

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A PO Box 15020 Washington, DC 20003



June 13, 2024 Mayor Muriel Bowser DC City Council Members Sharon Kershbaum, DDOT Acting Director Via email

Re: ANC 6A Resolution re: Sidewalk Repairs in FY 2025 Budget

Dear Honorable Mayor Bowser, Honorable Members of the District of Columbia Council and Acting Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 13, 2024 our Commission voted 5-0-0(with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send the following resolution to each of you.

ANC 6A urges the City Council, the DDOT, and the Mayor to support a minimum FY 2025 budget of \$127 million for sidewalk maintenance, including a minimum redirection of 5% of DDOT's paving budget for FY25 into sidewalk repairs to improve accessibility and shorten the timelines for sidewalk repairs. The ANC notes that damaged sidewalks have resulted in numerous injuries and disabilities and potentially cost the City millions of dollars annually in legal settlements and judgments.

In addition, we urge the Council, the Mayor and DDOT to support and implement more effective and efficient systems for sidewalk monitoring, repair and/or replacement and to allow experimentation with alternative sidewalk materials that are safer, more cost-effective, more durable, and potentially more environmentally friendly.

ANC 6A also requests that the Council ask DDOT to report, at least every six months, a set of metrics, by ANC, Ward, and Citywide, including but not limited to the number and number of feet of sidewalks repaired or replaced; the number of complaints received; the number of complaints closed; the number outstanding complaints; and the time between complaint and closure.

We ask that this ANC Resolution be considered with "great weight."

Please be advised that I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and the Transportation and Public Space Chair can be reached at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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