

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



May 10, 2024

Acting Director Sharon Kershbaum
Ms. Kelly Jeong-Olson
Strategic Communications Manager, Traffic Safety Branch
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-72-TESD

Dear Acting Director Kershbaum and Ms. Jeong-Olson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 9, 2024 our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notice of Intent to make vehicle lane adjustments to the recently completed C Street NE project at the split between C Street and North Carolina Avenue NE (at 16th Street).

Reducing vehicle travel lanes to just one at this location would correct the dangerous double-threat crosswalk design and improve safety for all road users, including children walking to nearby schools. In addition, we respectfully request that DDOT examine the possibility of reducing vehicle travel lanes from two to one on westbound North Carolina Avenue between 16th and 14th streets, based on the following observations:

- Two lanes in the same direction encourage drivers to race each other and beat the light at 15th Street. Red light running is a near-daily occurrence at this location and a red light camera would be helpful (this has already been submitted as a TSI request). We request a speed and volume study to better understand what share of drivers are exceeding the speed limit and whether a road diet to improve safety and reduce speeding would be possible.
- The protected sidewalk-level bike lanes on the south side of NC Ave between 14th and 16th are frequently used by families with children going the wrong way (westbound) to avoid the unprotected (paint only) lanes on the north side of the street. DDOT has the opportunity to correct this inconsistent design by moving the westbound (north side) bike lanes against the curb from

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16th to 14th Streets while retaining parking. The recent installation of a bike share station at the triangle park at 16th/C/North Carolina is a welcome addition and merits further protection for these vulnerable road users.

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 Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A