

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



December 11, 2022

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

Re: ANC 6A Request for traffic safety measures at 16th and East Capitol Street NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets, NE/SE.

The Commission wishes to emphasize this action is critical to mitigating frequent vehicle crashes at this intersection, to improve safety for people walking and riding, including students, and to align with the Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Amendment Act of 2021 (DC B24-0565) just passed by the Council of the District of Columbia. The intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets NE/SE stands out as one of the three remaining uncontrolled intersections along the busy East Capitol corridor in our community either missing an all-way stop or an automated traffic signal. The other intersections are 7th and 5th and East Capitol Streets NE/SE, respectively. This Commission has heard testimony from neighbors and has regularly seen how the current arrangement at 16th and East Capitol creates unsafe situations for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists throughout the day. Additionally, Traffic Safety Investigation requests (TSIs) have been submitted (see TSIs 22-00560137 and 22-00190899).

There are several contributing factors requiring additional traffic control at this intersection. There is a significant volume of traffic that uses 16th Street southbound as a bypass to a bottleneck intersection at 17th and East Capitol NE/SEI. This bypass traffic will likely increase once 17th Street is narrowed to one lane in a planned redesign. Presently, 16th Street between Constitution and East Capitol NE - two blocks - has no speed humps, raised crosswalks or speed tables. The northeast corner of 16th and East Capitol has poor sightlines looking east for oncoming traffic. This causes southbound 16th Street motorists to advance in the intersection, where they may be met with East Capitol Street traffic speeding west - or blocking the bicycle lane moving into the intersection. We have two schools within a one-block radius of this intersection - Eastern Senior High School and Capitol City Public Charter School.

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¹ANC 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.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Alcorn can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A