Grading the Approaches

This board shows how the three approaches measure up against one another within each of the plan's goal areas. The grade for each category shows how well each approach performs, related to the others.

Citywide Mobility
Maximize system reliability and capacity for moving people and goods

Maintaining connectivity and accessibility in a diversity of ways (driving, public transportation, walking, and biking), while also accommodating freight movements within and through the District is important. Connections to regional transportation facilities are important in providing access into and out of the city.

- A higher rating means: It's easier to get in and around the city.

Neighborhood Connectivity
Support neighborhood vitality and economic development

Enhanced connectivity and improved transit service can contribute to neighborhood vitality. These investments can reduce travel time and cost for people and also encourage economic development.

- A higher rating means: There are more connections between District neighborhoods and activity centers.

Sustainability and Health
Achieve 75% of all District trips by non-auto modes

We want to promote a healthy lifestyle and sustainable transportation system through the creation of safe places to live, work, and play. Providing for today's needs without negatively impacting the ability of future generations to do the same is important.

- A higher rating means: The transportation system helps to promote an environmentally friendly and healthy lifestyle for District residents, employees, and visitors.

Safety and Security
Achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries on District transportation networks

The transportation system can contribute to safety and security by providing enhanced accommodations for walking, bicycling, driving, and transit. Sidewalks and accommodation for emergency evacuation are considerations within this category.

- A higher rating means: The transportation system will be safer.

Public Space
Reinforce Washington DC's historic landscapes and neighborhoods

Washington DC's historic and cultural features combined with its distinct neighborhoods and public spaces contribute to the District's unique identity. World class cities are defined not only by their great spaces, but also by the corridors that connect them. Streets should be attractive and walkable.

- A higher rating means: Streets are more attractive and walkable. There are more street trees.

Preservation & Maintenance
Achieve a state of good repair for all District infrastructure

Infrastructure is aging in the District and will need continued investment. There is a need to balance maintenance and transportation system enhancements to ensure that the transportation system can achieve a “state of good repair”.

- A higher rating means: A lesser amount of infrastructure is added to the transportation system, requiring relatively less resources to maintain compared to other approaches.