

Minutes
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025 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. Commissioners Present: Amber Gove (6A04), Paul Spires (6A01)
 - b. Committee Members Present: Chair Patrick Bloomstine (6A01), Secretary Catilin Rogger (6A07), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Mark Sussman (6A04), Shaun Lynch (6A01)

- III. Old Business
 - a. DDOT Strategic Bikeways Plan - After Chris Berg from DDOT joined the committee in September to discuss their work on a new strategic bike plan. The committee discussed the streets that they believe should be included in the city's plan with a particular emphasis on the area of 6A and the immediately surrounding areas.
 - i. Chair Bloomstine shared a draft map of the committee's requested bike infrastructure to be sent to the DDOT bikeways team that was prepared by committee member Sussman. The requests included new bike infrastructure along: Massachusetts Ave, NC Ave, 11/12/13th Streets, C St NE, East Capitol, and Lincoln and Stanton Parks.
 - ii. Committee member Lynch noted that the requested bike infrastructure would not alter the availability of parking spaces at all with several of these lanes already existing but requested to be moved between the curb and a parking lane.
 - iii. Commissioner Gove requested that the letter from ANC 6A include prioritization of the committee's requests for cycling infrastructure improvements. Committee member Sussman pointed to Lincoln Park as a primary hub for safe cycling around Capitol Hill.
 - iv. Committee member Rogger emphasized that the Strategic Bikeways Plan should be focused on making cycling safer and more inviting for those who would otherwise not ride. She also stated that the area around ANC 6A is very bikeable topography with the correct infrastructure.

- v. The committee members also pointed to minor gaps where lanes just end and put their users in conflict with car traffic like the north side of Stanton Park.
 - vi. Chair Bloomstine made a motion to send a letter to DDOT prioritizing ANC 6A's requests for the updated Strategic Bikeways Plan to close gaps and improve protected bike lanes infrastructure. Committee member Sussman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Chair Bloomstine provided updates on H St NE transit plan - The 14th St bike lane installation was expected to be completed shortly (NOTE: this project has since been completed). The installation of bus bump outs at 6th and H Streets NE is now expected to occur at some point in November 2025. There was no update provided for the midblock crossings at this time.

IV. New Business

- a. Streetcar Service Ending Early - After a new budget vote by the DC Council, it was announced that streetcar service, which was originally scheduled to end in 2027, will now cease on March 31, 2026 with reduced service hours going into effect immediately.
- i. Chair Bloomstine noted that he was unaware of any public plans from DDOT to fill the service gap left in the H St/Benning Road NE corridor. He also pointed out that the D20, D2X, and Streetcar all are quite full during morning and evening rush, and that DDOT and WMATA should coordinate to ensure that transit service levels are maintained along this corridor after the end of Streetcar service. He also noted that, while new bus platforms have helped, lots of neighbors who use mobility assistance devices prefer Streetcar due to its level boarding platforms. He stated that DDOT should endeavor to make mobility boarding processes easier and to provide more capacity for those using mobility aids. Chair Bloomstine also pointed to the streetcar's ability to move people from commuter rail lines to the RFK campus redevelopment.
 - ii. Commissioner Spires noted that the easiest way for people to visit the H Street Corridor (including his own family) is to come out of Union Station and hop on the Streetcar. He noted that he, along with others, use the trolley to travel the corridor to get groceries and go to shops and restaurants. He also pointed to Council Member Allen's Streetcar event that highlighted the trolley's ability to bring people to all the businesses along the corridor. He closed by noting that the elimination of Streetcar service along the corridor is a regressive move by city government.
 - iii. Committee Member Lynch questioned whether the streetcar tracks have already been included in plans to reconstruct the H St hopscotch bridge, noting that it would be smart to have that infrastructure in place if streetcar service were to ever resume. In line with that, he questioned whether the city plans to leave the current tracks in place on H St NE and Benning Rd NE as it would be disappointing to see years of effort go to waste so quickly.

- iv. Chair Bloomstine made a motion to send a letter to DDOT and WMATA to ask that they ensure transit capacity is maintained along the H St/Benning Rd NE corridor after the early sunset of the Streetcar, and ask that their representatives attend a 6A TPS Committee meeting to discuss future plans for the streetcar's infrastructure, including its relation to the new hopscotch bridge. Commissioner Spires seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Public Space Permit at 8th and K Streets NE - The permit was not available to the committee at the time of discussion, but there were no objections expressed to plans to install a bench near the bus stop on the south side of K St NE.
- V. Additional community comment (time permitting).
 - a. Committee member Sussman invited everyone to attend Hill Family Biking's Halloween ride at 3:30pm on October 25 at Lincoln Park.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.