

George Washington Memorial Parkway

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Safety study from Alexandria to Mount Vernon

What is the National Park Service studying?

Traffic flow at intersections

The study will focus on intersections between the City of Alexandria and George Washington's Mount Vernon. Traffic can create challenges for park users and pedestrians who need to cross the parkway to access neighborhoods, recreational facilities, bus stops and the Mount Vernon Trail. During the upcoming public engagement process, the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will share recently compiled safety data from the southern part of the parkway.



Potential safety improvements that preserve the parkway's historic character

The intent of the study is to develop recommendations to improve safety that can be implemented using existing funds while preserving the parkway's historic appearance. Learn more about the study and see a map at go.nps.gov/GWMPSafety

How can constituents comment?

Online

[NPS Preferred comment method](#)

Members of the public can comment online through the park's Planning, Environment & Public Comment webpage.

Visit: go.nps.gov/GWMPSafety



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By mail

Send your comments to the George Washington Memorial Parkway superintendent.

George Washington Memorial Parkway
Attn: Alexandria to Mount Vernon Safety Study
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway
c/o Turkey Run Park
McLean, Virginia 22101

In person

When: Thursday, July, 11 from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

Location: Walt Whitman Middle School
2500 Parkers Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

What is the road's history?

The southern section of the parkway opened in 1932 as the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

The road's completion coincided with the bicentennial celebration for George Washington's birth.

The parkway's designers pioneered principles of modern roadway construction by building an attractive and efficient limited access road. Besides serving as a link in the national capital region's transportation network, the parkway preserves natural scenery, links sites associated with George Washington's life, and provides recreational opportunities along the Potomac River shoreline.



Original 1932 Signage