



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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June 17, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: NOI 19-146-TOA Intersection changes at 13th St NE, Constitution Ave NE and Tennessee Ave NE

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 13, 2019, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter of support for the notice of intent to make changes to the intersection at 13th NE, Constitution Ave NE and Tennessee Ave NE.

Our Commission supports the intent of the proposed improvements to “clarify operations and increase safety for all users at the intersection.” On November 24, 2015 our Commission submitted a [request](#) for Traffic Calming at this intersection. We welcome DDOT’s response to our community’s request for safety improvements to the intersection and commend the agency for its installation of raised crosswalks in the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Constitution and No Turn on Red signs at the intersection in all directions of travel.

In response to the NOI, we have received comments from residents concerned with the potential for diversion of traffic to the 100 and 200 blocks of Tennessee NE and 200 block of 13th NE, as drivers seek to avoid the intersection and the school drop-off zone in the 1200 block of Constitution. In response to these concerns and as part of the Safe Routes to School Initiative we ask that DDOT please consider installing speed tables in these blocks to further reduce speeds and improve safety for all who transit in the area. If feasible we request that these be installed prior to the start of the school year on August 26, 2019.

Residents have also expressed interest in a more permanent approach to the curb extensions (rather than flexi-posts, which have generated negative comments related to aesthetics). In response we ask that DDOT continue to collect data in the area and if the

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measures have the desired effect that the curb extensions be made permanent as soon as possible.

Additionally, residents have also requested that the bike lane on Tennessee Ave NE be extended through to its terminus at 15th St NE both to facilitate safe travel by bicycle as well as to promote traffic calming along the wide avenue. Our Commission would also welcome a proposal from DDOT to introduce Advisory Bike Lanes or Protected Bike Lanes to this corridor.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber K. Gove".

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A