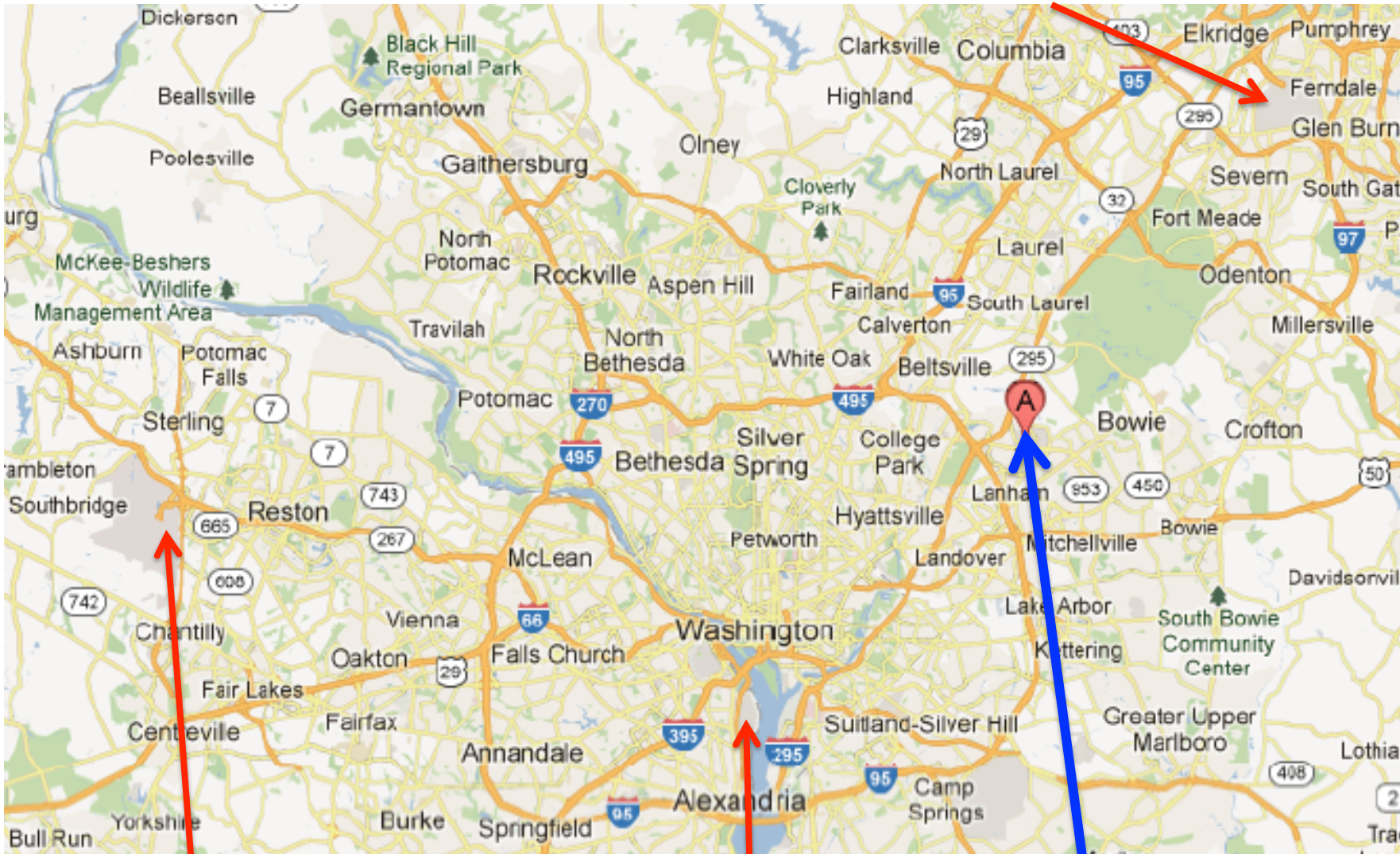


IDS AWG, Fall 2013

- **Dates:** October 15-16, 2013 (Tuesday – Wednesday).
(Monday Oct. 14 is a holiday, Columbus Day; The OSTST is planned for the previous week in Boulder, Colorado)
- **Meeting Location:** NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 34, Greenbelt, Maryland, USA (near Washington D.C.).
- **Access & Visitor Control:** Main Gate, 8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.
- **Nearest Airports:** IAD (Dulles) for most International Flights; BWI (Baltimore-Washington International for Domestic flights); DCA (Washington, National Airport for some Domestic flights, usually with connections).

BWI Airport



Dulles Airport (IAD)

National Airport (DCA)

NASA GSFC

Getting to GSFC, Greenbelt MD

- Learn more about NASA GSFC:
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/index.html>
- Directions to GSFC:
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/directions/index.html>
- Best access: Rental car.
- Public Transportation Access to GSFC:
 - Limited access available from Greenbelt metro station and 15X Bus.
 - Washington DC Metro: www.wmata.com
 - 15X. Bus schedule: http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/government/agencyindex/dpw&t/transit/pdfs/Route15X_web.pdf

Some nearby Hotels

- Greenbelt Marriot (6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 301-441-3700)
- Holiday Inn (7200 Hanover Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 301-982-7000)
- Hilton Garden Inn Washington DC/Greenbelt (7810 Walker Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 301-474-7400)
- Days Inn/Lanham Maryland. (9023 Annapolis Road/I-495 & Route 450, Lanham, MD, 20706; 301-459-6600)

Stay in Washington DC?

- Advantages & Disadvantages:

- > No need for rental car.

- > More choice of restaurants. Easy access to downtown sites.

- > Commute to Greenbelt via metro + bus (Take the Green Line from Gallery Place or L'Enfant Plaza).

