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Interim 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 Traffic Calming on West Virginia Avenue NE

Dear Interim Director Kershbaum and Ms. Jeong-Olson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 8, 2024 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to reaffirm long-standing requests for traffic calming on the 800-900 blocks of West Virginia Avenue NE, and a policy waiver from federal guidelines on traffic calming, if necessary, that have thus far prevented DDOT from considering the installation of any such safety measures on this unique block of District roadway. Our Commission is requesting any of the following measures be taken:

1. Automated Traffic Enforcement, also known as speed cameras. We understand the volume of speeding vehicles has not been sufficient in the past to warrant this intervention, but we request this nonetheless given the high speed we and our neighbors have experienced.
2. Vertical Traffic Calming, also known as speed tables, speed humps, and raised crosswalks. We would like calming to occur at 9th Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE and/or at mid-block on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, in coordination with homes that have created curb cutouts for driveways on the northwest side of the street. Additionally, DDOT should consider the installation of a raised crosswalk mid-block connecting DDOT's Low Impact Development/Multipurpose Green Infrastructure Project (planned for installation in summer 2024) on the northwest side of the intersection of 9th and L Streets NE to the angled sidewalk on the southwest side.

We understand that federal guidelines do not support vertical traffic calming measures, such as speed tables and speed humps, within 150 feet of an intersection (250 feet if it is signalized) or adjacent to curb cutouts such as those that exist on the northwest side of the street for over half the length of this block.

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.

We are respectfully requesting relief from the guidelines and are asking DDOT to consider an exception to policy in the case of this very unique and historically neglected block of roadway that was constructed well before such guidelines were ever put in place.

The Commission would also like to express support for DDOT's signal study at the intersection of 8th Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE as an additional measure of traffic calming. If none of those interventions can be made, we wish to reiterate our support for any traffic calming we can get. If the above options for traffic calming cannot be implemented, we support a northeast one-way conversion that would bring traffic calming through the narrowing of the lane and the addition of a protected bicycle lane. We note that this block continues to be a gap in the bicycle lane network between protected lanes on West Virginia Avenue north of this location and K Street NE all the way to 8th Street NE. We support a connected bicycle lane network, and therefore a connection on this street if feasible.

Related letters of support for traffic calming on this block dating back to September 2016 can be found on our website:

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

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-NOI-21-136-PSD.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-DDOT-Traffic-Calming-9th WV L-NE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/Letter-to-DDOT-re-traffic-calming-req-for-8th-and-WV-Avenue-NE.pdf>

We hope you will consider this letter and our previous letters and take urgent action. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Chatterjee at 6A01@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