

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



January 22, 2015

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo Acting Director, District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic at intersection of 16th Street NE and North Carolina Avenue NE

Dear Mr. Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 8, 2014, our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the intersection of 16th Street NE and North Carolina Avenue NE and for additional pedestrian crossing signage and general improvement to pedestrian safety.

This intersection is just a few hundred feet to the east of where North Carolina Avenue splits off from C Street NE. Traffic is often moving at a high speed because it is a main route to downtown Washington from RFK Stadium and the Anacostia Freeway. Traffic on 16th Street is unable to cross North Carolina Avenue as there is no break in the median; therefore there is no traffic signal. However, pedestrians must cross six lanes of fast-moving traffic, four on North Carolina Avenue NE and two on C Street NE, without the benefit of a stop sign or traffic signal. The lack of pedestrian crossing signage makes this an extremely daunting and potentially dangerous task.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT examine this intersection and would support the installation of additional pedestrian crossing signage. The commission would also support exploration of illuminated crosswalks as have been installed in other parts of the country.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at PhilANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Charles Allen

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.