

# PROGRESS

THE NEW FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WINTER 2021 EDITION

**OUR BRIDGE.  
OUR MOMENT.  
OUR LEGACY.**

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MESSAGE FROM

# THE DIRECTOR

In 2017, a vision to remake the bridge between cultures, communities, and people was born. The New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge's groundbreaking design would paint the picture of how every Ward across our District could one day come together.

On September 6, 2021, thanks to the determination and contributions of countless men and women, "one day" came.

As an agency, our pride in the city we serve has never been brighter as we welcome traffic on both sides of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge. This momentous bridge-building effort could not have been conquered without our dedicated teams, encouragement from the community, and a legacy of commitment embodied by Frederick Douglass that we all continually seek to live up to.

In this issue, we celebrate the leaders, supporters, and teams that made our Bridge Deck Opening Week something to remember. As a District and DDOT family, we are reminded by Mayor Bowser that no matter where we live or where we've journeyed from, that this great connector is "our bridge, too."

**In this issue, you will find:**

- Perspectives and quotes from Mayor Bowser, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, and more on how they view the importance of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge;
- Local business spotlight on The Perch at the Cambria Hotel with General Manager, Elif Sen, and how she envisions becoming "The Destination" overlooking the new bridge;
- A candid interview with the District Department of Transportation's acting director, Everett Lott, and why he's especially excited about this historic milestone; and
- A DBE journey spotlight on Empire Landscape, LLC and how they're bringing their passion and expertise in environmental restoration to the next phase of construction.

As you relive the exciting moments of our bridge deck opening celebration week in this recap edition, please take a moment to reflect on the service of those who made it all possible. While I recognize that there is still work ahead, my hope is that we all embody the mindset of Frederick Douglass:

"My hopes were never brighter until now."

Let's keep moving along the path toward progress together.

With optimism for all that is still to come,



*Everett Lott*

**Everett Lott**  
ACTING DIRECTOR, DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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FEATURE STORY

# OUR BRIDGE. OUR MOMENT. OUR LEGACY.

On Labor Day 2021, thousands of people from across the region came out to celebrate the opening of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (FDMB). This monumental week of festivities began on Labor Day with a 5K Run led by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and a Community Day, which offered bicyclists and pedestrians an opportunity to preview the bridge before its official opening to traffic later in the week.

Guests of the Community Day enjoyed live music and entertainment from local band The Crank, DJ B. Rose, dance companies ZD Dance Academy, Candace Erin and GoGo Fitness as well as nearly a dozen food trucks and 30 local vendors and organizations.

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, a formal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was hosted by Mayor Bowser and featured an all-star lineup of speakers that included Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, Kenneth Morris, Jr., a descendant of Frederick Douglass, and Acting DDOT Director Everett Lott.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opened with a lively procession from Duke Ellington School of the Arts' marching band and concluded with a water show tribute from the DC Fireboat John H. Glenn Jr., which also made an appearance at the Community Day.

**"Today we celebrate this iconic bridge as an ultimate tribute to our very own Frederick Douglass, who will also be the namesake of our 51st state, the Douglass Commonwealth. It is fitting then that this bridge literally represents the largest infrastructure project in the history of Washington, D.C. This project was never just about getting people from Point A to Point B, it was about building a more connected DC – connecting Ward 8 and Ward 6, connecting residents to jobs and prosperity, and connecting our entire community to the future of multi-modal transportation."**

**-Mayor Muriel Bowser**





## MEMORABLE QUOTES OF THE DAY

"In a real sense, it is hard to overestimate the importance of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge. I think of it as a workhorse bridge. It holds our city together. And it is a gateway to the D.C. economy. This bridge, this crossing is so vital... it connects important parts of our city, Wards 7 and 8, to the rest of the city. There's no bridge I think anywhere that does as much as the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge." -**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**

"This bridge is a symbol of progress. This is a bridge that ties us together, yes, it ties Ward 6 with Wards 7 and 8, tangentially. But it ties Frederick Douglass' state of birth with his state of choice. Many, many years ago, Eleanor and I had the opportunity to see some of the alternatives that could have been built. And I think what has been built here is a work of beauty." -**Majority Leader Steny Hoyer**

