

## Terry Bellamy from DDOT

Terry Bellamy, Director for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), lives and works in the Capitol Riverfront. Last May DDOT moved into a new building at 55 M Street, SE. Their new headquarters is a LEED Gold certified building that houses approximately 450 DDOT staff members who were previously spread out in multiple locations throughout the District.

Mr. Bellamy is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of a department with an annual operating and capital budget of \$1 billion and 950 employees. Mr. Bellamy joined DDOT as Deputy Director of Operations in March of 2008. He has over 27 years of experience in the transportation field and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position he serves.

As a resident, and a valued member of the local government, Mr. Bellamy has had a unique opportunity to witness the continued development of the Capitol Riverfront. Before DDOT moved their headquarters, Mr. Bellamy already knew the ins-and-outs of the Capitol Riverfront. He said, "I remember when there was nothing, so watching the townhomes develop and watching the neighborhood really take off is tremendous!"

Mr. Bellamy was a supporter of the Washington Nationals even before the ballpark was in the Capitol Riverfront, so the fact that the ballpark is in walking distance to both his home and workplace is a major benefit. Otherwise, Mr. Bellamy's favorite neighborhood hangout is Justin's Cafe, where he can always stop and get a sandwich after work. Regarding the work of the Capitol Riverfront BID, he said, "I think the clean team is great, and we have got to hand it to them, as I see them right near the Metro every morning. Also, the movies and waterfront programs provided by the BID are what you want in to find in your neighborhood."

Working in Capitol Riverfront has a lot of advantages, such as the local amenities and proximity to numerous partners. The new facility at 55 M St. is also located near projects like the 11th Street Bridge, the Anacostia Watershed Initiative, and St. Elizabeth's. "There are ten years of projects right here," said Mr. Bellamy adding, "once the GSA built DOT everything started to happen, and the neighborhood really became a community."

Mr. Bellamy also enjoys the weekly DOT Farmer's Market, and the Capitol Riverfront Concert series. He added, "This location gives us the ability to access and interact with other agencies. The Office of Planning is right down the street, as well as DOT, DC Water, and various contractors. Our move put us right down the street from all the amenities we need." Mr. Bellamy has also noticed that a lot of the District's Directors are moving to the neighborhood, so he sees a lot of key people at neighborhood events.

Before getting back to ensuring exceptional quality of life in the nation's capital through more sustainable travel practices, safer streets and outstanding access to goods and services, Mr. Bellamy said, "As both a resident, and as part of our agency, I can say that we look forward to being a active partner with the Capitol Riverfront."

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