

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

January 28th, 2020

Board Present:

President - Francesca Blanco

Secretary - Elliot Seibert

Treasurer - Danielle Lopez-Lezama

Financial Secretary - Elizabeth (Zeba) Floyd

Motions:

- Motion for the LPCA to sign on to the [North Cap Safety Letter](#), calling for immediate safety improvements. **Motion passes.** 7 Aye. 0 Nay. 0 Abstentions.

Announcements:

MPD Advisory Committee

4th Thursday of month 7 PM at 3D headquarters

February LeDroit Park Civic Association Meeting - Tuesday, February 25, 7pm - 8pm

Florida Avenue Baptist Church - 623 Florida Avenue NW (enter at the back)

Agenda:

Safety Report and Update

Sgt. Keirn - Metropolitan Police Department

- Shooting at Bates - North Cap/Florida
- Most crimes down, except package theft. Total 20% crime decrease.
- Reminder: you can ship packages to Cookie's Corner and LeDroit Market and pick up there. Highly recommended.
- Reminder about city security camera system - free cameras
- Advisory committee 3D - see announcement above

Pepco Capital Grid Project

Lauren Forbes - Capital Grid Project Team

- Purpose - Create multiple pathways of power. Upgrading two substations. New transmission loops. Mount Vernon Sq. and Champlain (AdMo) substations that are being connected with a new underground line. Will travel down GA, FL, and NJ. Past LeDroit on FL btwn 7th & NJ.

- Impacts - Construction during 2020 at some point. About 2 months for any given street. Crews working 9-4 PM on weekday. No parking signs only where crews will be working. In this area, no street closures are anticipated.
- Email: CapitalGrid@pepco.com
- Online: www.pepco.com/CapitalGrid

North Cap Safety Letter

Nick Sementelli

*In order to vote on [this letter](#) you must be a member in good standing

- 5 people have been killed on North Capital Street in last 5 months. Nick refers to it as a crisis.
- DDOT created a Needs Assessment. 45 items identified, only 12 completed. We have the plan. The priorities have been sketched out. Then nobody implemented it. Things like putting in new signage. Paint on the street. Adding crosswalks. Simple, low-cost.
- Working with
- NOMA BID, North Capital Main Street, Eckington CA, Hanover Area CA, WABA, ANCs have signed on. Trying to show broad community support.

McMillan Site Update

Zeba Floyd, MAG Rep

- Recent [DCist article](#) about McMillan. Demolition has been stopped.

Civic Association Ambitions for 2020

Francesca Blanco, LCPA President

- Ideas:
 - Yard sale -
 - Flyer telling us about neighborhood and civic association. How to get plugged in. Mentioning the list serve.
 - Make renewals more systematic. New website with auto-repay.
 - LPCA get dumpster for a week, general cleanup, trash. Electronic recycling aspect.
 - Bring the neighbor party.
 - Is there a way to have a limited list serve (moderators only)
 - Should there be a distinction between renter/owner. Also look into how voting by proxy works and include that in communications.
 - Architectural tour - was a great way to meet neighbors.
 - Florida Ave Baptist Church wants better communication so they can invite members to the meetings.

Other community announcements and updates

- **Friends of the Park at LeDroit** - Ruxandra Pond, FoPaL Board Member

- <https://www.theparkatledroit.com>
 - Soliciting feedback on next round of renovations for Park at LeDroit. Will likely include splashpad, have also heard need for shade. Email at theparkatledroit@gmail.com.
 - Previous plan was to install an AARP-funded fitness area. Once they got into the details, it turns out it would have been too big for the space, would have paved over green space, otherwise not a good fit. So that is no longer the plan.
 - Next cleanup Saturday Feb 8th at 10:30 AM. Sponsored by Cookie's Corner - free cookies and coffee!
- **Common Good City Farm** - Samantha Wetzel, Executive Director
 - Next community event is March 14th with Slow Food DC (theme tbd)
 - Spring farm party is April 25th - family friendly with kids activities and lunch
 - Farm stand kickoff is May 13th. Farm stand will be every Wednesday from 4-7pm. Arcadia continuing to partner and Common Good bringing a lot more produce—tell your neighbors!
 - Produce plus program is changing. If you are negatively impacted by these changes let us know.
 - LEAF after school program (target ages 6-12) is now year-round. Meets at the farm on Wednesday and Sunday at 4:30 to go to indoor space.
 - City Farmers certificate program starts in April. For folks who want sustainable agriculture education.
 - For information sign up for newsletter or visit website at commongoodcityfarm.org
- Reminder: camera program. For seniors, department of aging will put cameras up for free - no money up front.

