

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



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Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo Acting Director, District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic on Tennessee Avenue NE at the intersections of 15th Street NE, F Street NE, 14th Street NE and E Street NE.

Dear Mr. Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting ¹ on November 13, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the intersections along Tennessee Avenue NE at 15th Street NE, F Street NE, 14th Street NE and E Street NE for stop signs for those directions that do not already have them, and additional signage such as "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop."

These intersections pose an array of problems for drivers and pedestrians alike. In most parts of Capitol Hill where a broad avenue intersects with a narrower street, there is either a four-way stop, or a two-way stop for the narrower side-street. However, the situation along Tennessee Avenue is unpredictable, creating confusion for drivers and pedestrians alike. For example, drivers on F Street frequently pass through stop signs at Tennessee Avenue. Southbound traffic on 14th Street must stop at nearly every intersection, but does not stop at Tennessee Avenue, while drivers on Tennessee Avenue expect cross-traffic to stop. Furthermore, the sharp angle of this intersection makes it difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic. That all of the noted intersections are in close proximity to schools further raises ANC 6A's concerns for pedestrian safety at these locations.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT examine these four intersections. Furthermore, ANC 6A would support the installation of stop signs for those intersections and directions that do not currently have them, as well as additional signage such as "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop."

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at PhilANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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cc: Councilmember Charles Allen