



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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July 10, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director and Vision Zero Team  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M St SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A Support for Slow Streets

Dear Director Marootian and Vision Zero Team:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 9, 2020, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's proposed locations for Slow Streets in and proximate to ANC 6A including 12th Street NE (from East Capitol to K Street NE), G Street NE (from 2nd Street NE to 15th Street NE) and Gales Street NE (from 15th Street NE to 21st Street NE). We support the agency's efforts to select these and other routes to allow residents to engage in healthy, distanced outdoor exercise. As part of this effort we ask that DDOT engage in communications efforts with our community and set up a feedback mechanism so that residents can provide input on the implementation of the Slow Streets.

As noted in our previous letters, many US cities have successfully opened streets to non-motorized users during COVID-19. London, Paris and other cities have enacted even more ambitious permanent plans to ensure residents can continue to have healthy, safe options for transportation once restrictions are lifted.<sup>2</sup> We ask that DDOT actively plan for a future that does not result in greater personal vehicle traffic, and associated increased pollution and health risks which will disproportionately affect our most vulnerable residents, as commuters avoid public transportation for fear of transmission.

We reiterate our May 15, 2020 request for additional routes and authorize Amber Gove to engage in discussions with ANC 6B and 6C to propose additional Slow Streets locations on behalf of ANC 6A. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/05/03/business/bc-eu-virus-outbreak-cycling-out-of-lockdown.html>