Discussion

- None

CHOOSING AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER

Do you know that you can purchase electricity from a supplier other than Pepco? Recently, you may have been contacted by an electricity supplier, but have questions. We can help.

Your electric service consists of two main parts:

Supply: the generation or re-selling of electricity, and transporting that electricity to you through transmission lines

Delivery: the delivery of electricity through local distribution lines to your home or business

We currently handle both services. However, under customer choice laws in the District of Columbia and Maryland, you can choose a supplier to provide your electric supply. By choosing, you may be able to save money, purchase innovative services, or buy environmentally friendly electricity.

Whether you choose another supplier, we still will deliver electricity to all customers via an extensive network of electric power lines that we maintain. We will continue to restore service in the event of any disruption, such as weather-related events.

Before enrolling with another supplier, make sure you compare supplier offers. Start by knowing your "price to compare." This price is the average, annual price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) that you pay us for electric supply. Your Pepco bill has your price to compare, and all your supply charges are listed as total "Electric Supply Charges."

Remember, if you choose a supplier other than Pepco, you will pay the supplier's price for electric supply instead of our electric price.



Here are some questions you should consider asking when a supplier contacts you:

1. Is the supplier licensed by the District of Columbia or Maryland Public Service Commissions?
2. What is the exact price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and are there any additional charges?
3. Does the price stay the same or does it vary?
4. How does the supplier price compare with Pepco's price for the same length of the contract?
5. What is the length of the contract and what happens when it expires? Does it automatically renew?
6. Are there sign-up fees or a fee for early cancellation of the contract?
7. What payment options does the supplier offer?
8. What are the terms and conditions of the agreement?
9. What information do I have to provide to enroll?
10. What happens if I miss a payment?
11. Will I receive one bill or two?
12. Is there a bonus for signing up?
13. Does the price include transmission charges?
14. Are there any additional services offered?
15. What fuels are used to produce the electricity?
16. What is the contact name and phone number of the supplier?
17. What are the supplier's customer service hours?
18. Are there restrictions on the amount of electricity I can use? If so, what are they and how are they implemented?
19. Can I review the supplier's standard contract before I enroll?
20. Will service be interrupted, and how long will it take for service to begin with the supplier?

Whether you choose to stay with Pepco as your electric supplier, or choose another supplier, we will continue to provide safe and reliable electric delivery service.

For more information, visit pepco.com.

If you are a District resident, you also can log on to the District of Columbia Public Service Commission's website at www.dcpsc.org/electric/index1.asp.

Maryland customers can visit the Maryland Public Service Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us/ecm/home.cfm.

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on renderings at the Capital Grid Open House.



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icipation. We welcome the residents and business owners and input. We are committed every step of the way ime, community meetings, community meeting in your pepco.com/CapitalGrid.

