

6 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

Good public transportation is vital to the economic survival of the Mt. Pleasant community. Access to bus and rail enhances the quality of community life and provides viable transportation alternatives for the community as a whole. Every transit trip begins and ends with pedestrian travel. All transit facilities in general need to be safe, convenient, and accessible to create a transit-oriented development where mix use, compact development, walking access, neighborhood focal point/s, and pedestrian orientation co-exist.

To assist in determining the extent of public transportation accessible to the community a bus circulation, bus stop placement, and metro rail review was conducted.

6.1 BUS CIRCULATION

The Mt. Pleasant community is well served by public bus transportation and all bus lines are generally accessible to within ¼ mile. Figure 1-15 shows the metro lines serving the Mt. Pleasant community. The major bus routes in the study area are H2, H3, H4, S1, S2, S4 and 42. The bus lines are concentrated on 16th Street, Mt. Pleasant Street, Park Road, Adams Mill Road, Klinge Road, Irving Street and Harvard Street.



Figure 1-15 Mt. Pleasant Area Metro Bus Routes

The Cross-town Line -H2, H3, and H4 connects the Brookland-CUA Metro Station, Columbia Heights Metro Station, Cleveland Park Metro Station, VANNESS-UDC Metro Station and TENLEY TOWN-AU Metro Station and provide the community with good access to areas east and west of the District.

The 16th Street lines (S1, S2, S4) connect the Silver Spring Metro station in the north to Federal Triangle Station in the south. This line provides the community with easy access to areas north and south of Mt. Pleasant.

The Mt Pleasant Line (# 42) not only serves the Mt Pleasant community but extends to other communities including Adams Morgan, DuPont Circle, and Chinatown. Mt. Pleasant is its most northerly point extending south as far as gallery Place Station.

The bus lines W47, H1 and H8. W47 (Wilson High School line) operate only on weekdays when the public schools are open. The bus lines allow for bus-to-bus transfer, or bus-to-rail transfer improving the mobility of the Mt. Pleasant residents.

6.2 BUS STOPS

Bus stop locations were inventoried to determine the accessibility of bus lines serving the Mt. Pleasant community. The results are presented in the land use map in Figure 1-16. Exceptional accessibility is achieved through closely spaced bus stop locations on Park Road, Mt. Pleasant Street, Harvard and Adams Mill Road.

6.3 METRORAIL ACCESS

The nearest Metro Station to the study area is the Columbia Heights Metro Station at 14th Street and Irving Street just one block east of the 16th Street. Numerous bus lines from the Mt Pleasant community provide easy access to this metro station including H2, H3, H4, H8 and W47 bus lines.

The Mt. Pleasant community is within reasonable access (½ mile) of the Columbia Heights Metro station as shown in Figure 1-16. This close proximity to metro as well as bus transportation makes the community very attractive to residential and commercial development. Columbia Heights metro station is moving towards this type of transit oriented development and has the ability within the next 5-10 years to transform the community into a vibrant thriving area. As the high density development around the metro station continues pedestrian and bicycle access on Irving Street needs to be improved. This improvement is required to service not only the Mt. Pleasant community but all communities accessing the metro and its related activities.

