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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo
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Re: Request for all-way stop at the intersection of 10th Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 8, 2016, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the intersection of 10th Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE for conversion to an all-way stop in order to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety.

The intersection at 10th Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE poses a unique problem for all users. From First Street NE to Lincoln Park, this is the only intersection along Massachusetts Avenue without a stop sign or stop light. Drivers race to beat the green lights westbound at 9th Street and eastbound at 11th Street. The intersection is very wide, making it difficult for pedestrians to safely cross, and cars accelerating from the stoplights on either side reach the intersection before pedestrians can get more than halfway across. The cars speeding westbound cannot see 10th Street until they cross 11th, and are reluctant to slow even for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. In addition, because vision is obstructed by vehicles blocking the intersection during the evening rush, northbound vehicles and pedestrians are at severe risk from westbound Massachusetts Avenue traffic. ANC 6A wrote to DDOT about this issue in June of 2010, but the problem was never addressed. It is now compounded by increased traffic on 10th Street, likely as a result of the introduction of smartphone navigation applications that direct traffic around stoplights.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT conduct an examination of this intersection and consider making it an all-way stop in order to improve safety and reduce confusion. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at philanc6a@gmail.com or the ANC 6A Vice-Chair, J. Omar Mahmud, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.