For additional information about the Capital Grid project please call

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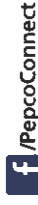
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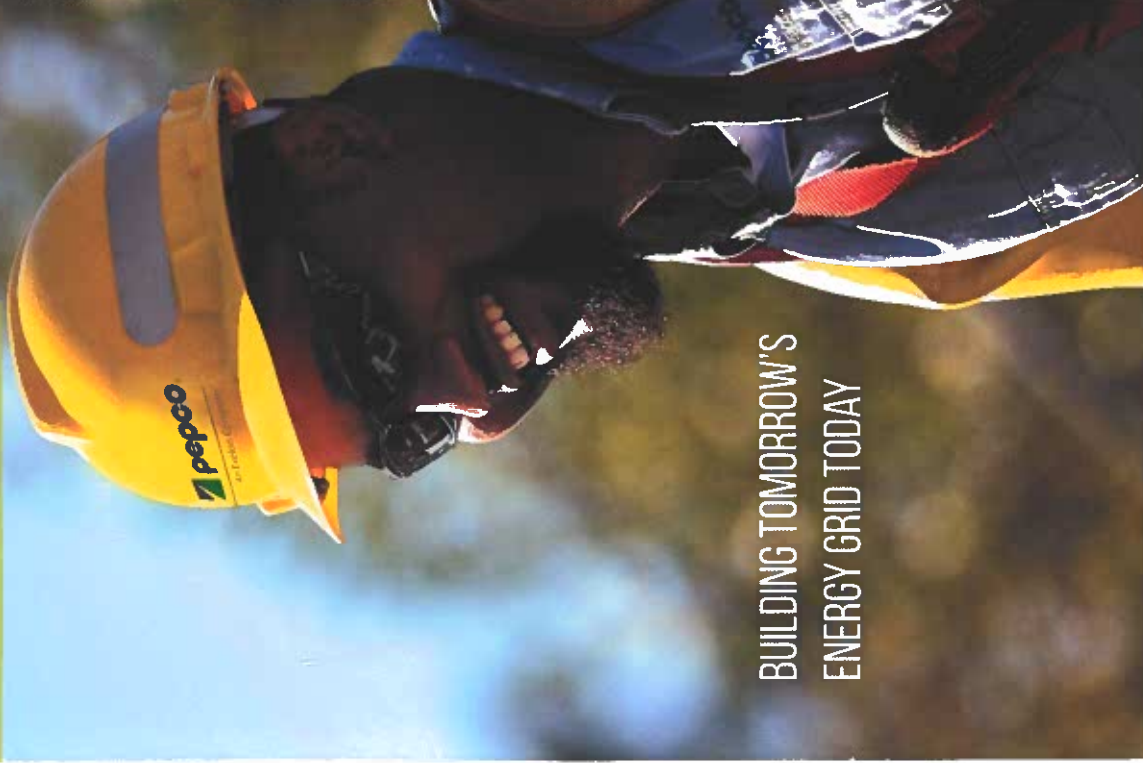
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THE CAPITAL GRID PROJECT

OVERVIEW



BUILDING TOMORROW'S
ENERGY GRID TODAY

PROJECT BENEFITS

The Capital Grid project provides many long-term benefits to our customers across the Capital region.



Enhanced Service: New infrastructure that will reduce the strain on surrounding areas, improving service for customers



Stronger System: Enhancements that will lessen the impact and speed recovery from storms and other emergencies



Added Capacity: A more robust energy grid to handle energy needs, as the District experiences rapid residential and commercial development



Economic Support: Increased opportunities for minority, women, veteran and disabled local businesses and contractors to support project work as we energize the diverse, local communities where we live and work

“When we strengthen our energy grid, we energize our communities – and the result is a more reliable, resilient, sustainable foundation for our local economy. That’s a win-win for the District of Columbia – its infrastructure, residents, workers, and businesses.”

— Pepco CEO, Dave Velazquez

delivering safe, reliable, and secure energy to our customers and the District of Columbia and is committed to managing and improving our energy grid and planning for our customers.

The project **promotes enhanced energy security** by providing energy to the District of Columbia, and Prince Georges and Anne Arundel counties. If any of the substations were to fail, it could lead to an outage for thousands of customers.

The project **improves infrastructure** by replacing aging infrastructure and increasing capacity. The project will allow us to better serve the District and Maryland.