"What makes this day so fitting is that this bridge connects Wards 6 and 8, just as Frederick Douglass was indeed a connector. Today, with the renovations of this beautiful project, we want

to ensure that we continue to fight for those residents of D.C., and more importantly, for our children. So as we build these bridges we must also remember to build up the people of Washington, D.C. So as the city thrives, the people of D.C. thrive as well." -**Councilmember Trayon White**

"This bridge with this amazing span is absolutely iconic and beautiful. Great cities have great bridges. When you look at other cities, you know them by their bridges. This will be a bridge national audiences will see on TV constantly. They'll do the shot of the dome and then they're going to cut to this bridge." -**Councilmember Charles Allen**

We made a concerted effort in local hiring for this bridge, which should be a model for this whole country. We know that 200 D.C. residents were hired to build this bridge. Forty five minority and women-owned businesses were part of the project. And the work of these businesses represented \$91 million in contracting opportunities, and that is something we know that Frederick Douglass would be proud of." -**Mayor Muriel Bowser**

## #FDMBVANTAGEPOINT QUOTES

"It has been amazing just to see and feel the energy. It's also been a reminder of what African-Americans have experienced through this lifetime. It's been a heart-warming opportunity." -**Layla, a runner**

"I bicycle commute all the time and I've seen this bridge constructed over the past couple of years, and it's so amazing to be able to walk across it. It's such a huge improvement for this area and the community." -**Father of family who completed the 5K race**

"What brought me out here today is that I'm from Washington, D.C. and live here now. I've always admired this bridge and the Capitol Waterfront. For me history is everything, and I love my black culture. I love fitness and it's an honor to celebrate what Frederick Douglass did for civil rights and what he did for this city." -**Nicole**

"It meant a lot to participate in the race. After the 2020 that we had, and to see black history reiterated and brought to light and validated in this way, it's good to see the community rally around that. It's also exciting to be able to give back to the community that has given us so much." -**Dana**

"I'm originally from Charlotte, but moved here to D.C. to attend and play football at Howard University. I've worked at one of the nearby properties for the last year so it's been great to see this bridge being built from the ground up and be one of the first to walk and run on it." -**Trayvon**

The project is approximately 90% complete. Work on the I-295 corridor is in the last phase of construction, and the completion of the entire South Capitol Street Corridor project is expected spring 2022. For the New FDMB, finishing touches, including completion of the railings and lighting, is currently underway and both ovals are scheduled for completion early summer 2022. Additionally, landscaping and hardscaping is taking place throughout the project limits.

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# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: VIEWS FROM THE TOP THE PERCH AT THE CAMBRIA HOTEL



In this issue's Local Business Spotlight we feature one of Capitol Riverfront's newest editions, The Perch Rooftop Lounge at the Cambria Hotel. This lounge and restaurant, which boasts beautiful floor-to-ceiling windows and an expansive outdoor terrace, offers stunning views of the New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge. Our interview with Elif Sen, General Manager of Cambria Hotel Washington, D.C. Capitol Riverfront, provides a peek inside what it's like to have a front-row seat to the remaking of the bridge and how she sees progress from the viewpoint of The Perch.

## What makes The Perch unique?

We have over 3,000 sq ft of rooftop space overlooking the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, Audi Field, Nationals Park, the U.S. Capitol, and historic Southwest, D.C. You can experience the history and splendor of D.C. from the Perch. Our guests are able to enjoy an amazing outdoor experience for brunch, happy hour, and group events.

## What is your ultimate vision for The Perch and who are your ideal customers?

Our ultimate vision is to become "The Destination" in Washington D.C. Our unparalleled view of the city affords us the unique opportunity to welcome those who have been in the city for many generations and those who've recently made D.C. their home. Our guests can indulge in locally crafted beers, signature cocktails, and fine wines paired with delicious modern comfort food. They could also enjoy an amazing brunch experience over the weekends crafted by Chef Malcolm Mitchell.

## What has it been like to have a front-row seat to the remaking of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge?

