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Via email and the ANC Resolutions website:

Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
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Re: Request for additional measures related to the Maryland Avenue NE Streetscape project

Dear Director Lott:

At duly noticed¹, regularly scheduled ANC monthly meetings in July 2022, ANC 6A voted 7-0-0 with a quorum of commissioners on July 14, 2022 and ANC 6C voted 6-0-0 on June 8, 2022 with a quorum of commissioners, with the public present via video conference, to request additional measures related to the completion of the Maryland Avenue NE project. Since the date of the vote, we recognize that some of these issues may have already been addressed.

Generally:

- Please include restrictions that would prevent any right turns on red along the entire corridor.
- Safety is paramount, considering that multiple schools are located along this corridor. DDOT should prioritize the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and should not follow traditional levels of service metrics that prioritize drivers.

Within ANC 6C

West of Stanton Park:

- Install an all-way stop sign at 3rd Street NE & Maryland Avenue NE. ANC 6C noted safety concerns in [May 2021](#).

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. ANC 6C announces its meetings on its website at www.anc6c.org and monthly in the Hill Rag. Individual ANC 6C commissioners have listservs and newsletters for their Single Member Districts.

- Install bike lanes on Maryland Avenue NE, west of 3rd Street NE. Bike lines currently end at 3rd Street NE. Include a bike box at 4th Street NE.
- Install bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue NE, from Columbus Circle to 4th Street NE.
- Widen the sidewalks on the west side of 4th Street NE. Sidewalks are still very narrow and likely not ADA-compliant.

Around Station Park:

- DDOT staff need to rethink bicyclist and pedestrian connections around Stanton Park. Current designs omit critical east-west bike lanes north of Stanton Park. DDOT should implement two-way bike infrastructure all around the park, in addition to considering installing sidewalks around the perimeter of the park to further reduce car travel lanes. ANC 6C noted concerns in [September 2019](#).
- Additional work is needed to refine crosswalk phases at all four corners of the park. The current single phase is not intuitive for pedestrians.
- The signage differs for the turn lanes at the northwest corner (at 4th Street NE) and at the southeast corner (at 6th Street NE). Signage at the northwest corner at 4th St currently states no turns except on green arrow. However, signage at the southeast corner at 6th Street states no turns from 7am to 7pm. DDOT needs to harmonize the signage. ANC 6C prefers both signs to mimic the northwest corner where turns are not allowed at all times.
- Transition the bike lanes on 4th and 6th Streets to be protected.
- Include pedestrian bump-outs on the north side of Stanton Park on 5th Street NE. Bump outs were installed on the south side at 5th Street NE but not on the north side.
- Upon completion of the entire project, conduct an audit to ensure which light/traffic poles are staying and being removed as a result of the project. Currently the sidewalk narrows on 5th Street NE north of the park due to old or new infrastructure, and makes it particularly difficult for caretakers pushing strollers or people using mobility devices to maneuver the space.
- Install flexiposts or concrete wheel stops to prevent illegal parking at the southeast corner of the park in front of the Keller Williams Building. No parking signs are currently installed at that corner near a drainage grate; however, drivers are still parking there and obstruct sightlines.

East of Stanton Park:

- Re-sodding is not complete on the 600 block of Maryland Avenue NE.
- Plantings are missing at the newly installed bioretention in front of the Northeast Library.
- Remove the illegal curb cuts on the 700 block of Maryland Avenue NE. ANC 6C previously requested resolution of this issue in [July 2021](#).
- Install crosswalks and curb cut on the west side of D and 7th Streets NE.

Within ANC 6A

- Treeboxes at 10th & Maryland and 9th & Maryland are far too small for the health of the trees and to address stormwater runoff needs. Please expand and/or work with Urban Forestry and/or DOEE to allow them to do so.

- Sodded areas are already badly overgrown and not being mowed. Please provide a regular schedule for mowing and a point of contact for follow-up. Current conditions along multiple blocks more closely resemble a hay field than an appropriate grass median.
- The bioretention areas along the south side of the 1300 block of Maryland Avenue NE are too deep and present significant falling and tripping hazards. Please add sodding to make the entire garden more level with the curb.
- Contractors have already added several mock curbs on the inside of the sod wells, but these should not serve as substitutes for a garden that is level with the curb.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A and ANC 6C. Responses to this letter should be directed to both ANC 6A Chair Amber Gove (6A04@anc.dc.gov) and ANC 6C Chair Karen Wirt (6C02@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of our respective Commissions,



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ANC 6A Chair



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