

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



February 8, 2024

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your letter requesting modification of Florida Avenue Streetscape Project. We appreciate the ANC's support and advocacy for traffic safety improvements in the area. We understand that ANC 5D, 6A and 6C suggested a few ideas, however, please note that DDOT cannot change the scope of the existing project while it is in construction.

DDOT recognizes that the north side of Florida Avenue between 6th Street and 7th Street NE was a wider sidewalk that was preferred for pedestrians, and they used the crosswalks to access the metro on M Street. The south sidewalk was extremely narrow, and now it has been widened from 2nd St to 7th St. In the near future our project will expand the width of the south sidewalk to West Virginia Avenue.

In addition, WMATA has relocated the bus stop at M Street to 6th Street signalized intersection to provide safe access to the bus users. Once the sidewalk expansion has been completed, DDOT will observe to see if pedestrians start using the south sidewalk and crossing at the signalized intersections at 6th and 7th Street. We will make a future determination about whether to eliminate the M Street crosswalks accordingly.

In terms of the intersection safety requests, DDOT will consider the following requests once construction has been completed:

- Filling in the small segment of 12th St NE between Florida Ave and K St NE with curb cuts
- Enlarging the triangle park between Florida and K St NE
- Restoring the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west side of the intersection of K St NE and 12th St NE and removing the NB left turn from 12th NE onto Florida Ave NE
- Restoring the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west side of the intersection of K St NE and 12th St NE but turning 12th St NE, south of Florida Ave NE into a one-way southbound only while adding contraflow bike lane to ensure the lane is not inappropriately wide
- Restoring the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west of the intersection of K St NE and install a raised crosswalk on the south side of the intersection of the 12th St NE and K St NE intersection

Thank you for your partnership and continued advocacy for pedestrian safety!

Sincerely,

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