

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
July 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Community comment welcome; may be limited to 2 minutes to provide a chance for everyone to speak. Community comment time will be opened after each Old and New Business item.

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements
TPS Members present: Hassan Christian, Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Shaun Lynch
ANC Commissioners present: Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Laura Gentile, Amber Gove
- III. Old Business
 - A. H Street NE Bus Priority Project.
Mr. Gambetti-Mendez presented draft concept plans for the H Street NE Bus Priority Project. The project extends along H Street NE from North Capitol Street to Benning Road. The project is still in its planning phase and the drafts presented are subject to change.

The draft concepts are intended to increase bus speed and reliability, and improve safety. H Street NE has been selected for a Priority Project because it is the second busiest metrobus route and is a high-injury corridor with high volumes and slow speeds.

The draft includes 24-hour transit only lanes, bulb-outs at all bus stops, left turn restrictions, and other safety (Vision Zero) improvements throughout. It also adds Pickup-Dropoff Spaces (PUDOS) that would be reserved for temporary use, e.g., by rideshare and delivery pickups.

Mr. Gambetti requested input from business stakeholders on the best locations for PUDOS.

Commissioner Amber Gove requested data on the existing PUDOS pilot on H Street NE. She also requested bus cameras for enforcement, pedestrian-only traffic signal cycles on H and 8th Streets and H and 6th Streets and the addition of green space to any open spots. Commissioner Dooling suggested an all-way pedestrian traffic signal cycle (aka a Barnes Dance) at H and 8th Streets NE.
 - B. Electric Vehicle (EV) Curbside charging; District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regulations - Josh Charles, CEO, Coul St. The Committee will review the new DDOT EV charging regulations and program (see <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/electric-vehicle-charging-station-program>).
Mr. Charles presented on his company's Level 2 curbside EV charging product. The charger is a simple black post that he stated is less visually intrusive and has better cable management than other types of curbside chargers. The business model is to

install the chargers on the public right-of-way on the curb, using residential power. The charger is networked and the owner could use an app to share power with the public.

Mr. Charles stated that his product would not currently be eligible for a permit under the current DDOT regulations since it is intended to be an individual residential product rather than a public charger. He was unsure if he could adapt his product to meet the DDOT requirements.

- C. Update on pending Traffic Safety Investigations (TSIs) and status of work order requests - DDOT Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist Abraham Diallo. Mr. Diallo gave updates on various pending work orders and TSIs. The speed hump was approved on the unit block of 10th Street NE. An all-way stop was approved for 16th Street and Constitution Avenue NE with the installation date TBD. Two speed tables to be installed on the 1200 and 1300 blocks of D Street NE.

Members of the public asked Mr. Diallo about the status of the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE bike lane. Mr. Diallo stated that DDOT would move forward. Mr. Diallo was asked about how DDOT would respond to community comments on the Notice of Intent (NOI). Mr. Diallo said he would inquire.

- D. Traffic safety issues on 11th Street NE from Maryland Ave. NE to Mass Ave. NE, including a review of a recent DDOT response to TSIs. The Committee reviewed the status of pending open TSIs for 11th Street NE. These TSIs focused on safety issues including speeding and prohibited through heavy vehicle/truck traffic. The Committee discussed a letter DDOT wrote to Councilmember Charles Allen on July 13, 2022 that it was closing three TSIs (for the 100, 300 and 400 blocks) and a fourth had already been closed (200). DDOT stated it was not recommending vertical traffic calming because “the data shows an overwhelming majority of vehicle traffic (85%) has been operating below the posted speed limit. Furthermore, over 5% of vehicular traffic is occupied by heavy vehicles.”

Members of the public present disagreed with DDOT’s assessment. One person stated that there is heavy speed and volume northbound (NB) on the 300 block of 11th Street in part due to the slight incline, as well as speeding from D to C Streets northbound to make the light. In addition, there is heavy truck traffic despite the fact that through truck traffic is prohibited. Another commenter noted that the traffic is going southbound to the 11th Street bridge and that the Maryland Avenue road diet resulted in heavier and faster traffic on 11th Street and that the E and 11th Street NE stop sign is ignored. A commenter noted frequent crashes at 11th Street and Constitution Avenue NE, speeding on Constitution Avenue to catch the light at 11th Street, lack of setbacks and cars parking in setbacks and missing pavement painting on the 200 block of 11th Street NE. A commenter also noted speeding further down 11th Street and North Carolina Avenue NB towards Lincoln Park and a lack of traffic enforcement. Finally, a commenter noted that the data cited by DDOT in its July 13, 2022 letter was still problematic and asked how the no-through-trucks regulation can be enforced.

Commissioner Gove noted that there are road safety tools other than vertical traffic calming that DDOT could consider, including narrowing lanes, turn hardening, and bulb outs. She requested copies of the TSI rejections and the full data.

Commissioner Laura Gentile reiterated her constituents' concerns about 11th Street NE and noted that she is working to get a DDOT walkthrough of the area with members of the public. (Following the TPS meeting, Commissioner Gentile worked with DDOT to schedule a community walk with residents for Friday, September 9 at 4:00 pm).

The Committee discussed the lack of full data on DDOT's TSI Dashboard that made this discussion more difficult.

Commissioner Gentile moved that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that the TSI Dashboard include the entire text of the submission and resolution. Commissioner Gove seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business: None.

V. Additional Community Comment

A Q&A chat question asked about DDOT's plan to respond to comments on the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE Notice of Intent (NOI).

VI. Adjourn meeting