



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mike Goodno
Bicycle Program Specialist
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Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for Extension of Bike Facilities on K Street NE

Dear Mr. Goodno,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 9, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to:

1. Support DDOT's request to close the gap in the bicycle lane network, including with an extension of bike facilities on K Street NE from 7th Street NE to 8th Street NE, with reference to NOI-23-223-PSD, and support additional green space and a pocket park at 8th and K Streets and West Virginia Avenue NE;
2. Request that DDOT use the left turn lane on the 700 block of K Street NE to create space for the bicycle lane, thereby slowing traffic on K Street NE;
3. Request Pick-Up and Drop-Off (PUDO) spots on K Street NE and/or 8th Street NE for residents to load their vehicles, etc.;
4. Narrow vehicle lanes to 9 feet: <https://narrowlanes.americanhealth.jhu.edu/>;
5. Explore protection of the bicycle lane, especially after narrowing the vehicle lanes; and
6. Study the turn radius of large vehicles from West Virginia Avenue onto K Street NE, and redirect large vehicles to another route as needed.

Last year an ANC 6A constituent, Ralph Williamson, was killed on K Street NE when a driver crashed into him as he was unloading groceries. Slower speeds and pick up and drop off zones could have prevented that fatality and are therefore in our request today. This extension will improve safety for all road users and provide an important connection between the K Street NE and West Virginia Avenue bicycle facilities. The bicycle lanes would also connect to the pocket park to be installed at the intersection of West Virginia Avenue and K Street NE for increased stormwater retention. The District's multimodal long-range transportation plan includes these blocks as a part of the Bicycle Priority Network. Having a safe, low-stress bicycling network is critical. A safe systems approach includes this element for safer roads: "Design roadway environments to mitigate human mistakes and account for injury tolerances, to encourage safer behaviors, and to facilitate safe travel by the most vulnerable users."

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on, anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

In addition to reducing traffic violence and fatalities, we are concerned about the impacts of climate change on our neighborhood such as increased rats, mosquitoes, mold, and flooding. This moves us to support safety interventions for residents. This project will create a buffer for residents traveling on the sidewalk and increase their safety, create a safer spot for bicycle riders, as well as slow traffic which will increase safety for all users.

Related letters of support for the pocket park, traffic calming, and bike facilities from this Commission are available at these links:

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-Extension-of-Bike-Facilities-on-K-StreetNE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-DDOTs-plans-for-WV-Ave-Low-ImpactDevelopment-.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-re-Support-for-traffic-calming-800-block-WV-NE-andKStreet-NE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/TSA-800-blk-W-Virginia-Ave-NE-redacted.pdf>

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Chatterjee at 6A01@anc.dc.gov, and our Transportation and Public Space Co-Chairs at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,



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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A