

# Mount Vernon Square District

*A Center City* DESTINATION



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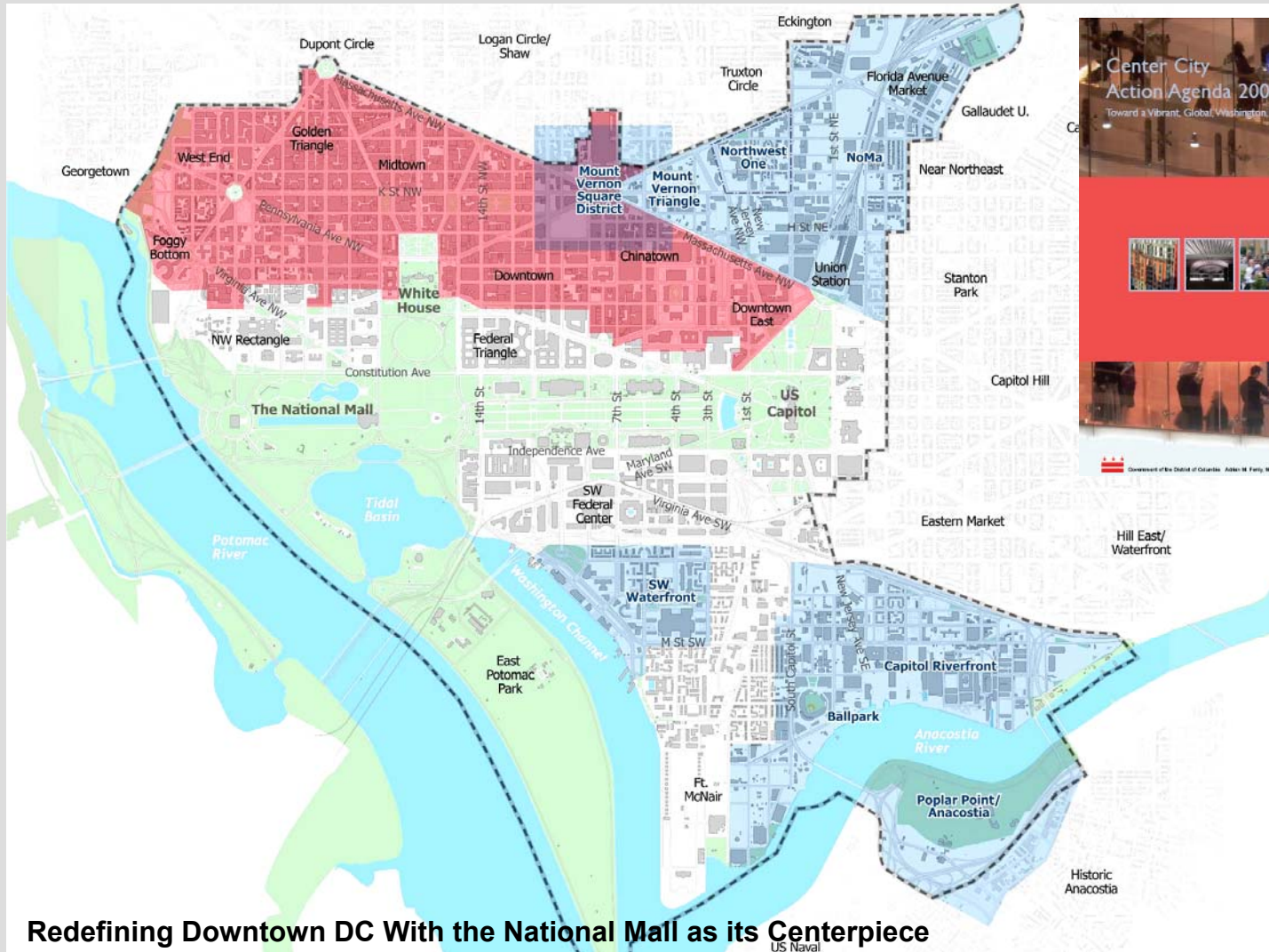
# Project Goals

- Create a distinctive and sustainable place.
- Solve traffic and circulation issues to create a multi-modal hub and appealing pedestrian environment.
- Maintain a deep sense of history and local meaning.
- Create clear links in all directions to other key destinations.
- Maximize the draw of this area as a local destination.
- Improve and activate open spaces.



