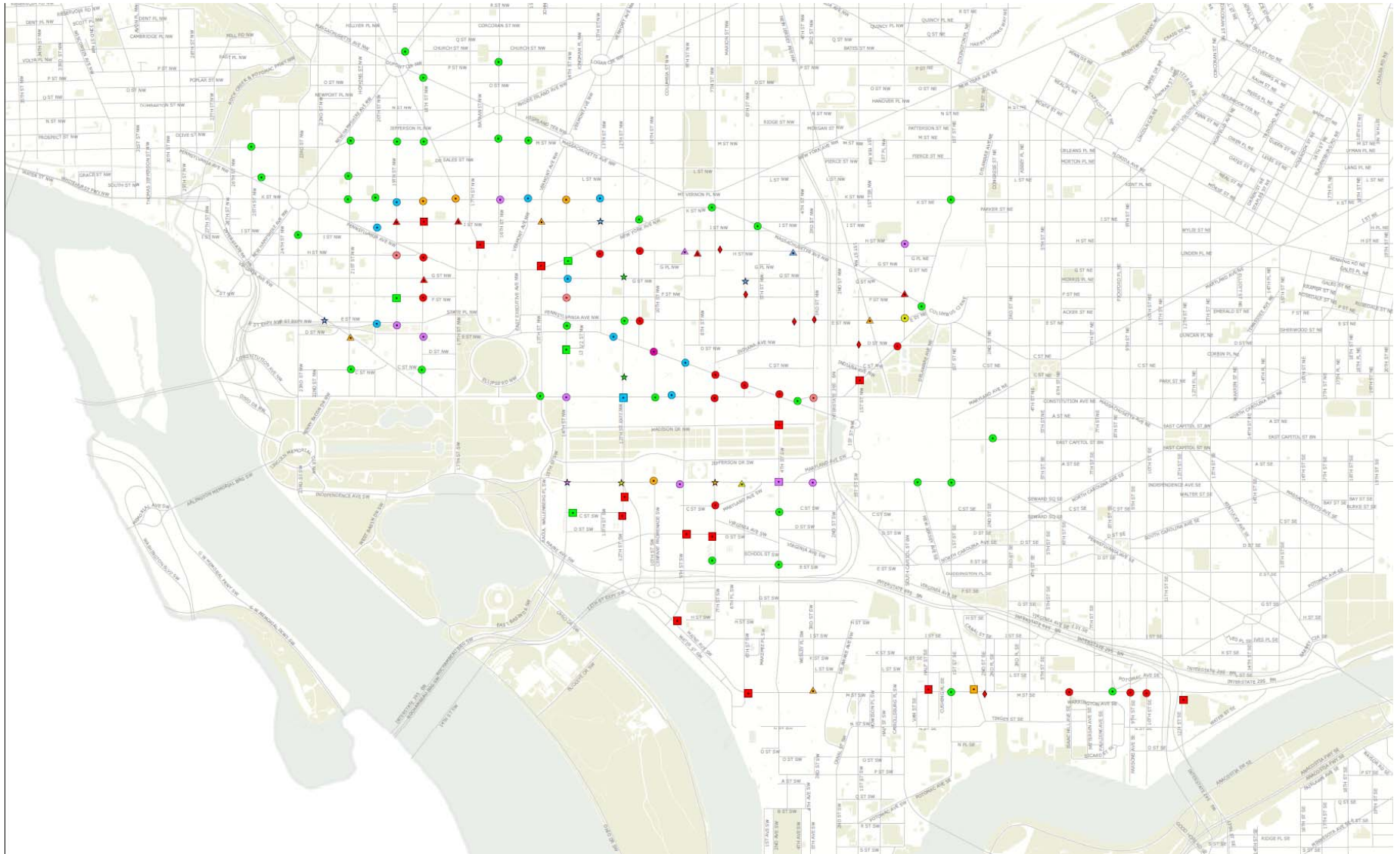
# Improve Efficiency (Results)