- > Dulles Airport to Downtown Washington DC:

- (1) Super Shuttle (make reservation at www.supershuttle.com);

- (2) Washington Flyer coach to West Falls Church metro station, then metro: http://www.washfly.com/flyer_bus_schedule.htm

- (3) Taxi (\$\$\$)

- (4) Public Bus (5A) to L'Enfant Plaza: – NOT RECOMMENDED, unless you are a sardine.

Stay in Washington DC?

-> BWI to Downtown Washington DC:

(1) Super Shuttle (make reservation at www.supershuttle.com);

(2) B30 WMATA Bus to Greenbelt Metro Station. (every 40 minutes).

(3) Train: Take shuttle from airport to BWI Rail Station: Amtrak or MARC. See

<http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation/trans/marc>

(4) Taxi (\$\$\$\$)

Public Transportation in Washington DC

=> Buy SMartTrip Card (an electronic card that one loads up with \$\$\$ to use on Buses, Metro, DC Circulator etc.). \$3 nominal charge. Otherwise paper tickets are more expensive, and you get no discounts on transfers (metro to bus).

→ <http://www.wmata.com/fares/smartrip/>



Sites in/near Washington DC

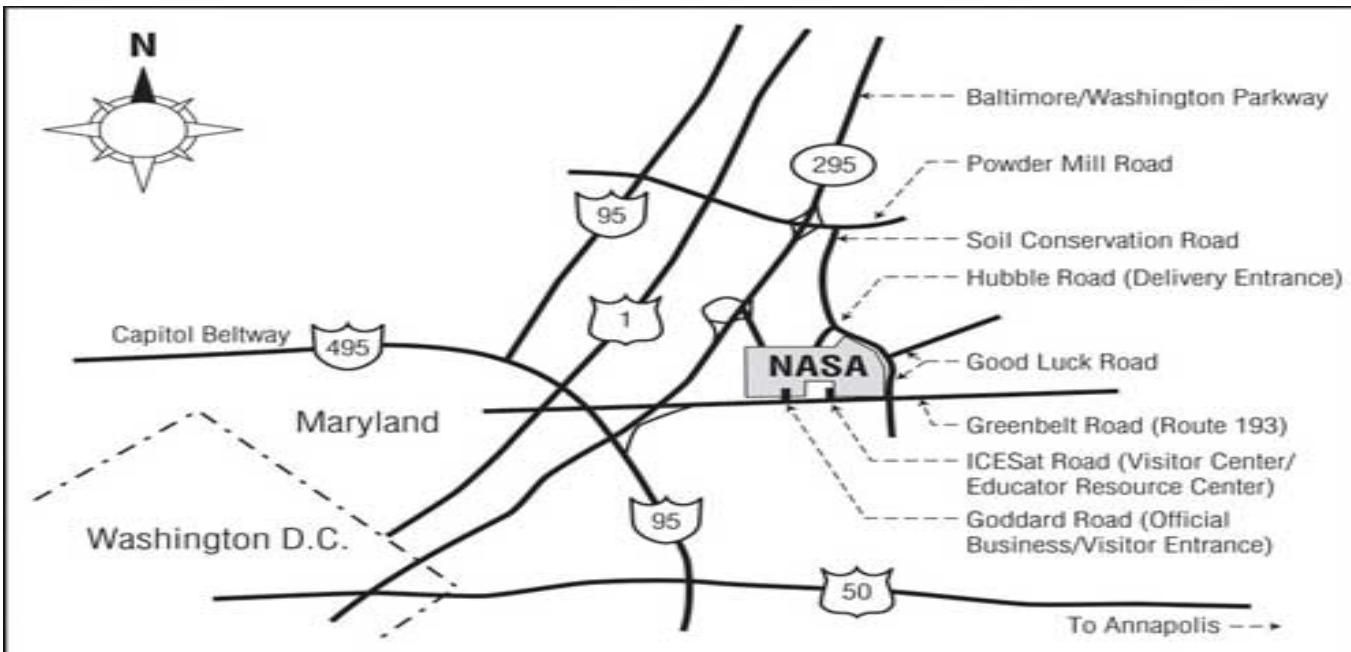
- Many museums. www.si.edu/Museums
- Newseum, Intl. Spy Museum.
- Monuments & Historic sites: Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon. Washington Monument closed for repairs after recent M5.9 earthquake.
- Nearby cities and sites (need automobile):
 - (1) Annapolis, Maryland (historic colonial city; US Naval academy)
 - (2) Harpers Ferry, Maryland/West Virginia:
<http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>
 - (3) Shenandoah National Park (Virginia)
<http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>
 - (4) Monticello (Charlottesville, Virginia). <http://www.monticello.org>

Getting Access to GSFC

- All visitors must be cleared by GSFC security prior to visit.
- Visitors from outside the U.S. may require up to 60 days to process.
- Needed for Badge:
 - (1) Complete information form (xls file).
 - (2) Provide pdf of passport information page.
 - (3) Pdf Copy of ESTA waiver: (Electronic System for Travel Authorization)
<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>
- On days of meeting go to Main Gate (8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt Maryland) with passport to check in.

GSFC Site Map

- Proceed east on 193/Greenbelt Road
- Make left at traffic light into GSFC then immediate right into Main Gate parking
- Proceed into Bldg. 9 at Main Gate to get badge
- Meeting will take place in Bldg. 34, Room xxx



GGAO Site Visit

- Goddard Geophysical and Astronomical Observatory (GGAO) is located 5 km from Goddard Space Flight Center. GGAO is one of the few sites in the world to have all four geodetic techniques co-located at a single location and is the site of NASA's Space Geodesy Project's prototype system development.