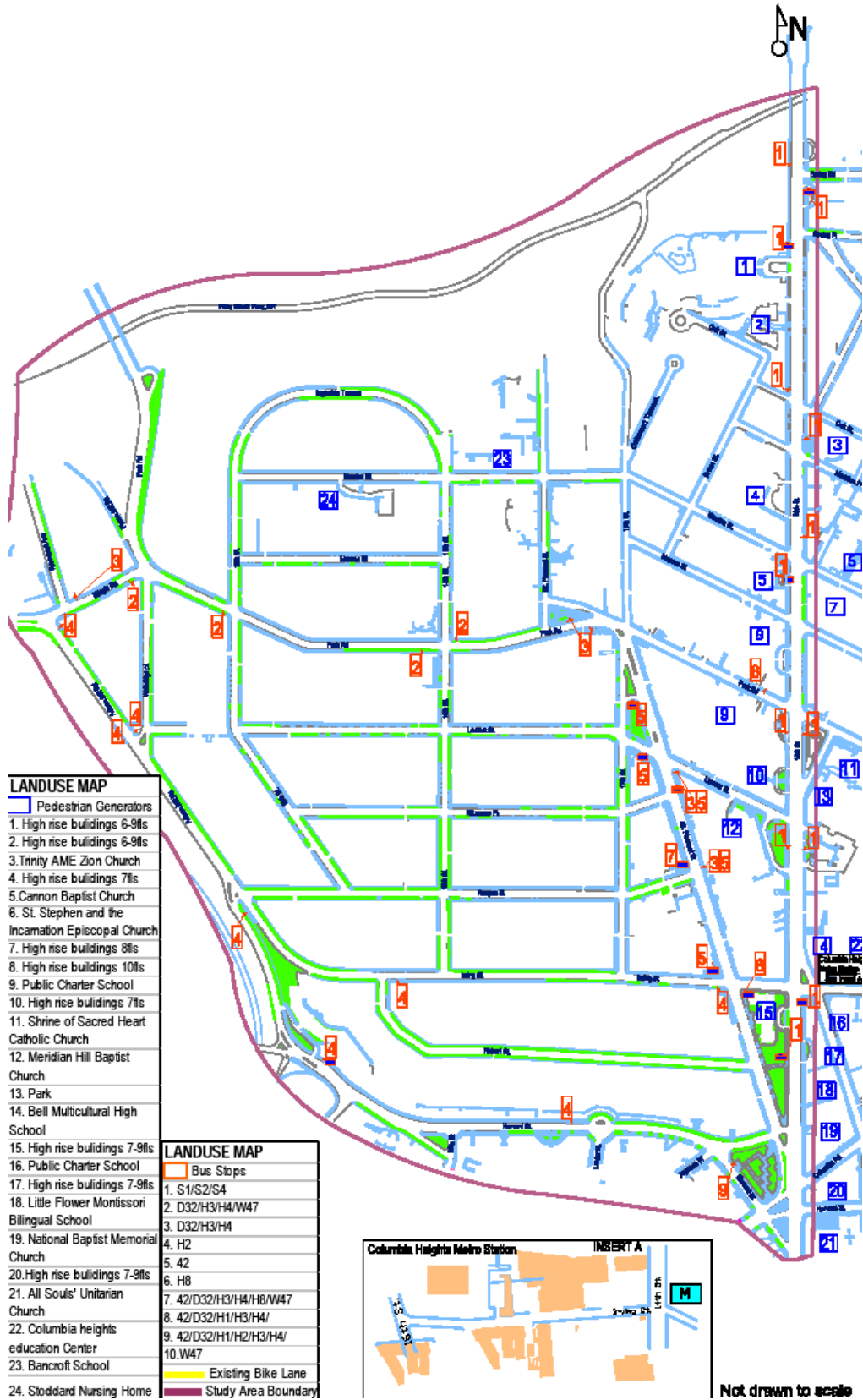


Figure 1-16 Land Use and Bus Stop Inventory

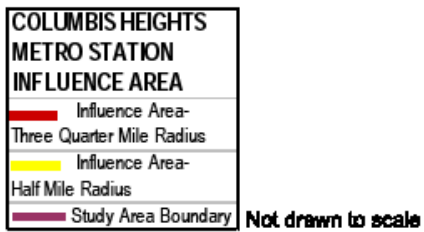
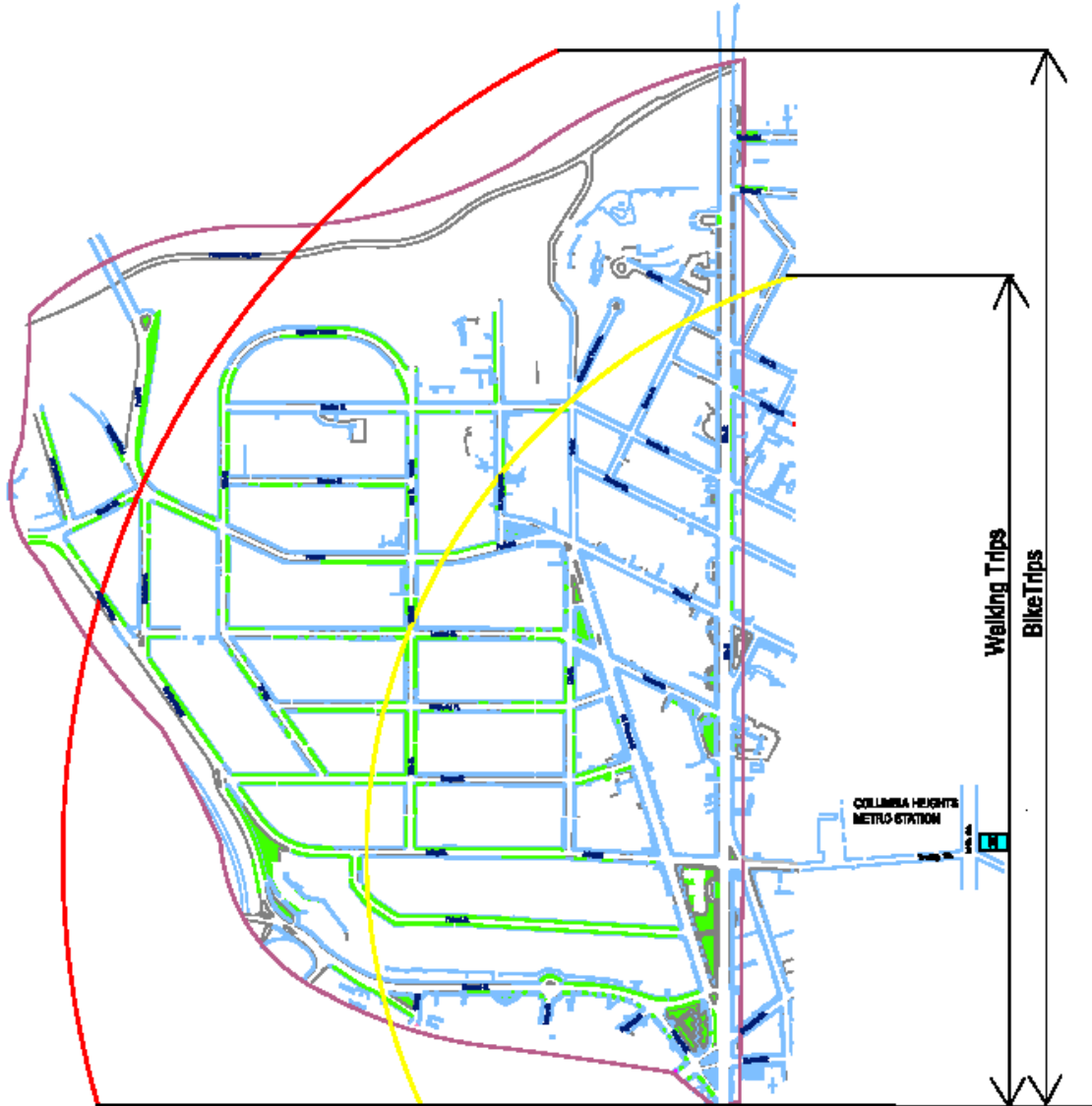


Figure 1-17 Metro-rail Service Area