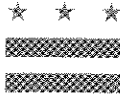


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Mr. Joseph Fengler
Chair
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Dear Mr. Fengler:

This is in response to your March 25, 2008 letter regarding several outstanding DDOT issues.

1. **1125 G Street NE, public space violation** – A permit application was never filed with the District Department of Transportation for the occupancy of public space at this location; the electrical box in question has *not* been permitted. We have referred this case to our Systems Inspection and Oversight Division (SIOD) for investigation. SIOD has issued a citation for \$2,500.
2. **29 15th Street NE, public space violation** – It has also been determined that the electrical box this location was also installed without a public space permit. Contractors frequently fail to include meter boxes on building permit applications, and as a result, DDOT is not notified of the occupancy. In some cases, meters are anchored to the building wall, and do not appear to affect public space. The DDOT Permitting Office is working with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to mitigate this problem. We have referred this case to SIOD for investigation. SIOD has issued a citation for \$2,500.
3. **Non-rush hour parking on Florida Avenue NE and consideration of a taxi zone on H Street NE** – DDOT feels strongly that two functional lanes must be set aside for the safe flow of traffic on Florida Avenue NE. Safety is our primary concern, and the presence of deaf pedestrians and small children crossing at various points of Florida Avenue call for an added level of caution. We would advise against changing the parking regulations at this time.

We have surveyed the area around the Performing Arts Center located at 1333 H Street. We met with Arts Center representatives and considered the various

businesses on the block. It is clear that some would benefit from the establishment of a taxi zone in this area. Two taxicab stands and a handicap parking space will be installed within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

4. **Traffic signal modification at 9th Street, E Street, and Maryland Avenue** – DDOT has completed a field investigation of the traffic signals at this location. As a result of this investigation, we will replace the existing conventional traffic signals, located on the center-island and southeast, with optically programmable traffic signals that will not be visible to eastbound motorists waiting at 9th Street and Maryland Avenue, NE. We expect to complete this work within 4-6 weeks, weather permitting.

DDOT will also install additional pedestrian signals at this intersection. An exact implementation date has not been set, but we will include this location in our normal program of citywide upgrades.

5. **Public space violation concerns** – DDOT's Public Space Permitting Office is aware that driveway cuts, parking in public space, utility repairs, and electrical boxes are challenges in ANC 6A. Indeed, these are issues across the District. We are working with permit applicants to minimize violations like these that so directly degrade public space. Additionally, we are reminding our Systems Inspection and Oversight Division (SIOD) of the need to monitor and enforce these, and other, violations.

Regarding the specific location at 701 10th Street, NE, DDOT has responded to ANC 6A explaining why the permit was granted. The curb cut was deemed to pose no danger to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. It was also in compliance with our design standards and specifications. We appreciated, and gave great weight to, the concerns expressed by ANC 6A. However, our final decision was to grant the permit.

6. **Car sharing enforcement request** – In an effort to reduce traffic and parking congestion, the District began an on-street car-sharing program in October 2005. As part of this effort, DDOT set aside designated on-street parking spaces for car-sharing vehicles. Since that time, car-share membership has increased. Many people indicate that they have sold a car, or avoided the planned purchase of a car, as a result of their participation in a car-sharing program.

Illegal parking of vehicles in designated car-share spaces continues to plague the District's car-sharing efforts. We have contacted MPD and DPW to enlist their support in enforcing the existing parking regulations. This type of cooperation is vital if we are to combat illegal parking and promote the continued growth in car-sharing activity.

7. **Request to remove abandoned curb cuts at 1400 Maryland Avenue and 600 14th Street** – DDOT will remove all non-compliant curb cuts, including the 1400 block of Maryland Avenue, in conjunction with the ongoing construction project at the starburst intersection.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Christopher Delfs, Ward 6 Transportation Planner, at (202) 671-1598.

Sincerely,



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