

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A P.O. Box 15020 Washington, D.C. 20003



November 16, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum Gregory Billing District Department of Transportation

Via email

Re: ANC 6A Support for and Requested Improvements to DDOT's Strategic Bikeways Plan Update

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting ¹ on November 13, 2025 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter and linked map outlining the ANC's requested improvements to safe cycling structure in and around ANC 6A. This letter and map are intended to serve as ANC 6A's collective feedback to DDOT on updates to the Strategic Bikeways Plan.

Our goals for this update include: closing gaps in cycling infrastructure, creating safer cycling infrastructure that encourages more neighbors to consider cycling as a transit option, and making the neighborhood's streets safer for all users.

Below you will find a list of ANC 6A's requested additions to the Strategic Bikeways Plan. The different areas have been placed in order of priority as determined by the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee.

- 1. Massachusetts Avenue NE from 1st Street NE to 19th Street SE through Columbus Circle, Lincoln Park, and Stanton Park should be protected bike lanes. This will connect most of Capitol Hill with the 1st Street NE cycletrack and the MBT. This includes all four sides of both Lincoln Park and Stanton Park.
- 2. Maryland Avenue NE from Starburst Plaza through Stanton Park and merging on Constitution Ave NE and NW should have protected bike lanes. The Maryland Avenue NE lanes should be inside the parked cars. Continuing this lane across town on Constitution Avenue would provide a safe way for cyclists to travel from the East side to the West side of town.
- 3. East Capitol Street should have a center running protected cycle track (similar to Pennsylvania Ave NW) running from the RFK campus around Lincoln Park to the Capitol. The lane should also be connected to the bike path on the East Capitol bridge across the Anacostia River extending to Minnesota Ave (and if possible to the Fort Circle Park hiker/biker trail).
- 4. North Carolina Avenue NE between 14th and 16th Streets should have a protected westbound lane to mirror the eastbound lane on the south side of the street. This would close a gap in the middle of the city's best protected cycling infrastructure. On the west side of Lincoln Park, North Carolina Avenue should have curbside protected lanes in both directions extending to at least Folger Park at 3rd Street SE.

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¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

- 5. 4th and 6th Streets NE and SE should have protected bike lanes moved to the curbside inside the car parking spaces. For 4th Street this should run from M Street NE to M Street SE, connecting to the MBT and the M Street SE cycle track. 6th Street's protected lane should be between the curb and parked cars from M Street SE running North to K Street NE (where there is already protected infrastructure).
- 6. Similar to 4th and 6th Streets, 11th and 13th Streets could be converted to south- and north-bound one way streets with protected curbside bike lanes. The southbound 11th Street lane should run from Florida Avenue NE to Lincoln Park. At that point, 11th Street should have a curbside protected cycletrack on the west side of the street running from Lincoln Park to the 11th Street bridge over the Anacostia river. This would connect to the Riverwalk trail and the path over the bridge to Anacostia Park. 13th Street's protected northbound lane should run from L Street SE to Florida Avenue NE.
- 7. 12th Street NE should have the advisory bike lanes on the South side of Lincoln Park extended North to Florida Avenue NE.
- 8. Bladensburg Road NE should have protected bike infrastructure that connects the Florida Avenue NE, 14th Street NE, and 15th Street NE bike lanes to the R Street NE entrance to the National Arboretum. This would also include a plan to connect the 15th Street NE bike lane through Starburst Plaza to the Florida Avenue NE lanes.
- 9. South Carolina Avenue SE should also have protected bike lanes in both directions running from Massachusetts Avenue SE to Marion Park.

In addition, the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee has compiled an interactive map diagramming these requested improvements to safe cycling infrastructure. It can be found here.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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