

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements. Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Acting Chair), Catilin Rogger (Secretary), Jeff Fletcher, and Mark Sussman. Commissioners present: Dave Wethington (6A05/Chair), Amber Gove (6A04), and Paul Spires (6A01)
- III. Old Business
 - a. West Virginia Ave NE ([NOI-25-115-TSA](#)). Kelly Jeong-Olsen from DDOT joined the committee and discussed the recently issued NOI for the stretch of West Virginia Avenue NE between 8th Street and Florida Avenue NE and the signal project at the intersection of 8th Street/West Virginia Avenue/K Street NE. The project will add a signal the intersection of 8th Street and West Virginia Avenue which will be synced up with the existing signal at 8th and K Streets. The street classification does not meet the criteria for speed humps. DDOT is proposing conversion to one-way traffic northeast bound. DDOT's study found that this conversion (as opposed to southwest bound traffic) would have less of an impact on surrounding neighborhood streets. DDOT is then proposing to install bike lanes in both directions and maintain the parking spaces to narrow car travel lanes. The northeast bound lane will be protected inside the parked car lane. The contra-flow lane will be separated from car traffic by double yellow line.
 - i. Acting Chair Lynch noted that the most dangerous driving in the neighborhood has come from southwest bound drivers turning left and speeding down 9th Street, and believed this change would help. He also noted that a lead pedestrian interval at the new signal will be important. The driveways on the north side will prevent some street narrowing, so DDOT should look into raising the raised crosswalk at 9th Street intersection to further slow down speeding.
 - ii. Commissioner Spires expressed concern is the 900 block of L Street NE which causes those who live there to drive in a circle to get home. He asked if there was a way to allow drivers through. Ms. Jeong-Olsen said that it is likely not possible to allow. Acting Chair Lynch said that it was a welcome safety addition to prevent speeding right turns.
 - iii. Committee member Sussman asked if 11 feet is the narrowest we can make the travel lane. DDOT is concerned about sideswiping risks. Mr. Sussman asked about making the markings wider to create more of a buffer between car traffic and the contra-flow bike lane and if it was possible to add strategic placement of flex posts that are not in the way of driveways but still signal to drivers that it is a bike lane. DDOT said

they would look into adding these. He also asked if there would be changes made to West Virginia Avenue on the north side of Florida Avenue given there will be a do not enter sign for those driving southwest. Ms. Jeong-Olsen said they will make changes to the intersection, too.

- iv. A community member asked where DDOT thinks the southwest bound traffic will divert to. Ms. Jeong-Olsen said she will follow up with some data after the meeting.
 - v. Committee member Sussman made a motion to send a letter of support including comments from this committee meeting. Committee member Fletcher seconded that motion. The vote passed unanimously.
 - vi. Ms. Jeong-Olsen noted that the project may be delayed due to the timeline for signal construction because of the power lines that need to be laid, so this project is likely to have a slower timeline.
 - vii. Committee member Sussman asked if the vision zero hardening project at 13th Street and Constitution Avenue was still on schedule. Ms. Jeong-Olsen said that the project is still on the agenda for late summer.
- b. Capitol Hill Open Streets on June 28, 2025. ANC 6A has a tent reserved along the route for this event. The TPS Committee does not have formal plans for this event at this time.
- i. Committee member Sussman met with the open streets organizers and confirmed it was definitely happening despite budgetary issues.
 - ii. Committee member Rogger made a suggestion that it was a good opportunity to make folks aware that the ANC and its committees are a way to interact with your community.
- c. [H St NE Bus Priority Project](#). Last year DDOT presented the 90% plans for this project which was slated to begin construction this year. DDOT stated the project is being reevaluated at this time.
- i. Committee member Rogger stated that this is very disappointing, and it is a waste of the committee's time that was spent working to make this project better for the community. She wondered whether there is something we can do to make clear that this decision is very disrespectful of our time.
 - ii. Committee member Sussman wanted to echo Committee member Rogger's sentiments and noted that this happened with Connecticut Avenue and K Street busway which at least had some visible opposition. He noted that we had 30 odd businesses sign on to this project and there is widespread support. He wondered how the city plans to move people to a redeveloped RFK site without a dedicated transit lane. It does not make any sense especially since hopscotch bridge construction will be down to one lane anyway.
 - iii. Acting Chair Lynch wanted to echo Mr. Sussman's comments and also note that the Benning road bridge will also be down to one lane.