It has been incredible to see the development of the bridge as it now connects historic Anacostia with

the entertainment epicenter in Buzzard Point and the Navy Yard. The corner of the Perch points in the direction of this iconic structure.

## Did you know the South Capitol Street Bridge was called the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge prior to opening The Perch?

No, I was not aware at first, but I am really glad to know that the bridge was named after such an important figure who left very important footprints in our history.

## What inspires you about Frederick Douglass, the bridge's namesake?

Frederick Douglass played an incredible role in advocating for equality, human rights, and women's rights, which are core causes that define our hotel and company. The bridge is symbolic as it brings people together to celebrate sports, entertainment, and the iconic images and neighborhoods that have come to define our city.

## Fun Fact

We at The Cambria absolutely love the look of the bridge and decided to use its photo on the cover of our guestroom book called "Reflections", which follows the footsteps of change through four walks stretching from the Fish Market on the west to the Navy Yard in the east. We had the pleasure of partnering with two amazing historians, Marjorie Lightman & William Zeisel to bring the history, present, and future of Washington's Southeast/Southwest Waterfront to life. This great amenity is available in all guestrooms. We also have it available to purchase at the front desk.

## From your vantage point as a "neighbor" of the bridge, how do you see the bridge bringing about progress for the District?

The Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge is a very important asset for the city as well as for our neighborhood. It definitely helps the commute from Virginia and Maryland, especially on game days. It also brings such a fresh and elegant look to our neighborhood.

## What does progress mean to you?

Improving things for the better. When I think about

the word "progress," it reminds me of the need to push forward in an inclusive way that ushers in opportunities for residents throughout our city.

## Can you tell us something interesting about yourself?

I am Turkish, however, I moved to the United States almost 20 years ago, and I have been living in the D.C. area for over 16 years. I am in love with ancient history. I was born in a city called Tarsus, which is over 3,000 years old. If I didn't study Tourism and Hotel Management, I would have studied archeology.







# FLYING HIGH

Ospreys, large raptors with wingspans of up to six feet, have called the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (FDMB) home for nearly a decade. These elegant brown and white fishing birds live and build extensive nests near large bodies of water, making the nearly nine mile long Anacostia River an ideal habitat. For years ospreys avoided the Anacostia because of the pollution, but when the river returned to health, thanks to the Southeast-based Earth Conservation Corps (Corps), the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), and others, the ospreys made their way back to the D.C. region. The Corps estimates that there are now about 40 ospreys living on the river.

As work began on the New FDMB in 2018, environmental scientists on the project team observed that there were several nests on the FDMB Fender System near mid-river. Instead of moving the nest, construction workers and District officials set up a work-free zone around the northern fender system. Crews typically work in other areas until these winged guests take their leave. Ospreys are migratory birds and fly south for the winter months, typically starting their journey in September or October.

**"While the project started in 2018, we were able to leave the nest in place until the latter portion of the project when removal of the northern portion of the dilapidated bridge fender system became absolutely necessary for the dismantling of the**

**old bridge"** states Mike Baker, Environmental Compliance Manager with South Capitol Bridgebuilders.

The removal of the osprey nests were carefully coordinated between South Capitol Bridgebuilders, DDOT, and DOEE after it was determined that the juveniles had fledged from the nest and it was safe to remove.

**"The team has observed for the past four years, that osprey are prolific nest builders. These particular osprey on this reach of the Anacostia are amazingly tenacious (sometimes building a nest in less than 24 hours). All involved are highly confident that the osprey will rebuild a nest on nearby pilings or piers in the Anacostia River when they make their return in the spring,"** states Baker.

The project's environmental team continues to observe these ospreys and they continue to thrive on the river.

## Did You Know?

Fledging is a term used when the juveniles have reached the point in their life span where they are self-sufficient and can thrive on their own. The female osprey incubates eggs in the nest, which takes about 35 days. It takes another 45 days after hatching for the young ospreys to learn how to fly.

# EVERY LEADER HAS A LEGACY



Meet Everett Lott, the Acting Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). For the past six months Everett has served as Acting Director bringing more than 25 years of experience in administration, including human resources, budget and finance, and labor and employee relations. Prior to joining DDOT, Everett worked for the Federal Highway Administration as the Senior Advisor for Shared Services in the Office of Administration.

