

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF PLANNING

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT CENTRAL 14TH STREET CORRIDOR VISION PLAN AND REVITALIZATION STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONVENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Spanish and Amharic translations of the Draft Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy (“the Draft Plan”) for Public Comment and Convening of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning (“OP”) has published for public review and comment Spanish and Amharic translations of the Draft Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy. The Draft Plan presents an analysis and corresponding recommendations on redevelopment opportunities, land use issues, and community development issues within the Draft Plan Study Area between Spring Road and Longfellow Street, NW. OP emphasizes that the findings, conclusions and development scenarios in the Draft Plan are preliminary. OP is providing a 30-day public comment period on the Draft Plan. Comments must be postmarked by the close of the comment period, which is March 23, 2012. Information on how to submit comments is set forth below.

The Office of Planning, working in collaboration with cooperating agencies, will consider all public comments on the Draft Plan and make its final recommendations on the project to the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Subsequently, the Mayor will submit a final Draft Plan and approval resolution to the District of Columbia City Council for consideration. The Council will consider the final Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy and resolution for approval. The Mayor, through the cooperating agencies will implement the plan.

PLAN SUMMARY:

The Office of Planning initiated the Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy to serve as a guide to create a more walkable community with enlivened retail spaces, greener public spaces and an overall improved look. The Draft Plan also looks at key development opportunity sites and offers recommendations on how they should be developed. The study area is currently located in Ward 4 and is bounded by Spring Road and Longfellow Street, NW.

The Office of Planning established an agency working group with a number of District agencies including the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Department of Small and Local Business Development, and the District Department of Transportation. A non-governmental Advisory Committee and Small Business Committee were also established to offer feedback and guidance on OP’s public process and to comment on the Draft Plan’s recommendations. OP held five public meetings and five Small Business Committee meetings. Through a seven-month participatory process, OP and its consultant team developed the Draft Plan using input from the planning process. The Draft Plan identifies the redevelopment opportunities in

each of the commercial areas, open space improvements, a business strategy, and the next steps necessary to achieve the enlivened retail spaces called for in the District’s Comprehensive Plan.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability

The Office of Planning has distributed the Draft Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy to several public entities, including Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 4A and 4C. The Draft Plan is available for review at the following public and private locations:

Office of Planning 1100 4th St. SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024 <i>*ID required to enter this building</i>	Martin Luther King Jr. Library 901 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20001
West Education Campus 1338 Farragut Street, NW Washington DC 20011	Highlands Café 4706 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20011
ANC 4A Office 7600 Georgia Avenue, NW, Suite 205 Washington, DC 20012	Powell Elementary School 1350 Upshur St. NW Washington, DC 20011
Shepherd Park Library 7420 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20012	Ethiopia Restaurant and Market 4630 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20011
Pollo Mio 3703 14 th Street, NW Washington, DC 20010	Debre Selam Kidist Mariam Church 1350 Buchanan Street, NW Washington, DC 20011

The Amharic and Spanish versions of the Draft Plan are also available online at the Office Planning website: www.planning.dc.gov

Public Comment

Written comments on the Draft Central 14th Street Corridor Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy must be submitted by 5:00pm on March 23, 2012 to be considered. OP prefers to receive comments on the official Small Area Plan Public Comment Form, which is available online, at public plan viewing locations, and by

request from the project manager. OP will consider comments not submitted on the official Small Area Plan Public Comment Form so long as they include the name, contact information, and affiliation of the commenter and are organized by the chapters of the Plan. Comment Forms can be submitted via the OP website, US mail (post marked prior to the closing comment date), email, or fax. All comments should be directed to:

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Mayoral Hearing

In addition to receiving written comments on the Draft Plan, OP will host a Mayoral Hearing to receive oral testimony on the Draft Plan. The Mayoral Hearing will take place on March 22, 2012 at the West Education Campus located at 1338 Farragut Street, NW Washington DC 20011 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Parties interested in providing testimony at the Mayoral Hearing are encouraged to register in advance with Gizachew Andargeh at OP. At the hearing, persons and organizations will be allowed to provide 3-5 minutes of testimony for the record. Those persons who registered in advance will be asked to testify first followed by those who sign up to testify at the time of the hearing.

Written comments submitted during the comment period and oral testimonies presented at the Mayoral Public Hearing are given equal weight in reviewing public comments.

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