

Entry Corridor Area Improvements Public Meeting Handout



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Introduction

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is our nation's most hallowed ground. The 639-acre-cemetery is the final resting place of over 400,000 eligible veterans, service members and their eligible dependents located in Arlington, Virginia. The cemetery receives more than three million visitors each year, including visits from the president of the United States, domestic and foreign dignitaries, family members of the deceased and millions of visitors from around the world. ANC's mission is to honor the sacrifices of American service members and their families for generations to come.

ANC continuously identifies ways to increase the burial capacity of the cemetery, while improving the visitor experience. To achieve these goals, ANC is undertaking a series of enhancements aimed at improving transportation and pedestrian circulation, security, operational efficiency and visitor experience, particularly in the critical Entry Corridor Area along historic Memorial Avenue. This area includes significant facilities such as the Welcome Center, Parking Garage, Administration Building, Military Women's Memorial and various support areas.

Preferred Alternative

ANC proposes the following Entry Corridor Area improvement projects:

- **Vehicle and Pedestrian Circulation:** Construct a new roadway entrance to the parking garage approximately 275' east of the existing roadway entrance. This will reduce vehicle and pedestrian congestion and conflicts. The new roadway will include a dedicated funeral attendee vehicle screening area, drop-off/pick-up lane and reconfigured vehicle access to the parking garage and bus parking. It will also create a centrally located Arrivals Plaza, improve signage and wayfinding, and create an intuitive linear path from Arrivals Plaza to cemetery grounds.
- **Security:** Construct vehicle and pedestrian screening facilities; improve security fencing.
- **Central Plaza:** Create a new central plaza with trees, stately gardens, benches, shelters and symmetrical spaces to showcase artifacts, monuments, exhibits and memorials. The Central Plaza will open up to the new Welcome Center entrance.
- **New Welcome Center:** Improve the overall educational and visitor experience by building a modern facility with adequate exhibit space, large theater and flex space for rotating and special exhibits to honor, remember, and explore ANC.
- **Tram Car Operations:** Provide tram ticketing office and passenger queuing shelter, and shift tram roadway and increase parking spaces for tram cars. Remove funeral lane #5 and replace with privacy screening to funeral parking lot using trees, landscaping and berm.
- **Restrooms:** Construct two additional restrooms; one located next to the funeral parking lot and visitor parking garage (where approximately 80 percent of visitors arrive) and the other located between the Welcome Center and Eisenhower Drive crosswalk, a major pedestrian route to the JFK gravesite, Arlington House and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- **Eisenhower Drive / Roosevelt Drive Intersection Improvements:** Shift the Roosevelt Drive road approximately 60' to the south; create a larger sidewalk plaza for pedestrian queuing; build a retaining wall that includes signage to points of interest west of Eisenhower Drive; and create a raised crosswalk across Eisenhower Drive. These projects will help direct pedestrians to cross the street at the crosswalk to improve safety, signage and wayfinding.
- **Memorial Avenue's Historic Viewshed:** Plant new white oak trees and American holly hedges to re-establish the original Memorial Avenue landscape architecture plan from the early 1900s.
- **Realign 110 Gate Access Road:** Realign 110 Gate Access Road south of the parking garage to make burial sections 76 and 76A contiguous. A contiguous open area will provide additional land to increase burial capacity.
- **Increase Burial Capacity:** Increase burial capacity by approximately 15,500 gravesites using land north of Memorial Avenue and south of the parking garage.

Comment Information

Please submit your comments by Nov. 2, 2024 by email or postal mail:

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To view or download the Description of Proposed Actions and Alternatives (DOPAA), please visit:
<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>.

A copy of the final Environmental Assessment will be available for download on the project website when it is released: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>

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Preferred Alternative for the Entry Corridor Area Improvements at Arlington National Cemetery



LEGEND:

1. NEW ENTRANCE DRIVE
2. VOS STATION
3. MOBILE GUARD TRAILER
4. FUNERAL SCREENING LANE / ALTERNATIVE BUS DROP-OFF
5. FUNERAL SCREENING
6. GUARD HOUSE AT FUNERAL LOOP
7. RIDESHARE LOOP
8. ARLINGTON MEMORIAL TRAIL
9. STAFF PARKING ENTRANCE
10. VEHICLE SECURITY SCREENING / TICKETING
11. TICKETING / EXIT BOOTH
12. BUS OVERFLOW PARKING
13. ARRIVALS PLAZA
14. BICYCLE RACK
15. EXISTING CURB AND HEDGE ROW CUT
16. AFTER HOURS EXIT TURNSTILE
17. PEDESTRIAN SCREENING FACILITY
18. CENTRAL PLAZA / PARTERRE
19. WELCOME CENTER
20. RESTROOMS
21. TRAM TICKETING OFFICE
22. TRAM SHELTER
23. INTERPRETIVE GARDEN
24. PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK & SIGNAGE WALL
25. SIDEWALK TO PRESIDENT TAFT GRAVESITE
26. CONNECTING SIDEWALK TO NORTH FLEX COLUMBARIA
27. COLUMBARIA - NORTH FLEX SPACE
28. SIDEWALK EXTENSION
29. EXISTING BIKE SHARE AREA
30. EXISTING ARLINGTON MEMORIAL TRAIL
31. PERIMETER FENCE
32. RETAINING WALL
33. REALIGNED HWY 110 ACCESS ROAD
34. COLUMBARIA - SOUTH FLEX SPACE
35. LANDSCAPE BUFFER
36. CENTRAL PLAZA / PARTERRE SHADING STRUCTURE
37. BACK OF HOUSE / NEW WELCOME CENTER CHILLER
38. NEW ADMINISTRATION CHILLER
39. PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE CROSSWALK
40. UTILITY CORRIDOR
41. COMMITTAL SHELTER & SIDEWALK FROM ORD & WEITZEL DR TO COLUMBARIA
42. SHIFTED INTERSECTION OF ROOSEVELT DR AND EISENHOWER DR
43. GRANITE PAVER LANE NARROWING AT GUARD TRAILER