Progress had an opportunity to speak with Director Lott during the New FDMB Opening festivities about his experience working on this iconic project, how he defines progress, and his vision for DDOT.

**What has working on a bridge named after Frederick Douglass, an American icon, meant to you?**

This is an opportunity of a lifetime to be the leader of DDOT and to work with such a remarkable group of professionals, engineers, and planners. This fantastic team is fully committed to Washington, D.C., fully committed to infrastructure, and fully committed to making a safe passage for everybody, whether you're a vehicular traveler, on a bike, or walking. It's been a fantastic experience to be a part of it all and see it come to fruition.

**How would you describe this bridge deck opening experience?**

It was life-changing. The two-day celebration was the result of a lot of hard work, a lot of collaboration, and a lot of commitment to building an infrastructure that is fitting for a world-class city

like Washington, D.C. This bridge is an iconic tribute to Frederick Douglass that I know will be enjoyed by residents for decades to come, and the bridge deck opening experience was a reflection of that.

**What does progress mean to you?**

It means that we're continuing to move forward. Here in the District, Mayor Bowser has made an extreme commitment to the Department of Transportation and to infrastructure in particular. You'll see that reflected in our upcoming budget for 2022. So progress to me is that we're able to deliver these projects on time, ahead of schedule, and under budget. We were able to do that with this particular project. Our motto at DDDOT is DDOT delivers and we have truly delivered on this project. And you're going to see us do that with many of the other projects to come as well.

This bridge is going to connect two thriving communities in Wards 6 and 8 and throughout the bridge-building process, we've been able to connect jobs to people and also people to jobs. This particular bridge has brought so many opportunities for District residents. We've had more than 200 or so District residents that have been employed, as well as more than 45 local businesses that have been a part of this project. It's a \$440 million infrastructure project, the largest in the District, and the successes that are already coming from it will continue to create more opportunities for more people. That is progress.



**DBE PROFILE:**  
**EMPIRE LANDSCAPE, LLC**  
**BUILDING**  
**A LEGACY**



**"Rejuvenating these spaces is certainly beneficial to our environment but it also provides numerous benefits to the physical and mental health of those residing in urban settings."**

**Fun Fact**

The inspiration for the name of the company is the founding partners were all born in the Empire State of New York.

Lynette Scaffidi and her business partners Eric Goodrich and Bill Dowling founded Empire Landscape LLC nearly two decades ago with a desire to combine their collective passion and experience in environmental restoration. Their work today covers a large sphere of environmental restoration work, which is categorized into four divisions: reforestation, invasive species management, restoration seeding, and erosion and sediment control. This work includes green infrastructure and stormwater management, habitat restoration, specialty ecosystem seeding, arborist services, and more.

**"Empire Landscape is unique because of the wide array of services we provide as well as the passion and expertise our team puts into our projects. Collectively, we are a group of environmentalists that are technically trained with a great deal of experience tailored towards environmental restoration. We are passionate about not only doing the right thing for the environment, but also about completing the work in a safe, communicative, and effective manner."**

On the New FDMB, Empire Landscape will be installing native shrubs, perennials, and groundcover, which includes planting the Bioretention BMPs (best management practices), which play a key role in the stormwater management of the site. In addition, Empire will be completing the seeding to provide both stabilization and beautification to the project site.

**"The significance of working on this project for me is knowing the benefits of what this project brings to the region and the residents of this community, as well as those that will visit the area. I'm proud to be a part of such a beautiful aesthetic feature that will also properly manage the stormwater runoff. The restoration plantings will be of particular importance because they will provide habitat for native birds and beneficial insects such as butterflies."**

Prior to launching Empire, Lynette was a Park Naturalist and a Natural Resource Manager for Montgomery County Parks. She wanted to continue her work in environmental restoration work, with a focus in predominantly urban areas where healthy green space is not only scarce, but critical for the environment.