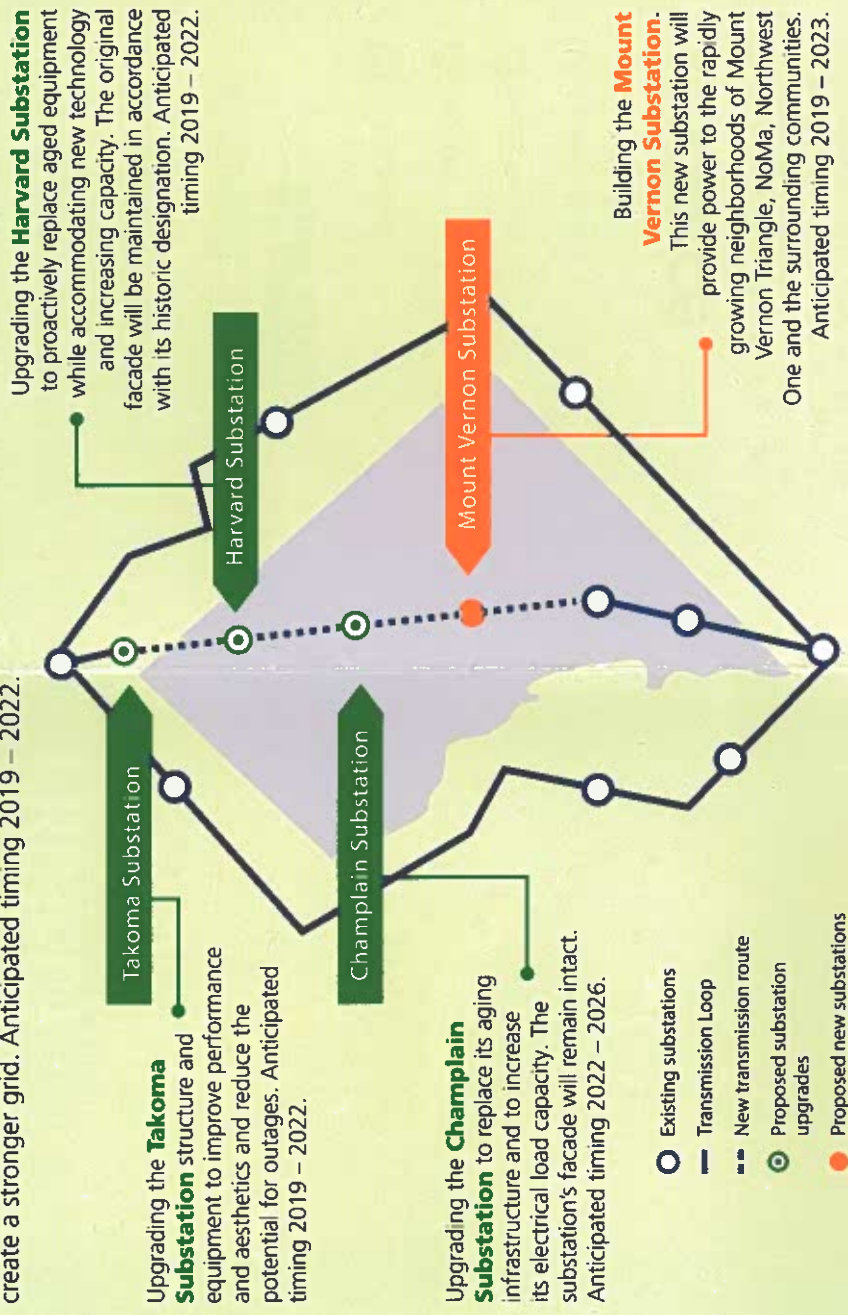
The project **is a forward-looking plan** to create a more resilient energy system. It includes new substations in the District and Prince Georges County to serve areas with high population growth. It also includes underground transmission lines and new substations and create a more resilient energy system through which we deliver power to our customers.



HARVARD SUBSTATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Installing approximately 10 miles of underground transmission cable through the District of Columbia to connect multiple substations and create a stronger grid. Anticipated timing 2019 – 2022.



HARVARD SUBSTATION



CHAMPLAIN SUBSTATION



MOUNT VERNON SUBSTATION

HOW ENERGY IS DELIVERED TO YOU

Electricity travels across a complex infrastructure between the power plant or renewable energy source and the communities, homes and businesses where it is used. The three main components of that infrastructure are:



GENERATION

Electricity is produced at generating plants that are powered by renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and water, fossil fuels, or nuclear energy.



TRANSMISSION

High-capacity transmission lines send electricity to substations that reduce voltage to appropriate levels for use.



DISTRIBUTION

Electricity is delivered from substations through the local grid to homes, schools, businesses, and other customers.

THE CAPITAL GRID PROJECT: HARVARD SUBSTATION

At Pepco, our purpose is delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy to our customers and communities in the District of Columbia and Maryland. We are committed to managing and maintaining the existing energy grid and planning for the future needs of our customers.

The Capital Grid project promotes enhanced reliability and strengthens our energy grid. Since we retired our power plants in the District, nearly all energy is imported from outside the city via radial or point-to-point transmission lines. Four passages of transmission lines are supplying energy to the Capital region, including the District of Columbia, and Prince George's and Montgomery counties. If any of the transmission lines lost power, it could lead to an outage of several days to several weeks.

