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District of Columbia Experience

- Federal facilities and grounds have open and accessible designs, physical representations of our government and the country's democratic ideals.
- After the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the events of September 11, 2001, security needs were elevated and unsightly temporary solutions often restricted access to public space.



The Delicate Balance

- Perceived and real security threats related to vehicle ramming attacks
- ADA access
- Private property vs. public property
- Aesthetics



Not So Great Examples



U.S. Department of Commerce

2007



2017



Reinforced Street Furniture



Keep Pushing for Better Design



U.S. State Department

- Break up the monotony
- Create physical and visual variations
- Match existing street furniture color
- Use reinforced street furniture and streetlights
- Storm-water Management

THANK YOU!

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