# Center City Action Agenda 2008

Places Recommended for Focused Investment Include **Mount Vernon Square District**



# Center City Action Agenda 2008

## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

**Prepare a development plan.** Coordinate public and private investment in the area, capitalizing on the convention center complex, development at the former convention center site and other sites in the immediate vicinity.

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**Improve transportation, access, and public space problems around Mount Vernon Square.**

By identifying the necessary traffic, pedestrian, and transit improvements and funding sources we can capitalize on Mount Vernon Square District as a great new destination and expand its role as a transit crossroads.

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**Develop streetscape and public space designs and developer guidelines for the Mount Vernon Square District.** Ensure that as each site redevelops and as public and private investments are made, continuity is achieved in the design of streets, sidewalks and open spaces.

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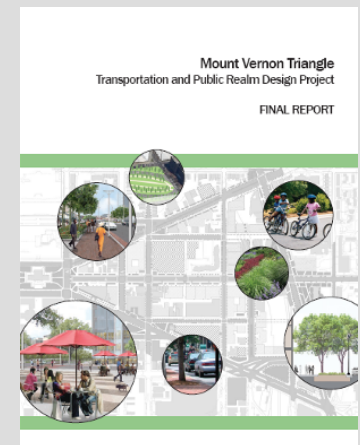
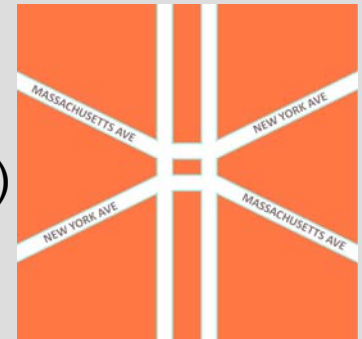
**Analyze intensified-use options for the historic Carnegie Library building and Mount Vernon Square.** Undertake additional feasibility studies in cooperation with the Historical Society of DC and develop concepts for the intensified use of the building and activation of the grounds.

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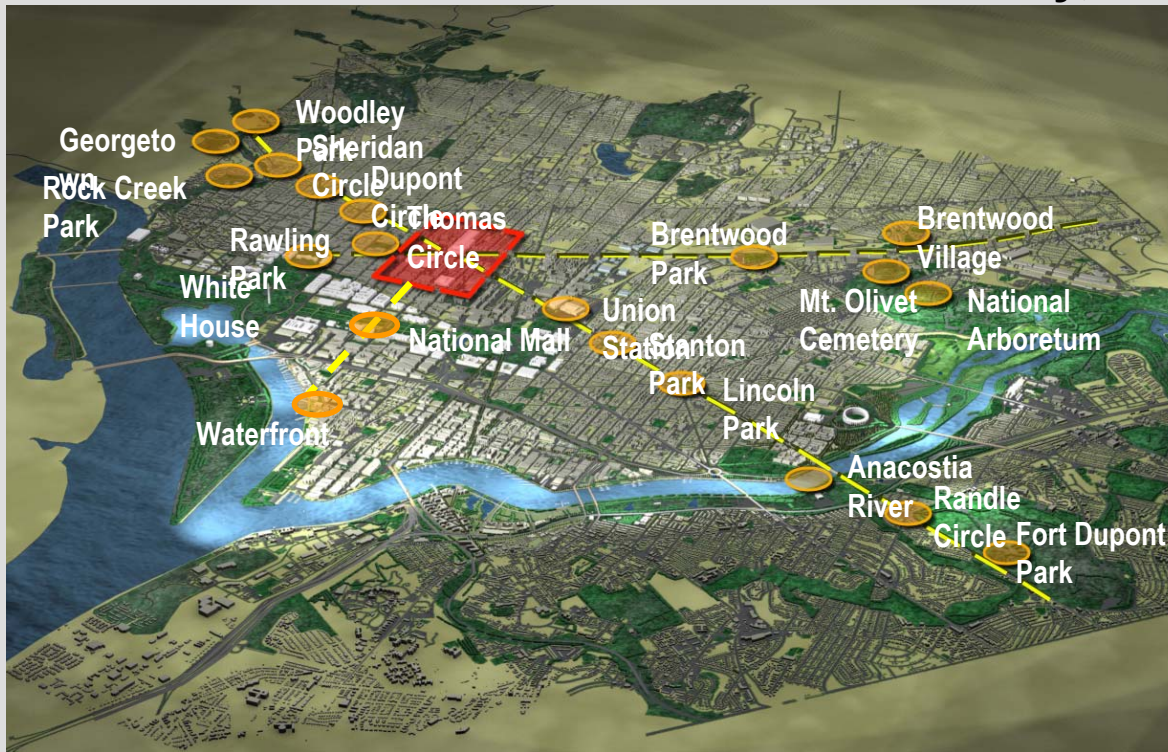
# Relevant Plans and Projects