Currently, Empire is completing environmental restoration work with several jurisdictions and organizations including the Audubon Naturalist Society, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), Baltimore City, the Department of Environmental Protection, and local parks and school systems.

When asked what she is most looking forward to when the bridge project is complete Lynette stated, **"To go for a bike ride with my friends across this beautiful new bridge and on the surrounding trails!"**

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**  
**MIKE PICKETT, SUPERINTENDENT**  
**A WALK IN THEIR SHOES**

Meet Michael "Mike" Pickett, Superintendent with Empire Landscape LLC. As Superintendent he is responsible for planning, scheduling, organizing, and providing oversight of crews and job sites while providing a safe working environment for Empire's employees. As lead superintendent with Empire on the New FDMB, he will lead the team responsible for installing the flora that will play a key role in stormwater management and beautifying the ovals and other parts of the bridge project site.

**What projects were you working on prior to working on the New FDMB?**

In the past ten years, I have been part of many large-scale projects. These projects include installation of all plant material on the MD 200 Intercounty Connector; installation of sand/rope fence along with maintenance of pedestrian crossovers through the sand dunes and planting of beach grass on the Ocean City Maryland Dune Restoration; Bioretention swale installation and planting on the WMATA Blue/Green Lines; and full restoration of environmentally sensitive areas on the WSSC Consent Decree.

**What is your role on the New FDMB?**

Empire Landscape will be installing shrubs, perennials/ground cover, as well as mulch beds and performing seeding throughout the site. Therefore, my role is to ensure through planning, scheduling and organizing that the crews are staying on task while maintaining a safe working environment for them.

**What do your day-to-day responsibilities look like?**

Daily I open the shop and assist crews with materials & directions for the day. That is followed by meeting crews on-site to review any safety protocols and the game plan for the day. I spend the rest of the day visiting new sites and game planning with our clients for the upcoming week's work and wrap up the day with a little office time to get the paperwork in order.

**What do you like most about this job?**

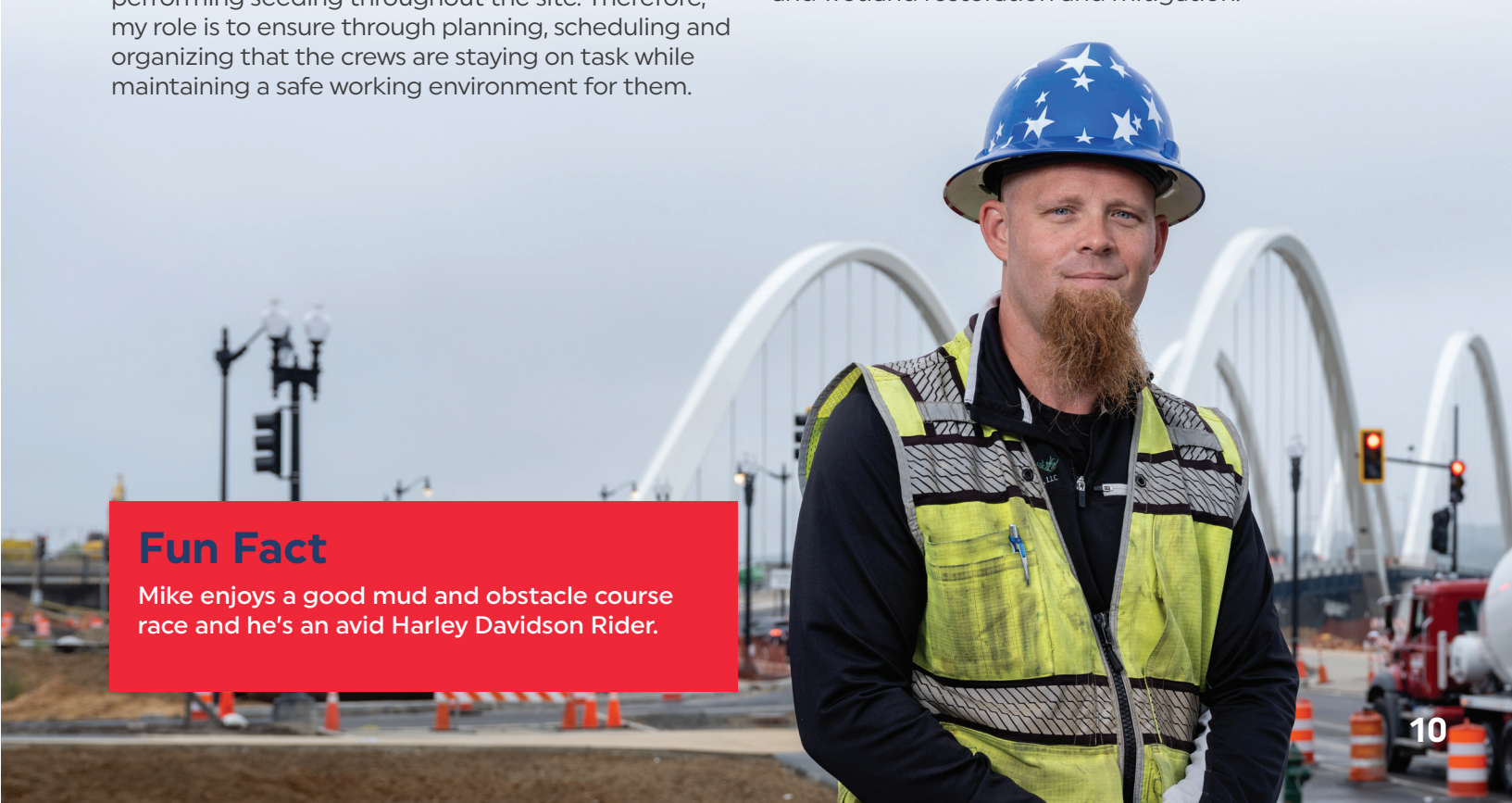
The people I work with and the environment I get to preserve & restore. From roadside restoration to reforestation to wetland mitigation, nothing is more satisfying than creating or restoring habitat for wildlife to thrive & survive in an ever-growing and changing environment.

