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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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July 14, 2006

Karina Ricks
Great Streets Project Coordinator
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2000 14th St NW
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Re: Choice of sidewalk materials for H Street/Benning road corridor

Dear Ms. Ricks:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on June 8, 2006 our Commission voted unanimously to endorse the following recommendations with respect to District Department of Transportation's use of materials in the construction of sidewalks for the streetscape improvement project along the H Street/Benning Road corridor:

1. Consult with experts on issues like water treatment and gradation to ensure all construction processes recommended by experts such as the Capitol Hill Architect are implemented.
2. Ensure the materials will be geared toward ease of maintenance and gum removal.
3. Ensure the materials do not make the sidewalk unduly burdensome on handicap pedestrians, those wearing "high heel" shoes and the like.
4. Ensure the materials will withstand infiltration by tree roots and ground water in the event DDOT is unable to implement its unique tree root routing and irrigation system from tree box to tree box along the roadway.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Mr. Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph Fengler'.

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A