



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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March 16, 2016

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

Re: Parking signage and other traffic improvement measures for the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE at the intersection with K Street NE

Dear Director Dormsjo:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 10, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE for parking notification and traffic improvements designed to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety.

The Commission believes this portion of Florida Avenue is unsafe due to current traffic conditions and signage. As a major artery into and out of the District, Florida Avenue experiences high traffic volumes and high vehicle speed levels. At the intersection where K Street NE meets Florida Avenue NE (just before the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE), there is a yield entry for traffic and a slight right turn, meaning traffic from K Street NE only slows down enough to check oncoming traffic from Florida before speeding down the lane closest to the curb on Florida Avenue. Because there is parking now allowed in that lane, this creates an unsafe condition for residents who have parked their cars on that block. In fact, one neighbor has already reported his vehicle being rear-ended by a car entering Florida Avenue from K Street on this block.

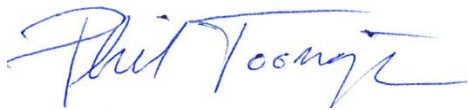
We understand that DDOT is currently undergoing a full study to evaluate ways to improve these conditions along a larger portion of Florida Avenue NE, but we ask that you please consider a few short-term solutions in the meantime to address residents' concerns. More specifically, we

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ask that DDOT consider (i) installation of a stop sign to replace the current yield sign at the intersection of K Street NE and Florida Avenue NE, (ii) extending parking for the entire length of the 1200 block of Florida Avenue NE by adding additional parking signs further west down the block, and (iii) eliminating now unnecessary curb cuts on the western end of the block, which will allow for additional parking.

Based on the testimony of ANC6A residents and the unanimous support of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, the Commission requests DDOT conduct an examination of this area and implement solutions to resolve these safety concerns. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com or the ANC 6A Vice-Chair, J. Omar Mahmud, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com, in whose Single Member District (SMD) this area resides.

On behalf of the Commission,



Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Attachment: Traffic calming application