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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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June 15, 2024

Acting Director Sharon Kershbaum
Ms. Kelly Jeong-Olson
Mr. Will Handsfield
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-127-TESD

Dear Acting Director Kershbaum, Ms. Jeong-Olson and Mr. Handsfield:

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 support DDOT's Notice of Intent 24-127-TESD.²

The Commission would like to thank the Traffic Safety Branch for advancing on this road diet and safety improvements to the 17th Street Corridor. On June 22, 2022, our Commission signed a joint letter with ANC 6B in support of initial concept designs and improved bike facilities for 17th Street from Benning Road to Barney Circle. As noted in the letter, both Commissions provided their unanimous support for these planned safety improvements, citing numerous traffic safety assessment and investigation requests.³

Although 17th Street is no longer within the borders of our Commission Area following redistricting, we have heard many supportive comments about this proposal from residents who live on or near 17th Street. We have also heard from parents and caregivers whose children cross 17th Street to get to and from Maury and Miner Elementary Schools, Eliot-Hine Middle School, and Eastern High School, as well as Rosedale Recreation Center. The current two-lane configuration between Benning and East Capitol allows dangerous drivers to race around law-abiding drivers who have stopped for pedestrians, which is particularly dangerous at uncontrolled intersections.

We request that DDOT prioritize the below points to reduce known safety risks, which mirror the three "E"s—Engineering, Education and Enforcement—of Vision Zero:

- Engineering: We appreciate that DDOT plans to use a road diet to improve safety for all road users by slowing drivers. We appreciate the addition of protected bicycle facilities along this corridor as it would fill an important gap in the connected and protected network. We applaud the

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.

² <https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/pages/2518220804/NOI-24-127-TESD>

³ <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-and-6B-Joint-Letter-of-Support-for-17th-and-19th-Traffic-Calming-and-Bike-Facilities.docx-1.pdf>

effort to systematically remove double-threat crosswalks throughout the corridor and provide safer space for vulnerable pedestrians.

- As part of this project, we ask that DDOT restore and renovate sidewalks and fill in sidewalk gaps around Rosedale Recreation Center, particularly at the south entrance/easement between the field and the Monument Academy parking lot. Many young people use this community resource and need safe and accessible infrastructure to get to and from the Center;
- Enforcement: Give strong consideration to installing automated traffic enforcement cameras, particularly for red lights and speed limit compliance; and
- Education: Add signage to ensure that all road users are clear about what facilities are designed for use by which road users. In particular, where the bike lane switches from one side of the road to the other on 17th Street, signage is key. On that last note, we request that DDOT consider the possibility of more consistency in the side of the road that the bike facility is on throughout the corridor, such that users are not confused, creating potential risk.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,



Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A