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## National Capital Planning Commission to Review Next Design Phase for National Museum of African American History and Culture

Federal Capital Improvements Program and Triangle Park Rehabilitation also on Agenda

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today at 12:30 p.m. the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) will review several components of the proposed National Museum of African American History and Culture, including preliminary site and building plans. Other components before the Commission include final site utility plans, final plans for the slurry wall, and adoption of a Record of Decision under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The 373,798 square-foot museum will be located on Constitution Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets, NW.

In the first item on the agenda the Commission will be asked to adopt the Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2012-2017 (FCIP). This year's FCIP contains 113 projects submitted by 14 federal agencies with an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion. The Department of the Army has the most projects with 44 and the Department of Agriculture is second with 13. Of the projects, 29 are in the District of Columbia, 27 in Maryland, and 57 in Virginia. NCPC submitted 29 projects for future programming.

Next on the agenda is the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Following that, the Commission will review the National Park Service's plans to rehabilitate a triangle park bounded by Connecticut Avenue, 20th and Q Streets, NW adjacent to the Dupont Circle Q Street Metro entrance. The park, last renovated in the 1960s, would have its flagstone paving replaced. Additional landscape and streetscape improvements include new trees, trash receptacles, soil, grass, and a partial perimeter fence.

This month's agenda also includes three consent calendar items (no presentations given):

- Preliminary and final site and building plans for traffic mitigation measures for gates 3 and 4 at the Naval Support Activity, 8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland;
- Preliminary and final site development plans for the West Campus access road at the St. Elizabeths West Campus, Washington, DC;
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for the United States Diplomacy Center in the Harry S
  Truman Building, United States Department of State Headquarters, Washington, DC.

In addition, the Commission delegated 14 items to the Executive Director for review.

The <u>final agenda</u> and <u>staff recommendations</u> for each project are available on NCPC's website, <u>www.ncpc.gov</u>. The meeting will be streamed live at <a href="http://www.ncpc.gov/live">http://www.ncpc.gov/live</a>.