**What are you most excited about or what is the significance of getting to work on the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge?**

The beautification of both new traffic ovals.

**What's next for you? Where do you see yourself in the next 5-10 years?**

After the FDMB project I would like to continue working on large scale projects in the surrounding MD/VA/DC metro area. I enjoy the work on stream and wetland restoration and mitigation.



**Fun Fact**

Mike enjoys a good mud and obstacle course race and he's an avid Harley Davidson Rider.



# IN THEIR WORDS

KENNETH B. MORRIS, JR.

Here we offer an excerpt from inspiring remarks given by Kenneth B. Morris, Jr., the great, great, great-grandson of our namesake Frederick Douglass at the bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. His insightful words describe how he believes the New FDMB embodies his great, great, great, grandfather's legacy.

I am the great, great, great-grandson of Frederick Douglass and the great, great-grandson of Booker T. Washington. I am also the president of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, an abolitionist and anti-racist organization with a mission to build strong children and to end systems of exploitation and oppression.

I'm honored to be here today representing the family of Frederick and Anna Marie Douglass. I'd like to start by recognizing my mother Nettie Washington Douglass, who was the person who united the bloodlines of the Douglass and Washington families through the union of her parents, Nettie Hancock Washington and Frederick Douglass III.

My mom was the guest of honor when the original South Capitol Street bridge was named for Frederick Douglass in 1965. So as this is becoming a family tradition, I want to thank you for inviting me to speak at the dedication of this incredible marvel of modern engineering and this tribute to our great ancestor.

One of the most common questions I'm asked is what would Frederick Douglass do if he were here? It's a question I often dwell on, and it's not easy to speculate what one of the greatest freedom fighters of his time might say about the state of the nation and world today. But as one of his descendants speaking on the day of the bridge ceremony, I'm obliged to offer a few ideas.

Frederick Douglass was a punctual man, and he appreciated that quality in others. So I think he would heartily commend the engineers and workers for their industry and share his own great satisfaction that the bridge that bears his name was finished ahead of time.

