

Minutes  
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.  
Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair) and Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Paul Angelone, Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman  
Commissioners present: Roberta Shapiro (6A03)
- III. Old Business.
  - A. DDOT update on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project (<https://ddot-cp-fl-ave-ne-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/streetscape-project-resources>). Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team Member, Peyton Manning (TB&A) introduced project Construction Manager Nandlal Gevaria of Somat Engineering. Mr. Gevaria reported that the project team had been working on utility trench repairs in the initial section of the project from 2nd Street to 9th Street NE along Florida Avenue NE, with some delays due to DC Water’s work on the water mains, for the initial section of Florida Avenue. The next section from H to 9th Streets NE had recently begun, with traffic signal and streetlights installation planned for Fall 2023 to Summer 2024, and utility trench repairs planned for Spring-Summer 2024. Mr. Manning observed that some communications issues had been caused by multiple project websites which the project team and DDOT were working to address, along with creating further signage about the project to post around the neighborhood. Co-Chair Shaun Lynch emphasized the importance of communication.
    - i. Committee members and Commissioner Christie Kwan (6C01) agreed to hold a follow-up walk through in August 2023. Commissioner Kwan noted that disallowing cyclists from the jersey barrier protected area had had the effect of forcing cyclists into traffic and raised concerns about flex posts that had been destroyed near 12th and K Streets NW. The project team agreed to replace missing pavement markings.
    - ii. Community member Pam Hill raised concerns about “patchwork” sections of the road surface and concerns about the bus and curb bulb-outs creating chaotic traffic patterns with no new traffic markings or signage advertising the change with a seeming pattern of making changes, leaving conditions for multiple days with no marking or signage changes. Mr. Gevaria responded that temporary pavement marking crew would come the next day to address these issues, and alluded to the complexity of the project as a cause of the delays and averring that plastic barriers for the bike lanes would not be possible in the near term. Co-Chair Lynch again requested greater transparency and clarity in communicating with cyclists and other road users.
    - iii. Community member Patrick Bloomstine reiterated the importance of protecting cyclists along Florida Avenue.
    - iv. Co-Chair Lynch thanked the project team for their participation. Co-Chair Rogger thanked community members, Commissioner Kwan, and the project team for participating, but underscored the importance of DDOT and

Washington Gas participation in future meetings, with Mr. Gevaria agreeing the project team would request this.

- B. 10<sup>th</sup> and F Streets NE: Request to add raised crosswalks and to consider other sidewalk and traffic safety modifications. School within School@Goding Elementary School has 320 students, over 90% of whom use 10<sup>th</sup> and F Street intersection to access the school. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to travel without adult supervision. Eastbound F Street has a high degree of emergency vehicle traffic, and vehicles rolling through the intersection. Safety is additionally challenged by increased pickup and drop off by parents on 10<sup>th</sup> St. Traffic calming does exist on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE, but not on F Street NE. School Within School@Goding has requested traffic calming on F Street NE to make it safer for students. *[No Traffic Safety Investigations (TSI) existed for this intersection at the time of this TPS Committee Meeting, but TSIs 23-00473076 and 23-00473078 were added on September 5, 2023.]*

**Commissioner Roberta Shapiro made the motion recommending:** That ANC 6A send a letter requesting that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in a timely fashion, perform an evaluation of the 11<sup>th</sup> and F Street (NOI # 23-157-TESD) and 10<sup>th</sup> and F Street intersections, meet with the staff of School Within Schools@Goding to discuss traffic safety, and make a proposal for raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures.

**Co-chair Caitlin Rogger seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Shapiro and all TPS Committee Members present voting yes.**

- C. Public Space Construction Permit Application #419662 at 1101 H Street NE. Agenda item was tabled because no one was available to speak about the topic.
- D. Maury Elementary School (MES) Parking Zone update and request for comment. DDOT plans to install School Parking Zone Permit Only signage to replace the existing “DCPS Authorized Vehicles” signage on the east side of Maury Elementary School located at 1250 Constitution Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002. Committee Member Sussman referenced some details that Commissioner Amber Gove wanted to bring to the committee: the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> Place NE, curbside adjacent to the MES parking lot has a proposed two-hour parking restriction until 10:00 pm. This is too restrictive for residents of 12<sup>th</sup> Place NE. It should be until 8:00 pm so residents can return home at 6:00 pm and remain in the parking space until the next morning.

**Committee Member Mark Sussman made the motion recommending:** That ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the parking proposal at Maury Elementary, but with an adjustment of the restricted hours on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> Place NE to 8:00 pm instead of 10:00 pm.

**Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Shapiro and all TPS Committee Members present voting yes.**

#### IV. New Business

- A. 14<sup>th</sup> St NE and Tennessee Ave NE safety walk: Committee Member Paul Angelone explained the safety issues at the intersection of 14th Street and Tennessee Avenue NE. Details of any safety walk will be announced when available.
- V. Community Comment.
- A. Commissioner Shapiro passed along information from the July ANC 6A Commission meeting. ANC 6A is sending a letter of support for a 4-way stop at 11th and F Streets NE. This decision was made at the full Commission meeting because there was no time to discuss it before the July 2023 ANC 6A TPS Committee meeting.
  - B. Community Member Ben Locks requested a status of traffic study on 14th and G Streets NE. Co-Chair Rogger affirmed that a letter requesting a full evaluation, not just making it one-way, has been drafted.
  - C. Community Member Patrick Bloomstine asked a question about TSIs on H Street NE related to Atlas Court NE. Atlas Court NE sees traffic diverted from H Street NE and vehicles regularly not stopping at the intersections with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets NE, including vehicles coming across from Wylie Street NE. Committee Member Sussman suggested the Committee raise the issue with the H Street Bus Priority Team as there may be safety implications of drivers going down Atlas to avoid H Street bus lane construction.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.