- Decreased number of AM stops by 19%
- Decreased number of PM stops by 14%
- Increased the number of shared stops to 79%
- 21% of stops are in public space
- 100% permit compliance
- Improved coordination with carriers (meet quarterly)
- Reduction in complaints





# Commuter Bus Stops(DC Core)



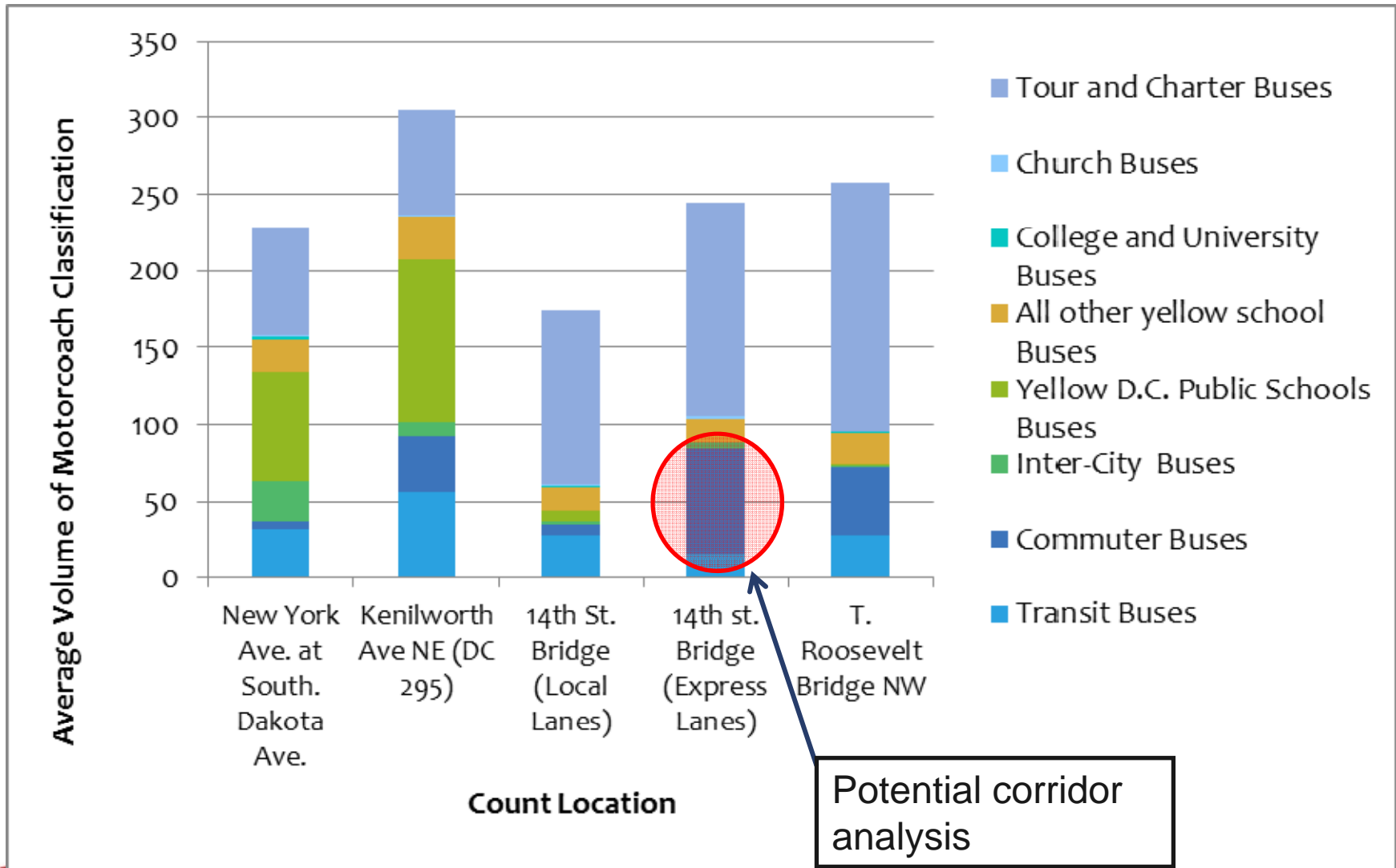
# Future plans

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- Identification of proper staging locations
- Identification of bus parking locations
- Corridor planning efforts for commuter bus service
- Integration of commuter bus operations into WMATA hot spot analysis (H & I st)
- District Multimodal Long Range Plan
- Regionally significant projects (South Capitol St, Mst, etc.)