- K Street Transit Way Implementation (currently underway)
- Citywide Retail Action Strategy (currently underway)
- Convention Center Expansion/Headquarters Hotel
- The Center City Action Agenda (2008)
- *DDOT's* Draft Public Realm Handbook (December 2007)
- The Convention Center Area Strategic Development Plan (2006)
- 2006 Comprehensive Plan
- The MVT Transportation and Public Realm Design Project (2005)
- District of Columbia Transit Alternatives Analysis (2005)
- K Street Transit Way Study (May 2005)
- The Mount Vernon Square Design Workbook (2004)
- Convention Center Final Transportation and Parking Program
- The Mount Vernon Triangle Action Agenda (2003)
- WMATA plans for connecting stations underground
- Streetlight and Sidewalk Improvement Plan
- Downtown Streetscape Guidelines
- The Downtown Action Agenda (2000)

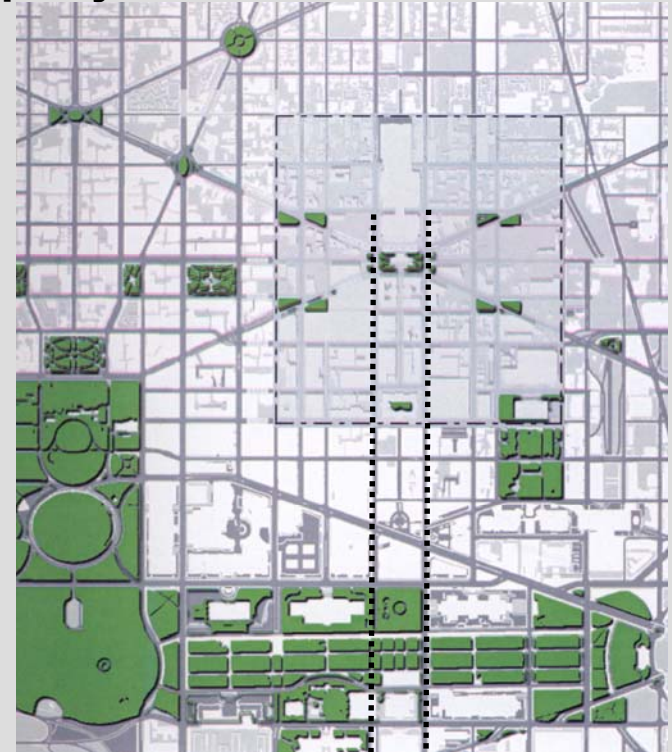


