



The Kennedy Center Access Study represents the partnership of four organizations: the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the District of Columbia Department of Public Works, the National Park Service, and the Federal Highway Administration. Led by the Federal Highway Administration, a Project Steering Committee of senior staff drawn from each organization guided the study.

In addition to guidance provided by the Steering Committee, the project team met with over 30 other organizations and agencies with interests in the future of the Kennedy Center and its surroundings. These stakeholders provided valuable insights into transportation, land use, urban design, historic, aesthetic, and environmental issues in the area as well as specific ideas for improving access and strengthening connections between the Center and the surrounding community. Four open houses were held at the Kennedy Center, where the public had an opportunity to talk with the project team and Steering Committee. Presentations were also made to local citizen groups. The public voiced considerable support and provided many useful insights that helped shape and evaluate possible improvements.

The project builds upon previous plans and studies for the Kennedy Center and surrounding area, with particular emphasis on the National Capital Planning Commission's Legacy Plan. The Legacy Plan includes a vision of how the Kennedy Center could be connected to the surrounding community. This vision has guided the access study's planning and analysis.

The study, started in March 1999, lasted approximately one year. A draft interim report was produced in September 1999. This report transmits the study's final findings. It describes improvement concepts that have emerged from a planning process in which many transportation, land use, and urban design ideas and proposals were analyzed and evaluated. Further information may be obtained from the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Environment and Planning. Further information may be obtained from the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Environment and Planning, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, telephone 202-366-0150.