



Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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Mr. Gabe Klein
Director
District Department of Transportation
2000 14th Street, NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Implementation of Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Measures at 10th Street and Maryland Avenue NE

Dear Director Klein:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, 2010, the Commission voted unanimously to request that DDOT promptly address pedestrian safety concerns at the intersection of 10th Street and Maryland Avenue NE. In particular, the Commission requests that DDOT implement measures which do a more effective job of notifying motorists that they are approaching a pedestrian crosswalk. Our hope is that such measures will prompt motorists to slow down when approaching the intersection and stop if pedestrians are attempting to cross.

ANC 6A has received several complaints from residents over the past few years regarding extremely dangerous pedestrian crossing conditions at this intersection, including speeding motorists and motorists unwilling to stop for pedestrians crossing the street. We are particularly concerned about safety at this location given parents with small children and strollers often cross this intersection to visit the playground located at the southeast corner of the intersection. We ask that DDOT consider immediately implementing relatively low cost measures such as enhanced crosswalk pavement striping (e.g. 7th and Maryland), pedestrian crossing signs, including in the median (e.g. 7th and Maryland), and signs indicating a playground is nearby. We note that this is the only crosswalk along Maryland Avenue spanning from Stanton Park to the Starburst Intersection which does not afford pedestrians the benefit of either a traffic signal controlled crossing or a crossing highlighted by pedestrian crossing signs along with enhanced crosswalk pavement striping.

Although it is our understanding that DDOT's planned study of the Maryland Avenue corridor may result in long-term improvements aimed at addressing these concerns, we feel it is vital for DDOT to implement an immediate temporary solution, including the suggestions contained in this letter.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Omar Mahmud of our ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee at familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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