He also appreciated the virtues and benefits of physical exercise and was often found walking the grounds of his home and neighborhood of Cedar Hill just beyond us on the southeast side of the river. So I think that he would voice a hearty approval of the bridge's unique accommodation for pedestrians and cyclists, and its design providing opportunities for reflection and contemplation along the way.

Frederick and his son, Charles, my great, great-grandfather shared a special bond over their enjoyment of baseball that began here in D.C. In fact, when Charles became the president of the Negro League Washington Mutual's baseball Club, they made Frederick an honorary member of the team in 1870. So I would not be surprised if my great ancestor told us today that he's looking forward to venturing out of his study at Cedar Hill early, a few days next summer to walk across the bridge to catch an afternoon game at Nationals Park.

I'm fond of the eloquent poem by the first African American U.S. poet laureate, Robert Hayden, aptly named "Frederick Douglass", because it poses a question of the right and proper way to honor his legacy.

**"Oh, not with statues' rhetoric, not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing."**

These lines resonate because I think my great, great-great-grandfather would take personal pride to be commemorated in such an honorable and spectacular way as in this bridge we're standing on. Yet the poem is also a reminder that monuments and words of remembrance alone, while pleasant, are almost an inadequate way of honoring his legacy. It is the lives growing out of his life and the lives fleshing his dream of freedom, not just by me and all of his direct descendants here today, but all of you joining us and the new generation of leaders inspired by his words and carrying on his mantle and the fight for justice, liberty, and equality. That is the ultimate commemoration and tribute to Frederick Douglass.



## TOGETHER WE SHALL GO

Progress hasn't just transpired on the physical bridge. We're excited to share how we've been making progress in remaking the bridge between cultures, communities, and people. Check out what our teams, partners, and neighbors have been up to over the last several months.

As the summer came to an end, the New FDMB project team hosted its annual Back to School Give Back Event. Over the course of a few weeks, the team collected more than 200 supplies for Cedar Tree Academy in Ward 8 and Eagle Tree Academy in Ward 6. The items donated included notebooks, pencils, hand sanitizer, glue, face masks, crayons, notebooks, glue sticks, and composition books. Financial donations were also used to support the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D beautification project and the neighborhood cleanup for Ward 6. Additionally, the team donated plants and flowers from a local nursery.

We are pleased to announce that Roads & Bridges, a 107-year-old trade publication serving construction and maintenance professionals, selected the South Capitol Bridge Corridor Project/New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge project for 3rd place in its Top 10 Bridge Projects for 2021. The New FDMB will be featured in the November/December issue of the publication.



# CONSTRUCTION, DECONSTRUCTED



Nearly immediately after opening the New FDMB, South Capitol Bridgebuilders began dismantling the old bridge. This dismantling process involves neither demolition nor blasting; it is being dismantled piece by piece from top to bottom, to ensure the safety of the community and the Anacostia River. The entire removal process takes approximately five months.

**"We have been following all local and state requirements for safety and an engineering plan that is designed to protect the public. We are also working with the local agencies to ensure compliance with environmental requirements,"** states Adam Hollon, South Capitol Bridgebuilders Project Manager.

The completion of the old bridge dismantling is scheduled for February 2022.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE DISMANTLING PROCESS IS TAKING PLACE IN THREE PHASES:

# 1

The bridge removal is taking place in a simple top-down method where the concrete bridge deck is removed from on top. A majority of the concrete decking is cut into large sections and removed. The length, width, thickness and density of the concrete shapes are used to approximate the weight of the pre-cut slab. Removing the concrete and steel decking took about one month.



# 2

The steel structure holding up the deck is removed by cutting piece by piece. A detailed plan is developed outlining which pieces of steel can be removed in a sequence. The steel is cut out using torches. This process takes six to eight weeks.



# 3

Once the deck and steel are removed, the substructure, including underwater piers and foundations, will be removed with equipment on barges in the river. Removal of the substructure involves the breakdown of the concrete/stone piers. Most of the work is performed in the river where the proper safety precautions must be put in place to protect the boaters and the river itself. Work will be performed with cranes and excavators working on barges. This process takes a few months.



