

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



June 12, 2022

Via email and the ANC Resolution Website to:

Everett Lott, Director District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A support for interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE

## Dear Director Lott:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE from 7th to 15th Streets NE.

In March 2021, ANCs 6A and 6C sent a joint letter<sup>2</sup> to DDOT requesting traffic calming on H Street from 2nd to 15th Streets. As highlighted in our letter, our request for traffic calming and other measures includes:

"support for: (1) X2 and X9 bus/ streetcar-only lanes; (2) wider sidewalks; and (3) pick up and drop off zones, as mentioned in the letter from 25 businesses on H Street NE. We envision a H Street NE redesign that protects the lives of our neighbors and visitors, allows our local business to flourish and grow, celebrates our neighborhood history, provides predictable and reliable bus service for transit-dependent neighbors, and is environmentally sustainable. And we welcome the opportunity to work with DDOT and Office of Planning to leverage its staff expertise to develop solutions together in partnership—especially as H Street NE will become the main corridor between two transformative redevelopment projects at Union Station and Hechinger Mall."

DDOT's initial response<sup>3</sup> has not been followed by additional correspondence noting what measures, if any, have been installed. We request expedited installation of bus/streetcar priority lanes while DDOT plans for bus lanes in 2023. Specifically, we request:

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https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/DDOT-Acknowledgement-ID2177318-ANC-6A-and-6C-Partnership-H-St reet-NE.pdf

- A westbound speed camera on the 1300 block of H Street NE;
- Sidewalk extensions/bulb-outs at 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Changes to traffic light timing to reduce driver speed and improve safety for kids crossing H Street NE to walk to school and home;
- Return of the X1 route, to take pressure off of the X2 and provide additional transit options;
- A midblock crosswalk in the 1300 block of H Street NE; and
- A red painted bus-only lane along all of H Street NE, similar to other installations.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A