# Creating Recreation and Open Space

## Downtown Parks/Recreation Needs Survey, Property Transfer



Crossing Avenues that Connect Some of the Most Important Places in DC



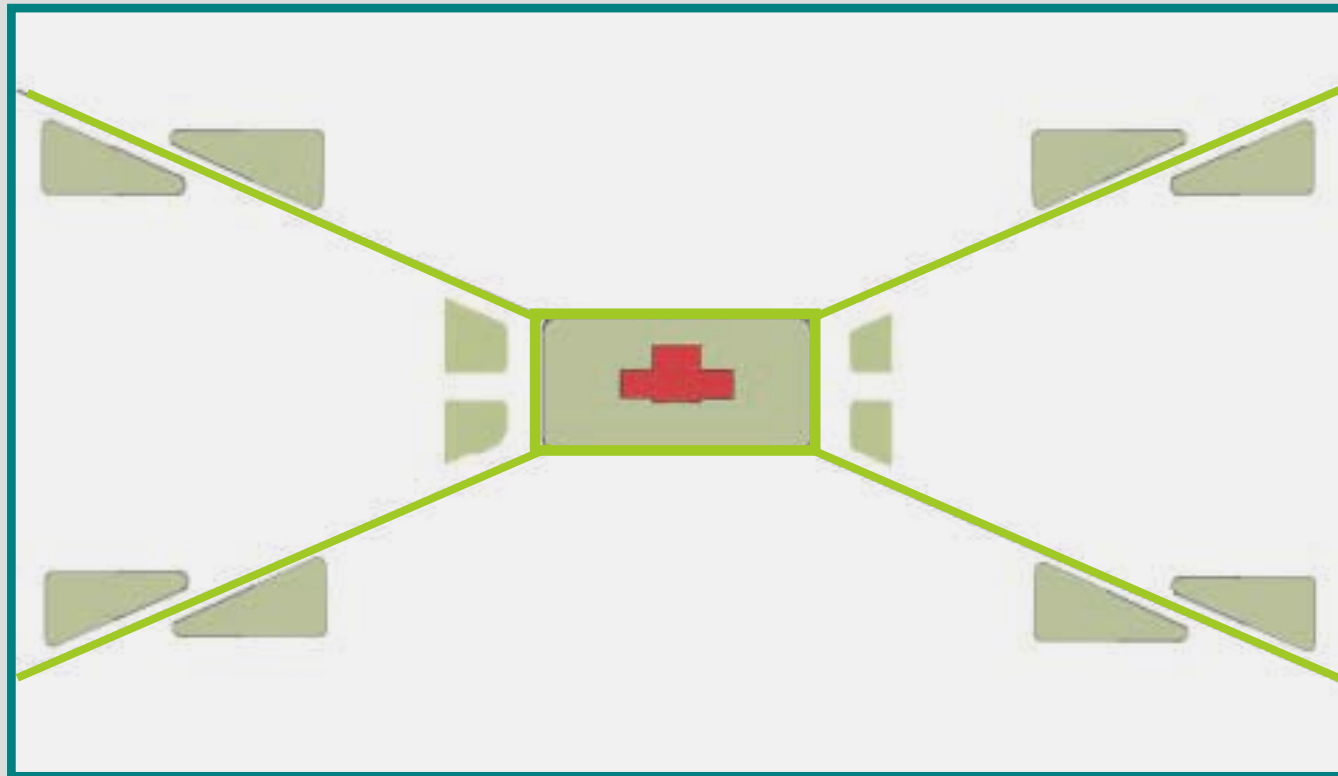
Federal Reservations

9th St  
7th St



# Urban Design Considerations

## Linking Open Spaces and the Public Realm



# Urban Design Considerations

Balancing neighborhood and urban scale

## Grand Places



British Museum



Millennium Park



NY Public Library