- iv. Commissioner Spires said that if RFK redevelopment is going to be successful the city needs to be proactive about how to move visitors to the area to that site otherwise there will be massive traffic issues. He agreed with Committee member Rogger's sentiment that it is disrespectful of the committee's time
- v. Committee member Sussman made a motion to send a letter to the mayor's office, DMPED, DDOT, the city administrator, and council member Allen's office reiterating support for the H Street bus lane project and including the sentiments expressed here. The committee will also work with ANC 6C to see if they would like to send a joint letter. Chair Wethington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- a. 900 Block of A Street NE. TSI 25-00296033 has been filed (but not prioritized) requesting traffic calming and that DDOT close off this block to traffic similar to both parts of the 900 block of E Street NE where it intersects with Maryland Avenue NE. Neighbors are concerned about traffic speed and volume.
 - i. Committee Member Fletcher said that he has been staring at this street for over 40 years but has never observed excessive speed and excessive volume. In terms of traffic calming, it is a short block and it is intersected by a driveway. He believed closing it would eliminate two zip car spots and two RPP spots.
 - ii. Amanda Bonita lives on the block and wanted to elaborate on what her ask is. It is primarily focused on peak rush hour. People coming off Lincoln Park will either go down Mass Avenue or Constitution Avenue. They will divert onto A Street when they see their usual routes backed up. In the morning there will be a pile up of cars. And this area did not have a stop sign for a long time until community action. She proposed to install permanent bollards or planters to block off the intersection of A Street and Mass Avenue. This would maintain RPP spots but keep the crossings safer for the neighborhood.
 - iii. Commissioner Gove thanked Amanda for submitting the TSI. She suggested the ANC ask DDOT to prioritize this in the next round of their TSI prioritizations. She pointed to other places where DDOT has closed slip lanes like this, including 2nd Street and North Carolina Avenue SE where they added planters so bike traffic can get through. These actions act to lower the motivation for a high-speed turn onto a diagonal street.
 - iv. Commissioner Gove made a motion that the ANC send a letter requesting DDOT include this stretch of 9th Street and Massachusetts Avenue and A Street NE in their quarterly prioritization. Chair Wethington seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 with committee member Fletcher dissenting. Commissioner Gove also

suggested asking Commissioner Kolb to do a site visit during the rush hour, which could help.

- b. Alley Closure near the intersection of C Street NE and Warren Street NE scheduled for July 7-11, 2025 for construction. Permit applicants sent notice to the ANC as part of their DDOT application.
 - i. Chair Wethington stated that they received notice and will put notice out to the affected neighbors. This is a result of the development of two open lots adjacent to the alley.

V. Community Input

- a. Chair Wethington noted that community member Jennifer Brown was asking about concrete barriers in the context of West Virginia Avenue.
 - i. Jennifer Brown expressed concern with the concrete barriers on North Carolina Avenue. She said that there should be a 3-5-foot barrier instead of the 2 foot one described in the project.
 - ii. Committee member Rogger stated that her family like the North Carolina Avenue bike lane and feel much safer now that they are there.
- b. Committee member Sussman expressed gratitude to Acting Chair Lynch for filling in for Chair Bloomstine
- c. Commissioner Spires noted that the 900 block of 11th Street NE will be closed for a block party on May 31, 2025. Committee member Sussman noted that Hill Family Biking will do a ride to the block party starting at 1:00 pm at Maury Elementary.

VI. Meeting adjourned.