



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Support for NOI 22-221-TESD for traffic calming 1100 to 1500 blocks of C Street NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 8, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support NOI #22-221-TESD in response to resident requests for traffic calming in the above-referenced blocks.

As noted in prior communications, in June 2017, our Commission submitted a traffic safety assessment² for this segment that was signed by at least 75% of residents in each block. The request was never resolved and was closed with no measures taken. In April 2021, Brian Johnson was killed by a speeding driver who ran the red light at 14th and C Streets NE.³ Despite promises made during a site visit from Director Lott, there have been no measures taken to improve safety on this corridor. Instead, numerous crashes in this corridor, including the one on April 24th, 2022 at 15th and C Streets NE, shown below, continue to risk the lives of our neighbors.



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.

² <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/Letter-to-DDOT-re-traffic-calming-C-St-NE.pdf>

³ https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/D21-11_1369%20C%20Street%20NE.pdf

In our prior communications, we recommended the following measures and any others that DDOT believes will reduce driver speed and improve safety for vulnerable road users:

- Installation of raised bus bays to prevent drivers from using the bus and bike lanes as a passing lane;
- Installation of curb extensions and bump outs at every intersection;
- Conversion of intersections from traffic signal control to stop sign control which has been shown to reduce injury crashes;
- Installation of raised crosswalks at the non-stop controlled intersections of
 - 14th Place NE
 - Warren Street NE
 - 12th Place NE

Relevant Traffic Safety Investigation Requests include:

- 21-562556
- 21-553719
- 21-562229
- 22-127067
- 22-127062
- 22-055912
- 22-129469

With specific reference to this NOI, we are grateful for the vertical traffic calming measures, adjustments to signal timing, and other components that DDOT plans to install. We ask that DDOT consider the following specific recommendations:

- Installation of curb extensions and flexpost or green infrastructure protected bump outs at every intersection;
- For bus stop locations that will not be moved, installation of raised bus bays to prevent drivers from using these areas as passing lanes;
- Automated traffic enforcement and red light cameras; and
- Additional 15 MPH School Zone signage in this segment and removal of the 25 mph sign at the NW corner of 13th and C Streets NE.

We also ask that DDOT evaluate the impact of consolidating the B2 bus stops on 14th Street NE, which has three stops on three consecutive blocks: at D Street NE, C Street NE, and North Carolina Avenue NE. The B2 stop at D Street NE serves as a connector to the D6 stop at the same location, while the B2 stop at North Carolina Avenue NE could serve as the connector for the D6 stop at C Street NE (one block south), allowing for the potential elimination of the B2 bus stop at C Street NE. Prior to any changes, we request a report on the expected impact and notification to the ANC to allow for community input. Finally, we ask that DDOT seek to minimize the loss of linear feet of parking, while prioritizing the safety of pedestrians and 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 Commissioner Gentile can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,



Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A