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## Intimate Spaces



DC Sculpture Garden



Los Angeles Public Library

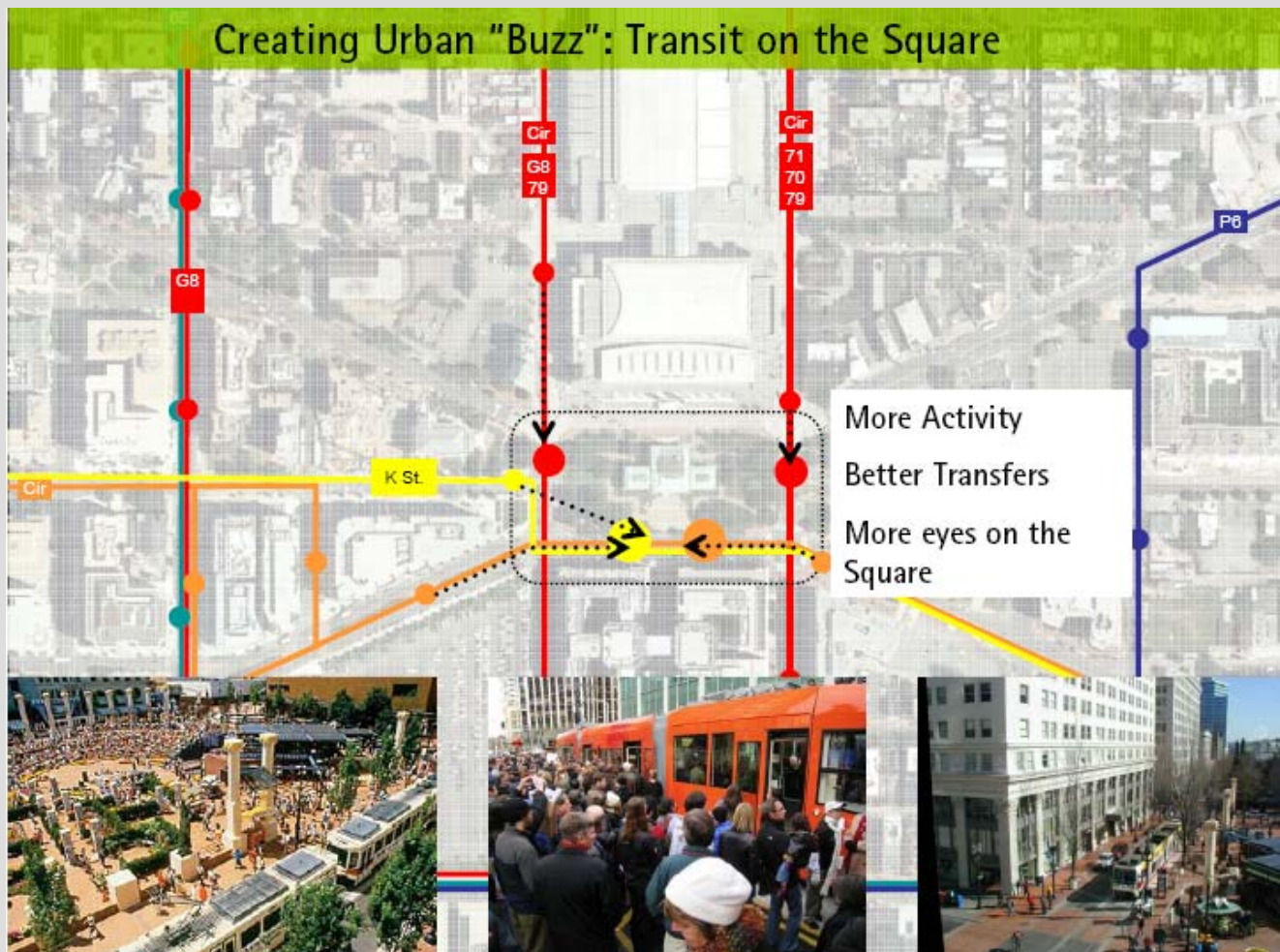


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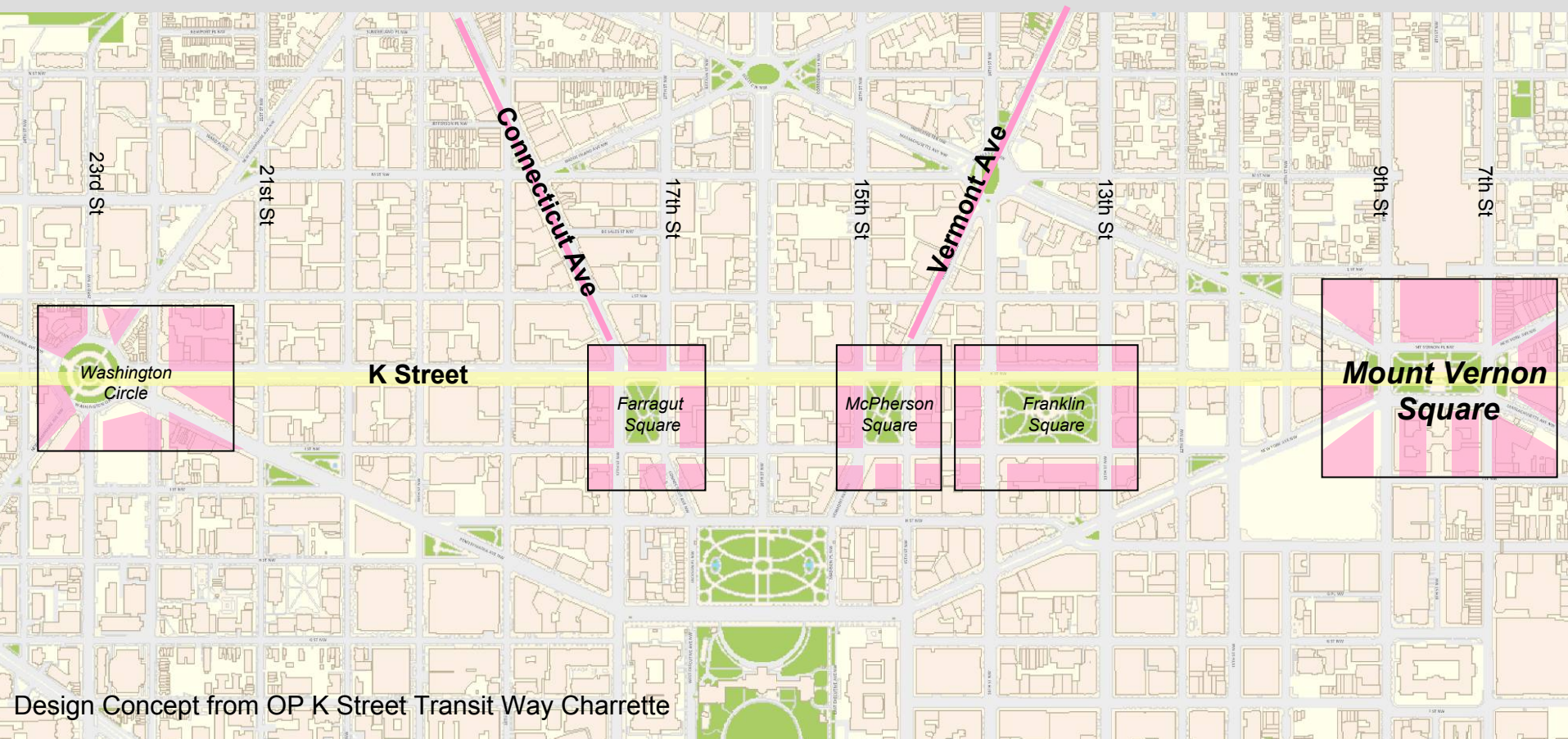
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## Integrating City Transit





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## K Street Transit Way – Proposal for Active Ground-Level Uses Around Parks