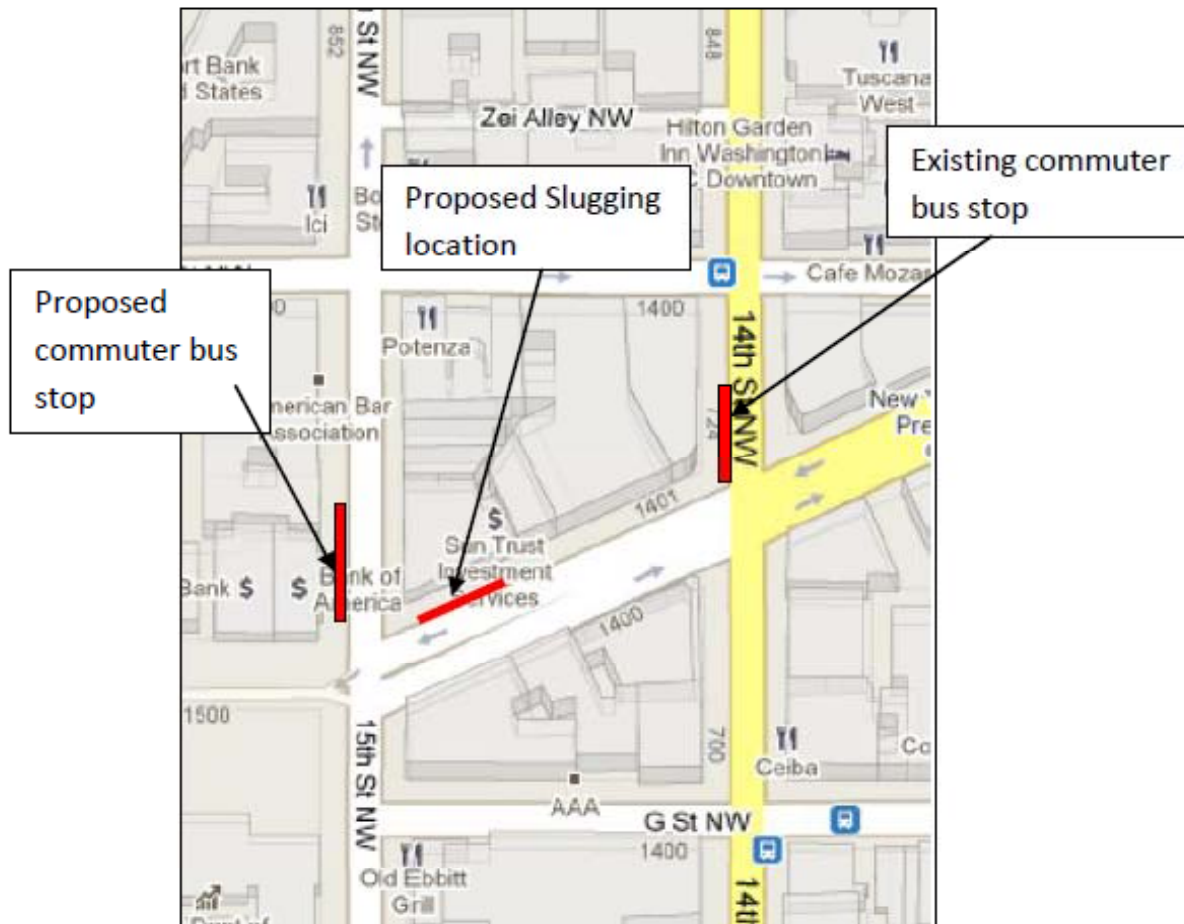


# Observed Bus Volume by Location (Future project consideration)



# Commuter Buses and Slugging

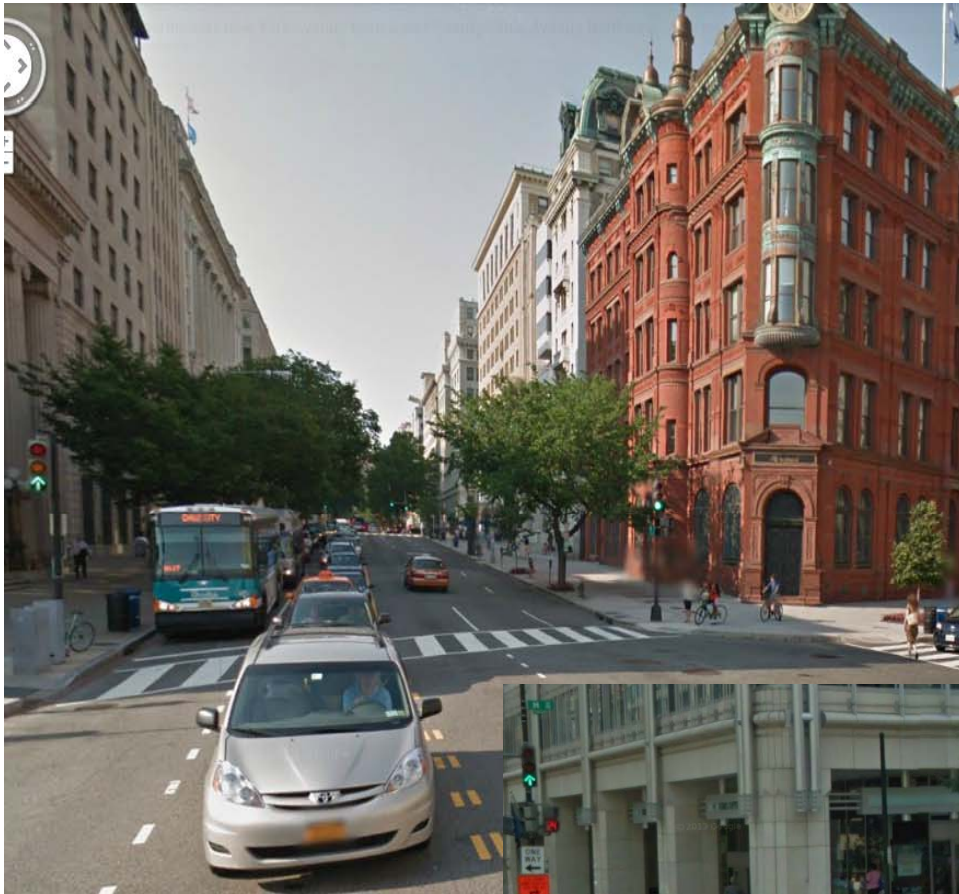
- DDOT Established Slug Location



*Information taken from October , 2010*

## Assumed Benefits

- This location was identified by survey respondents
- ***Maintains the slug-line in proximity to the commuter bus stop***
- Is easily accessible to drivers from both 14<sup>th</sup> Street and New York Avenue
- Low volume traffic area



# Inauguration

- 1,221 Buses parked in the District spread across 7 locations
- Approximately 70,000 attendees arrived by bus
- Shuttle moved 26,000 people to and from RFK to the Mall
- No major crashes/incidents



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