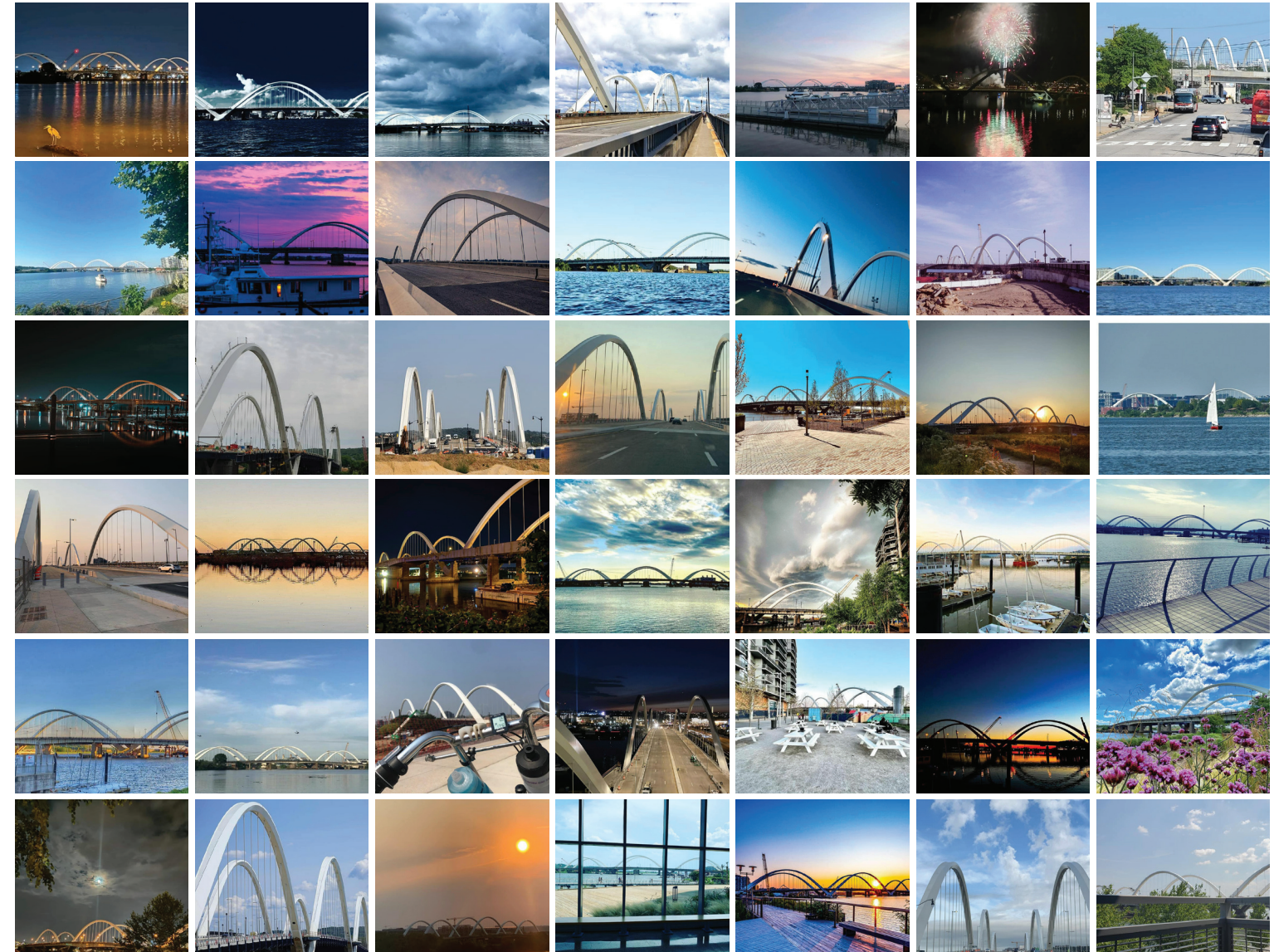


# #FDMBVANTAGEPOINT: SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOTS

Progress looks different depending on where you're standing. We thank all of our neighbors across the region for tagging us and sending us your images of the bridge from your vantage point! Here's a snapshot of our collective #progress, through the lens of our digital community.



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