

# A Vision for the National Medical Center Area

## What

A snapshot of the vision of the area around NNMC, NIH, Suburban Hospital and the surrounding residential and commercial areas after incorporating needed and suggested improvements and upgrades. How will people envision the area in the future? What are our goals? How will this area continue to support a high quality of life for all stakeholders?

This ‘vision’ should include:

- a. Emphasis on transit and alternative modes of transportation over single occupancy vehicles, and a focus on transit, bike trails and pedestrian access over road-widening and parking;
- b. Pedestrian-friendly access to the campus, transit, and surrounding neighborhood and commercial districts;
- c. Easy access to and from the medical center for patients, medical personnel and emergency vehicles;
- d. Transit-oriented connectivity between the medical center campus and commercial districts.

This is not intended to be a master plan, but rather a conceptual document that will allow us to work toward tangible goals to bring about a livable community for the future. This exercise is in addition to the ongoing work of the BIC in securing funding for priority projects that need to get underway as soon as possible.

## Why

With such a complex and rapid growth of a single entity, the area focus is shifting. In addition, commercial and residential development continues apace and NIH and Suburban have their own master plans to follow. Rather than reacting in a haphazard and piecemeal way, we need to develop a larger vision of how the many pieces fit together. This vision will allow all parties to work from the same general plan and toward the same stated goals. It provides context for those projects and ensures consistency throughout. It will also help hold members of the various groups accountable in their role in the larger vision.

## How

A facilitated session that brings together key players in the area who can discuss and determine goals and objectives of any development in the area of the Medical Center Metro. Priorities need to be established.