

Columbus Plaza Rehabilitation Project

Columbus Plaza, which sits just in front of Union Station, is currently undergoing a much needed make-over. This project is a partnership between Amtrak, National Park Services, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), the Architect of the Capitol, Washington Metro Transit Authority and DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

The rehabilitation project will improve access and circulation patterns in and around Columbus Plaza for pedestrians, taxis, bicyclists, private vehicles, commercial vehicles, Metro buses, private motor coaches, and tour buses that stop at Union Station. Designs were completed in coordination with Amtrak, the Architect of the US Capitol, the National Capital Planning Commission, the US Commission of Fine Arts, and the DC State Historic Preservation Office. The public participated in several public meetings and commented on the designs in 2008 and 2009.

DDOT's contractor will be working for over 540 days on this exciting rehabilitation project. The work activities that will be taking place over time include:

- Installation of a bollard security system on the perimeter of Union Station
- Reconfiguration and rehabilitation of roadway access around the plaza
- Streetlight upgrade
- Traffic Signal Modifications
- Streetscape Improvements and landscape

WORK ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

The work area includes the roadway access adjacent to Union Station on the east and west sides, Columbus Circle, N.E, First Street NE between Massachusetts Avenue and G Street, Columbus Drive, NE between Massachusetts Ave and F Street, Massachusetts NE and the streets that intersect Massachusetts Avenue. Every effort is being made to minimize the impact on the public that uses the Union Station, metro or pass through the many intersecting streets. This is being accomplished by carefully phasing the construction activities. Variable Message Boards are posted now alerting the public of the work activity. The goal of the project is to make these much needed improvements while minimizing the impact on the public.