

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Public Meeting - All are welcome

Community comment welcome; may be limited to two minutes to provide opportunity for all to speak. Community comment time will be opened after each New Business item.

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.
 - a. Council Member Charles Allen (Ward 6)
 - b. Commissioners Present: Roberta Shapiro (6A03), Morgan Conley (6A05), Amber Gove (6A04), Scott Burger (6A01), Brian Alcorn (7D08)
 - c. Committee Members Present: Chair Patrick Bloomstine (6A01), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Malcolm Laskowski (6A05), Mark Sussman (6A04)
 - d. Jack Becker - DDOT public space applicant and 6A neighbor
- III. Old Business
 - a. RFK Site Development Transit Plans - Council Member Charles Allen joined the committee to discuss potential Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit and other RFK transit issues.
 - i. Chair Patrick Bloomstine provided a brief introduction of the committee's collective thoughts on the RFK plan which were included in ANC 6A's comment letter. It focused on prioritizing gold line BRT, metro expansion (including an infill Oklahoma Avenue station), and vast buildouts of the protected bike lane network. He also expressed concern about 12-story parking garages which will sit empty 350 days a year and will encourage driving on game day, including drunk driving as the football team encourages tailgating. He stated that it would be better to build a neighborhood all around the stadium and allow all the businesses to turn into their own tailgate scene and discourage driving.
 - ii. CM Allen began by thanking the ANCs in the area that submitted comments on the RFK plan for providing thoughtful, helpful, and important feedback.
 - iii. CM Allen said he was most excited about building new city at the site. He envisions 6-8,000 new homes with 20,000 new neighbors living near a metro station and with bus rapid transit nearby too.
 - iv. He stated the metric of success should not be the level of enjoyment on those ten or so gamedays a year. The metric should be what is done with this site for the benefit of DC residents the other 350 days a year.
 - v. He stressed that the Gold Line should not just move people from Union Station to RFK. It should connect to points east along Benning Road. And

also to the west including to major metro stations and other densely populated and high foot traffic areas across the city. Chair Bloomstine encouraged CM Allen and other decision makers to talk about the Gold Line as one project that they plan to build east to west across the entire district.

- vi. CM Allen further stressed that the Gold Line project must be done the right way or it is not worth doing. That means center running dedicated lanes for bus rapid transit. And he stated that DDOT's sole goal should not be to move people to and from the site on game days. The goal should be to integrate this neighborhood into the city.
 - vii. Chair Bloomstine also conveyed prior concerns from ANC 7D about the plan to locate a Gold Line transit station south of Benning Rad closer to the proposed stadium site. CM Allen stated that it sounded like WMATA had moved away from that plan and was now considering only stations along the main transit corridor.
 - viii. Committee member Mark Sussman encouraged CM Allen to build out the bike network around the site and asked if there were any conversations happening around the time to build other segments of the proposed Gold Line. He expressed concern that DC is only focused on getting the part relevant to stadium events done in time for stadium opening in 2030. CM Allen agreed that 2030 should not be the priority.
 - ix. CM Allen relayed that many of the businesses he talked to about the Gold Line were very excited for it.
 - x. Mr. Sussman also encouraged CM Allen to push for build-out of protected cycling infrastructure around this site that integrates into the larger Strategic Bike Plan. CM Allen agreed that protected bike lane infrastructure was crucial and pointed out the success of the Nationals Park bike valet and how that could be done at the RFK site. He reiterated that this is not a stadium project alone. There is a community here that needs to have things like bike lanes and green space and transit access.
 - xi. Commissioner Amber Gove asked how ANCs and neighbors should pursue asking for better transit, bike lanes, green space etc. CM Allen encouraged ANC 6A to continue submitting comments and resolutions in support of bike and transit projects around the area because it helps inform DDOT and WMATA about the neighborhood and its needs.
- b. Updates on NOI 25-115-TSA West Virginia Avenue NE and Vision Zero Hardening at Maury Elementary. Chair Bloomstine relayed that DDOT's West Virginia Avenue plan will be delayed while they expand the project to include two-way cycle tracks north of Florida Avenue to New York Avenue. The Maury Elementary School Vision Zero Hardening has yet to begin construction.

IV. New Business

- a. Plan 26-0314 - Proposed Cornice on Overbeck Alley NE. Jack Becker requested a letter of support for his project from ANC 6A. He presented the plans to install a cornice which would provide extra shade to the house and to the alley. Committee member Sussman made a motion to send a letter of support. Chair Gove seconded. The committee voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the project to DDOT.

- b. NOI 26-249-MPDD: Contraflow Bike Lane on the 400-700 Blocks of 7th Street NE
Committee members generally supported the plan but suggested additional tweaks to DDOT's proposal. Committee member Sussman made a motion to send a comment letter to DDOT. Committee member Jeff Fletcher seconded. The committee voted unanimously to send a comment letter supporting the project with additional suggestions to improve it.
- c. [NPRM](#) for DDOT Micromobility Contracts (Shared Fleet Devices (Notice ID N146433), 73 DCR Vol. 73/36, published September 4, 2026) - The committee discussed amendments to DDOT's shared fleet device rules.
 - i. Chair Bloomstine provided a general overview of amendments to the rules, many of which are designed at improving safety and accountability related shared fleet device operation.
 - ii. Commissioner Gove asked if the rule contained different requirements for pedal vs throttle e-bikes. Chair Bloomstine was not sure but had not read anything to that effect.
 - iii. Committee member Sussman stated that the sidewalk riding speed should be lowered from 10mph to 8mph. He also stated that GPS did not seem the right way to do sidewalk detection technology unless it could be accurate much closer than the new rule's "within one meter" requirements. He suggested requiring camera technology which seems to be the best at sidewalk detection and that there should be a graduating mechanism to slowly lower speeds when transferring from street (15mph) to sidewalk.
 - iv. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro stated that the proposed rule represents a very narrow solution to a very big problem and that what DDOT is throwing out in the name of safety is highly insufficient. She also expressed concern about the number of unlocked vehicles in the middle of the sidewalk and across curbs at H St festival. And suggested DPW parking enforcement ticket shared fleet devices parked illegally.
 - v. Commissioner Morgan Conley suggested that some of the automated messages be geo targeted to discourage sidewalk riding in the central business district where it is not allowed. Commissioner Conley also suggested that the rule should do more to encourage helmet use, including education in the app and more generally.
 - vi. Chair Gove made a motion to submit comment on DDOT's shared fleet device rule that included sidewalk speed limit to 8mph, geolocation should be less than one meter, encouraging camera sidewalk detection, gradual deceleration between sidewalk and street, and encouraging safe and kind operation through messaging in use and in the app. Committee member Sussman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Commissioner Shapiro dissenting.

V. Additional community comment (time permitting).

a. N/A

VI. Adjourned meeting.