

Minutes  
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Introductions & Announcements.

Committee members present: Caitlin Rogger (Secretary), Mark Sussman, Jeff Fletcher, and Paul Angelone.

Commissioners present: Keya Chatterjee (6A01), Roberta Shapiro (6A03), Dave Wethington (6A05).

III. Old Business.

A. DDOT update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. [Nandlal Gevaria](#) (Project Manager) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. The project is currently at 75% completion (cost and schedule) and is still on target for a Oct 30, 2024 completion date. DC Water has been fully supporting the project, getting crews in on weekends where needed to stay on schedule. DDOT has completed on all pavement markings and bike curbs from 2nd to 9th Streets NE. The focus of the project is now between 9th and 14th Streets NE for water main work and for traffic signal and streetlight installation. DDOT is also working on sidewalks between 12th and 14th Streets NE. Work between 9th Street NE to West Virginia Avenue NE will happen in September 2024 and DDOT will spend most of October addressing outstanding items on the punch list. Mr. [Andrew Grinberg](#) from DDOT presented minor changes to the project related to WMATA. DDOT has been working the Florida Avenue Project while WMATA has been in the process of redesigning its bus network ([Better Bus Project](#)). So far WMATA has not decided whether or not to restart bus service on the former X3 line, so the Florida Avenue Project team has decided to hold off on installing the “floating” bus stops east of West Virginia Avenue NE. Mr. Grinberg highlighted the former bus stop on the north side of Florida Avenue NE at Montello Avenue NE as an example where DDOT now plans simply to install the protected bike lanes without a bus stop, and remove the right turn pocket. If WMATA returns the bus service to this part of the project corridor then DDOT will look at installing the “floating” bus stops at a later time.

- i. Commissioner Chatterjee inquired about the intersection of M Street and Florida Avenue NE where there used to be a crosswalk, specifically citing the dangerous conditions of excessive vehicle speed on the fresh pavement and bicycles turning left from westbound Florida Avenue bike lanes across traffic to M St in the direction of the NoMa/Gallaudet Metro stop. A letter from the DDOT Director said that the former crosswalk would remain, but it did not. Commissioner Chatterjee reemphasized that the community (including ANC6A, ANC 6C, and ANC 5D) would like the crosswalk returned, and added a request to adjust the timing on the traffic signals to force vehicles to obey the posted speed limits. Mr. Gevaria responded that the project team briefed Mr. Shakeri, and that DDOT is expecting related letters from the ANCs.
- ii. Committee Member Mark Sussman asked if we can expect an NOI regarding changes to the intersection at 12th Street NE/Florida Avenue NE/Montello

Avenue NE/K Street NE. Mr. Grinberg said his changes to the Florida Avenue Project only involve the bus stops on the north side of the street, and that the intersection itself is not being redesigned.

IV. New Business.

- A. DDOT [NOI-24-99-TESD](#): Vision Zero Hardening at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE/Constitution Avenue NE/Tennessee Avenue NE. Committee Member Sussman presented the NOI details, and two changes being suggested by the TPS Committee: 1) to slightly shift the pedestrian island on 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE north Constitution Avenue NE to the east, putting a two-foot barrier between the bike lane and travel lane and making the pedestrian crosswalk two feet shorter east-to-west; and 2) to move the 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE northbound bike lane curbside from North Carolina Avenue NE all the way through intersection with Constitution Avenue NE. There is enough width on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street northbound one-way street to have a two-foot buffer between the bike lane, parking, and travel lane without removing a single parking spot. 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE is a 15 foot travel lane, which could be reduced to 12 feet, allowing the bike lane to be protected through the intersection and make the island more contiguous (instead of three separate pieces).
- i. Committee Member Rogger asked if Mr. Sussman had any sense from DDOT on why the NOI was designed like this in the first place. Mr. Sussman suggested that DDOT likely simply hardened the existing flexipost footprint.
  - ii. Committee Member Angelone asked if these suggested modifications would have any impacts on stormwater management, which has prevented more comprehensive street improvements in some areas. Mr. Sussman said that the utilities are marked in the NOI diagram, and that shifting the island two feet should not disrupt the utilities as marked. DDOT personnel have said the suggestions appear feasible.
  - iii. Commissioner Wethington noted that the southbound bike lane is extraordinarily narrow, and welcomes the Committee's suggestions.

**Commissioner Shapiro made the motion recommending:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of NOI-24-99-TESD with two suggested changes.

**Committee Member Sussman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously with all Commissioners and Committee Members present voting in favor.**

- B. DDOT [NOI-24-72-TESD](#): Lane Re-configuration of westbound C Street NE between 17<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets NE. Committee Member Sussman presented the NOI details, and one suggested addition to the NOI: to reduce the travel lanes of westbound North Carolina Avenue NE from two lanes to one from 16<sup>th</sup> E to 14<sup>th</sup> Streets NE. The suggested change would further protect bike lanes on the 1400-block of North Carolina Avenue NE.
- i. Committee Member Rogger asked Mr. Sussman knows why DDOT didn't just choose to protect the bike lane in the first place. Mr. Sussman responded that it's likely due to a complex intersection at 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Constitution Avenue NE and North Carolina Avenue NE.
  - ii. Commissioner Wethington asked if DDOT would consider such a suggestion within the scope of the NOI. Mr. Sussman responded that DDOT only had a 10-day comment period originally, likely because they wanted to get it done as soon as possible, and that could affect additions to the NOI.

**Commissioner Wethington made the motion recommending:** That ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of NOI-24-72-TESD with one suggested addition.

**Committee Member Sussman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously with all Commissioners and Committee Members present voting in favor.**

V. Community Comment.

A. Committee Member Sussman reminded the community about the block party and First Anniversary Ride for Hill Family Biking kicking off at Maury Elementary School on April 27, 2024.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.