

## Under the Freeway - Group 2 of 2

<p><b>Facilitators:</b> Todd Bressi, Jeff Davis</p>	<p><b><u>Outcomes of Small Group Work</u></b></p>
<p><b>Central Challenge:</b> Determine how to modify or re-organize the space under the freeway to create a neighborhood place.</p>	<p><b>Solution Statement:</b> Build a effective, safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian connection and new activity area that serves these core users (residents using the parks, people passing through to metro stations, those using the facilities under the freeway), and has these features: ramping, directness, new recreation activities, light, sound and color.</p>
<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow for bicycle, stroller and accessible pedestrian passage</li> <li>• Determine future uses</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Considerations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What activities occur there now and what activities could occur there in the future?</li> <li>• What are potential conflicts between uses?</li> <li>• What are functional needs for this place?</li> <li>• What kind of aesthetic should be developed?</li> <li>• How can public safety and security be enhanced?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Comments &amp; Issues Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Abatement</li> <li>• Bike path that crosses under the freeway</li> <li>• People from Capitol Hill currently walk down to Navy Yard Metro commuting to work, more would if it were friendlier.</li> <li>• Lighting under the freeway</li> <li>• Proximity to new baseball stadium</li> <li>• Accessibility is a bit of a challenge</li> <li>• Currently, the stairwell at the northwest corner of basketball court is not used much.</li> <li>• Need to draw people along the desire line that goes from 2<sup>nd</sup> St., SE, under the freeway toward 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE, across the gravel area under the freeway and across the western portion of the park.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain a basketball court; it can be re-oriented.</li> <li>2. Bridge abutment and support piers cannot be moved or compromised</li> <li>3. Other walls, concrete slabs, fences, curbs, surface materials can be removed or modified</li> </ol>	<p><b>Opportunities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Include something active in the west end of the covered area, maybe more skateboard ramps, tennis courts, or playground equipment.</li> <li>2. Keep Virginia Avenue closed to through motor vehicle traffic.</li> <li>3. Make a pedestrian way under the freeway along the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street alignment.</li> </ol> <p><b>Priorities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a well designed bikeway/pedestrian way, then fill in with active recreation areas.</li> <li>2. Needed elements include: color, direct route, visual cues to lead people down the path, and light; for example, suspend high intensity lights from freeway girders; use up lighting to light the ceiling and reflect light into the activity space.</li> </ol>

