

15th Street: It's hitting the fan [UPDATED]

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April 17, 2026

Update: April 21, 2026: WE WON!!!

Have you seen the good news!? WABA's legal team argued our case for saving the 15th Street protected bike at a hearing on April 9th. Today, April 21st, the judge issued a ruling **IN OUR FAVOR**. The fight may not be over—there's a chance the government tries to appeal—but this is **REALLY GOOD NEWS**. The ruling states that the decision to remove the bike lane was arbitrary and capricious, and that the removal cannot proceed as planned. The government has to follow a public input process and conduct further research. Read more:

YESSSSSS (15th Street)



HERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS!



Washington Area Bicyclist Association



Update: April 17, 2026: No Decision on WABA Lawsuit Yet.

Earlier this week, federal agencies put up signage saying "Paving on 15th Street on or around 4/23/26" near the 15th St and Constitution Ave and 15th St/Raul Wallenberg Place and Maine Ave intersections. The signs are a disquieting reminder about the potential future of this essential bike lane.

While we fervently hope for an injunction— and the judge did commit to an answer by April 22 — the government is clearly preparing to move ahead. We will keep you informed as this develops. Thank you for all of your support of WABA in this important fight.

Feeling fired up? Us too! **Join us for a community rally on Tuesday, April 21st, at 5pm near the Washington Monument** to call to save the bike lane! Clever signs and noise-makers encouraged.

Update: April 9, 2026: We sued

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Update: April 9, 2026: We sued the federal government, it helped.

Two weeks ago we filed a complaint against the Department of the Interior demanding that federal agencies halt any further action to remove the protected bike lane, and that they follow the legally required processes to make this kind of change, which include, among other things, soliciting public input, demonstrating that the removal will not have a negative impact on safety (it will), and demonstrating that the removal will not have a negative impact on the environment (it will).

The Department of Justice **agreed not to remove the lanes until April 23**. This is a great step in the right direction. We're not taking their word for it though, and will continue to keep a close watch on 15th Street.

On April 9, Our all-star legal team from Covington and Beveridge & Diamond argued our case in front of a federal judge and we expect a decision before April 23.

What you can do:

1. [Share this](#) petition calling on the National Park Service to leave the lanes in place. Post it on your social media, send it to your friends, your family, your neighborhood listservs. Get the word out!
2. [Help us pay for the lawyers](#) who are working on this with us. We're in this fight together and we need your support now more than almost any other time in our history.
3. [Buy a "Don't tread on my bike lane" t-shirt!](#)

Older updates:

March 23, 2026

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Lawsuit

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As part of this lawsuit, we notified the Department of Justice of this 'off-hours, emergency' filing. Yesterday, Sunday, the Department of Justice responded.

In their response **they confirmed that the relevant government parties would not start work on removing the bike lane before March 30.**

Accordingly, we now plan to file our lawsuit today, March 23rd, and to seek that the court issue an order halting the removal process before March 30.

And also:

We're also working with the League of American Bicyclists, Rep Eleanor Holmes Norton, and VA Rep Don Beyer to include language in upcoming appropriations that prevents federal agencies from spending money to remove the bike lane. Signers on that letter also sent a letter to USDOT on Friday opposing the removal of the bike lane.

Background:

We heard some well substantiated rumors about a month ago that USDOT, at the behest of the White House, was pressuring NPS to remove the part of the 15th Street Protected Bike Lane that's on land the Park Service controls, from Constitution Ave to the Jefferson Memorial. Technically, this requires a public input process, but we all saw what happened to the East Wing of the White House, and we anticipated that the agency would attempt to do the work without following proper procedures. In the intervening weeks, we've been working with our legal team to prepare a complaint, and we've had volunteers riding the lanes to let us know if anything suspicious popped up.

We know from DDOT's data that these lanes improve safety for everyone and actually reduce car traffic congestion. And this isn't unique. We know from study after study after study that bike lanes make everyone safer and don't cause congestion. Removing them is not about making the street safer, or even making things more convenient for drivers.

We'll keep you updated as this unfolds.



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National Mall

bikeleague You may have heard: the federal government is planning to remove part of the protected bike lane on 15th Street in Washington, through the National Mall. This lane is a vital artery for the region, not just the city.

This lane, like all bike lanes, made this street safer and better for everyone. It reduced injuries for all crashes and cut travel times for drivers, too. The data is unambiguous. But data alone doesn't protect infrastructure; people do.

@wabadc is leading the fight here in DC, and the League knows this is a threat every community could face in the coming years.

Tomorrow, we wrap up the 2026 National Bike Summit and take our message to the National Mall: Bike Lanes Save Lives. Join us in solidarity with WABA and everyone who believes in safer roads for all.

Thursday, March 26 | 5–6pm
15th St NW & Constitution Ave NW
RSVP via link in bio

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SAVE THE 15TH ST BIKE LANE!

Monday, March 23rd @ 12:00pm
15th St SW & Independence Ave SW

After weeks of rumors, the feds are tearing out the 15th St Bike Lanes along the National Mall. Rally & Ride with us to protest their removal.

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Washington Monument

wabadc Peak bloom is temporary. Our safety shouldn't be.

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A recent study found that the 15th St bike lane:

- The project reduced all roadway crashes by 46% and bicycle injury crashes by 91%.
- The new protected facility resulted in a 3% increase in bicycle traffic along the corridor.
- Capital Bikeshare stations along the corridor are among the most used in the system, with the Jefferson Street station seeing 232,658 CaBi trip starts and ends since 2022.
- After the project was installed, speeds increased by 17%. Peak hour northbound travel time decreased by 36 seconds, while southbound travel time decreased by 40 seconds on the corridor.

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wabadc Monday (3/23) 15th Street Bike Lane Updates:

- ✓ Lawsuit.
- ✓ Weeklong reprieve (if they follow the rules)
- ✓ Rally TODAY at noon.

More details at the link in profile.

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bikepgh Keep up the good fight, friends ❤️

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WE WON



For America's Bike Lane!



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wabadc We won, and the 15th St NW bike lane is here to stay! Based on the facts, decision rip it out has been ruled "null and void, and the removal project will not proceed on April 23, 2026."

Come celebrate victory for America's bike lane, this afternoon at the Washington Monument--5pm!

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tina1236 Now can we throw our weight behind preserving East Potomac Park ?????

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