

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



February 13, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum Mr. Zack Gambetti District Department of Transportation Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-352-CPD, 14th Street NE

Dear Director Kershbaum and Mr. Gambetti:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notice of Intent NOI-24-352-CPD.

This Commission believes that this project will improve safety and mobility for all users of the road, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The proposed changes will close a critical gap in the protected bike lane network and make the newly installed Florida Avenue NE bike lanes more functional and safe for cyclists.

This is a critical stretch of protected bike lanes. Crossing H Street NE on a bike is often a dangerous proposition, so creating the first protected crossing for cyclists is an achievement to be celebrated. The plan proposed in the NOI is a great step forward, but the Commission would ask you to consider extending the protected bike lanes to G Street NE instead of ending them at Maryland Avenue NE. Many neighbors have witnessed dangerous and erratic driving behavior at 14th, Maryland and G Streets due to traffic around the Chick-Fil-A and the 2-way stop at 14th and G Streets. Extending the protected bike lanes to G Street neighbors and would make this road segment even safer for all road users.

The Commission recognizes that this proposal will also further impact the ability of the WMATA B2 Route to traverse from Bladensburg Road to the 14th Street NE stop south of H Street NE. This commission requests an analysis to determine the best way to prioritize this essential route either to continue on its current route, be able to merge onto H Street NE then turn left onto 14th Street NE, or have a dedicated bus lane during peak periods.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at <u>6A05@anc.dc.gov</u>, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at <u>6ATPSChair@gmail.com</u>.

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington / Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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