Aging transmission and substation infrastructure poses risks to the energy grid, and we must protect and strengthen it. That is why we are proposing the Capital Grid project, a major effort that will allow us to better serve our customers in the District and Maryland.

The Capital Grid project is a forward-looking plan that, if approved, will:

- Upgrade three existing substations in the District and Maryland
- Construct one new substation to serve areas projected to see high growth
- Build a new 10-mile underground transmission line to connect the substations and create a networked system through which we deliver electricity to our customers

Solar Energy Capacity for Customers Will Expand

There is growing interest in customer-generated power such as rooftop solar. At Pepco, we continue to support this interest by advancing technologies that empower customers, promote sustainable solutions, and drive a 21st century economy. The project will expand the transmission network, modernize the energy grid, and increase the grid's capacity. Adding capacity will allow the grid to accommodate more customer-generated power in the future.

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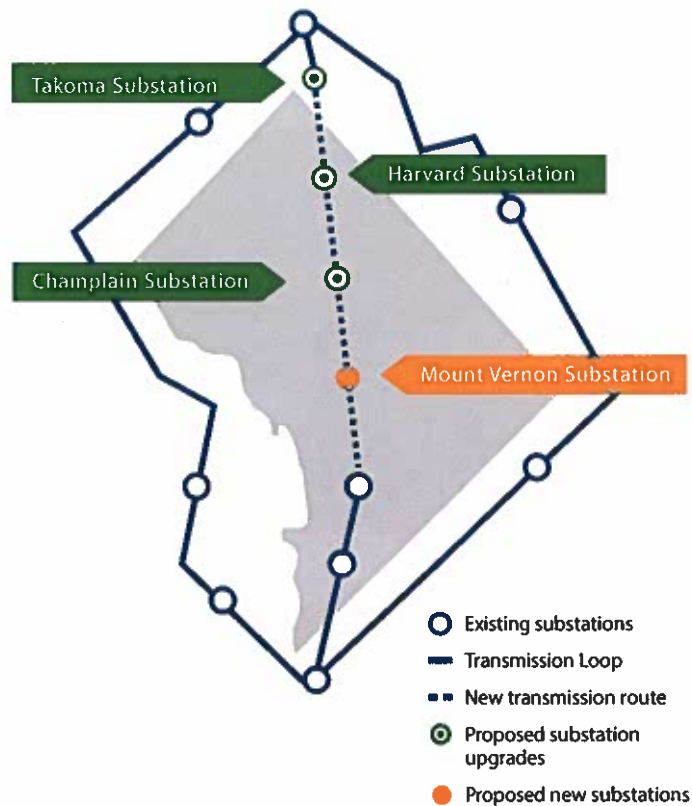
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The upgraded Harvard Substation will strengthen the energy grid in the Capital region and provide opportunities for future enhancements.

Harvard Substation Overview

A substation is a facility that reduces high-voltage electricity to lower voltages, which is ultimately used to provide power to our customers. As part of the Capital Grid project, the Harvard Substation will be rebuilt to upgrade and replace aging equipment and infrastructure. This substation was built in 1907 and has served the area for more than 100 years. While well maintained, some equipment, such as the transformers, is very old and approaching the end of its intended service life.

Project work will include:

- Installing high capacity transformers and feeders
- Modernizing the substation, while also preserving historical components in the final design
- Connecting the substation to the new networked system
- Improving the substation exterior, reflecting community input and preserving historical significance

Harvard Substation Schedule

Our proposal must be reviewed by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment before the project may begin. Because this substation has been nominated for historic designation, it was reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board. We expect to start upgrading this substation in 2019 and to complete it by 2022. We aim to complete the work with as little disruption as possible. We will notify residents and businesses near the project area before work occurs.

Safety is a Top Priority

During all phases of the Harvard Substation upgrade, our highest priority is the safety of our customers, the community, our employees, and the environment. We incorporated safety in the technical design of our equipment, our energy grid, and our building. In addition, the layout of our exterior landscape incorporates security features to protect the system.

We Value Community Participation

We welcome the opportunity to work with residents and business owners to gather public feedback and input. We are committed to keeping customers informed every step of the way through the project webpage, community meetings, and social media. To find a community meeting in your neighborhood, visit www.pepco.com/CapitalGrid.



Current Harvard Substation



Harvard Substation Rendering



Harvard Substation Rendering

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