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District Department of Transportation
250 M St. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Michael A. Carter
Interim Director Department of Public Works
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Support for traffic calming and trash collection change for 800 West Virginia Ave NE and K Street NE

Dear Directors Lott and Carter,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 14th, 2022, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to reiterate support for resident requests for traffic calming and a trash collection change in the above referenced block.

The 800 block of West Virginia Ave NE ends on the south side at a small pocket park at 8th and K St NE, which houses a Capital Bikeshare corral and a street mural. This is a residential block with homes on the south side of the street and driveways coming out of the rear of homes on the north side of the street. The street is characterized by high speeds, dangerous driving and illegal trash dumping, resulting in a hostile, unsafe environment for residents.

On June 15, 2021, our ANC unanimously responded to NOI # 21-136-PSD supporting a *“conversion of the 800 block of West Virginia Ave NE to one-way for vehicular traffic to facilitate slower speeds and bikeways that are protected by parking on the south side of the street.”* Our ANC further requested *“Additional traffic calming measures, such as high visibility raised crosswalks and/or speed humps.”* The letter can be found here: <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-NOI-21-136-PSD.pdf>

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.

Since that time DDOT decided to move forward with the West Virginia Ave protected bike lane north of Florida Ave NE, but decided to install no bike lane on the 800 block of West Virginia Ave. This decision came after DDOT presented options for sharrows, unprotected bike lanes, and protected bike lanes to our ANC. This decision results in a lack of connection between the West Virginia Ave Cycle Track and K St NE, where bicyclists can continue on to Northwest DC and Chinatown. DDOT must remedy the lack of a bike lane connection on this block.

Further, DDOT has failed to install any traffic calming on this block. Service request number 22-00095184 was submitted to request a speed bump and closed on March 25, 2022 by DDOT with no action and the following comment: *“Thank you for contacting DDOT, Traffic Safety Team has completed an investigation along 800 block of West Virginal Ave, NE. This service request is closed to avoid duplicate service requests. Please refer to tracking number 21-00507167. [sic]”* The tracking number that DDOT references was initiated on November 8, 2021 and indicates that data will be collected within 45 days of December 29, 2021. More than 45 days have passed since December 2021 and DDOT staff have privately communicated to residents that a speed bump could not be installed because West Virginia Ave is a minor arterial, but have not shared any data. Given that West Virginia Ave is now a dead-end, thanks to the wonderful pocket park, we do believe that DDOT should revisit the classification as a minor arterial. ANC 6A reiterates our request for traffic calming.

Other requests to serve the 800 block of West Virginia Ave have also been ignored. In our letter dated July 18, 2021 we shared our unanimous vote requesting that *“DPW move trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9th Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE. If this change in trash collection location is not possible, we request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue related to trash collection on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.”*

At this point, we have neither had a change in trash collection points, nor has DPW come to present options to our ANC to address health and safety concerns of neighbors. We are writing today to request the following:

1- That DDOT install traffic calming in the form of speed bumps or raised crosswalks on the 800 block of West Virginia Ave NE, as we requested on June 15, 2021.

2- That DDOT recount the average daily car traffic on West Virginia Ave NE given changes in traffic patterns and share data with ANC6A. The last count was before the public health emergency and found traffic levels to be just above the 5,000 car threshold that DDOT has indicated is relevant to DDOT for speed bump decisions.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?layers=e22369afb7e94cf3b9c6c1b60f4bb509>). We request that DDOT conduct a recount given that patterns have changed significantly. We further request that DDOT work with USDOT to recategorize the 800 block of West Virginia Ave to a collector or local road and pursue a one-way treatment and protected bike lanes for this block. This is a small residential street that ends in a dead-end on one side and it should not be classified as a minor arterial.

3- That DPW either move the trash collection point away from West Virginia Ave NE, to the alley, or present to our ANC health and safety options at an upcoming meeting of our Transportation and Public Space committee, as we requested on July 18, 2021.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Chatterjee can be contacted at 6A01@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,



Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A