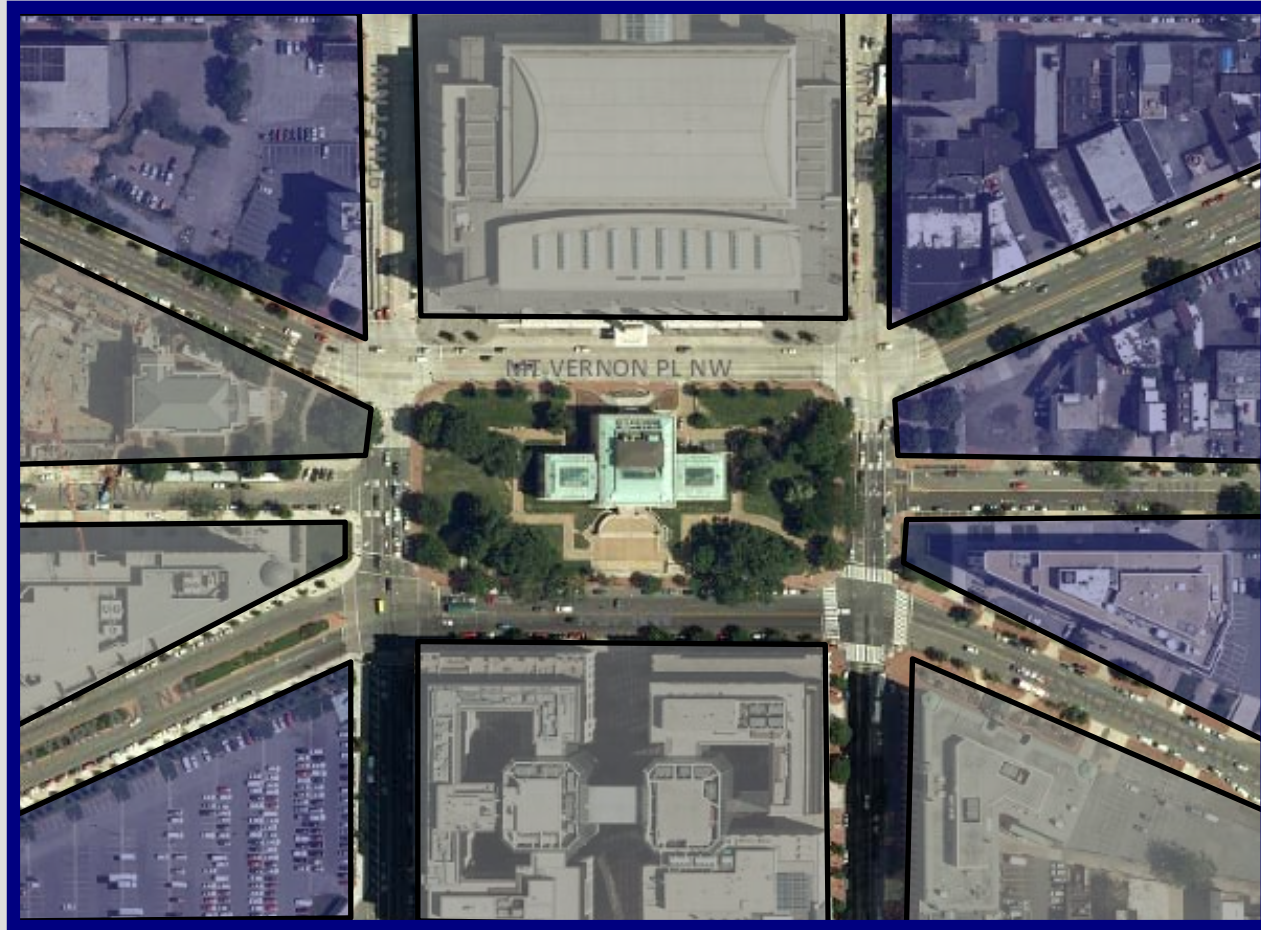
Design Concept from OP K Street Transit Way Charrette





	Neighborhood Park Hub
	Active Ground Level Uses (restaurants, hotels, cafes, etc)

# Urban Design Considerations

## New Developments Potential to Frame the Square



-  New Development
-  Existing Development

# Timeline

- **Existing Conditions and Creative Analysis** -----> **August/ Sept.**
- **PUBLIC MEETING #1**
  - **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8PM, Historical Society of Washington, DC**
- **Options and Alternatives** -----> **October/ Nov.**
- **PUBLIC MEETING #2**
  - **Early to Mid December, 2009, TBD**
- **Draft Report** -----> **December**
- **PUBLIC MEETING #3**
  - **January, 2010, TBD**
- **Final Report** -----> **January, 2010**

