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George Branyan, DDOT Pedestrian Traffic Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Branyan and Mr. Marootian,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on January 12, 2012, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 6-0-1, with a quorum present, to request the Department of Transportation provide a project update and a community presentation regarding proposed street improvement and pedestrian safety alternatives for C Street, NE.

C Street, as it receives traffic from the East Capitol Street Bridge, has long been an area of concern for our community. As one of the largest sources for morning commuter traffic into the city, the volume and speed at which traffic passes through the neighborhood threaten the safety and quality of life of area residents. Of particular concern is the danger this traffic poses to the nearly 300 school children attending Eliot-Hine Middle School, who regularly cross C Street on their way to and from the building. Furthermore, the amount of traffic passing through C Street negatively impacts traffic volume on downstream feeder and residential streets throughout Capitol Hill.

In 2010, DDOT funded a traffic study that resulted in the development of three draft design options, and a series of community meetings about the study's findings. This project, unfortunately, has effectively been on hold since then. Community concerns about the safety and volume of traffic on this street continue, and it's time to move forward with solutions.

As an ANC, we request that DDoT provide a public update on where this project currently stands, and how we move ahead from here. We also hope that as this project moves forward, DDoT will update the three draft options to take into account the community input provided during the workshops in 2010, namely to slow and reduce traffic on C Street in a manner that also mitigates spillover onto other streets in the surrounding neighborhood (i.e. 21<sup>st</sup>/Oklahoma Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets NE, etc.), if changes on C Street are enacted.

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please contact Omar Mahmud at [familymahmud@yahoo.com](mailto:familymahmud@yahoo.com) (202-546-1520), Chair of our Transportation committee, or David Holmes at [holmes6a3@gmail.com](mailto:holmes6a3@gmail.com) (202-251-7079).

On behalf of the Commission,

  
David Holmes, Chair

  
Lia Veenendaal-Selck, Commissioner 6A08