

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm

I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

II. Introductions

- A. Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Jeff Fletcher, Marc Brumer, Hassan Christian
- B. Commissioners in attendance: Brian Alcorn (6A08), Mike Soderman (6A03)

III. Old Business

Ms. Nelson reported that ANC 6A received an updated response from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to the “top ten” list of pedestrian safety issues. Most items have been addressed although not necessarily completed. The contents of this document appear at the end of the minutes.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion: *TPS should send the remainder of the original un-prioritized list to the Commissioners requesting that they make any additions they think appropriate and that the TPS place creation of a new priority list be on their December 16, 2019 agenda, if time permits.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Christian and passed unanimously (5-0), including the two Commissioners present.

Committee member Marc Brumer joined the meeting.

Mr. Soderman made the motion: *TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in response to DDOT's response (November 18, 2019) to ANC 6's pedestrian safety priority list, specifically item #4, requesting additional speed humps on the unit to 400 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE with a minimum of two humps on the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously (6-0), including the two Commissioners present.

Mr. Soderman made a second motion: *TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that trucks be restricted from using both Ninth (9th) and Tenth (10th) Streets NE, between Maryland Avenue and East Capitol Street.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously (6-0), including the two Commissioners present.

IV. New Business

- A. Presentation of DDOT plans for safety improvements on Fifteenth (15th) Street NE corridor by Andrew DeFrank. Attendees discussed the challenges and proposed changes from East Capitol Street to C Street NE. Illustrations appear at the end of this document.

The unit block of Fifteenth (15th) Street NE is currently wider than blocks north and south. This leads to problems as traffic approaches A Street and must shuffle back into one lane. DDOT proposes to narrow the street by striping a 4 foot strip on the

east side, while still maintaining the existing bike lane and parking. There was general skepticism from the TPS that striping alone would significantly change driver behavior but flexi-posts, or swapping the bike lane and parking would likely reduce parking spaces. Commissioner Alcorn suggested that widening the sidewalk to occupy the additional space would solve the problem without negative impact, if site engineering permits (does not interfere with utilities or storm drain). Additional trees, micro-mobility corrals or bikeshare stations might then occupy the additional width. Mr. DeFrank agreed to look into the possibility. Mr. Alcorn will send an email to document the discussion.

Between Constitution Avenue and North Carolina Avenue NE, there is a proposal to increase the no-parking area from 25 feet to 40 feet just north of the intersection on both the east and west sides of the street. This would eliminate at least two (2) parking spaces. This is seen by the TPS as unnecessary as parking at these locations does not interfere with sight lines (on a one-way street) and requested that the no-parking be kept at its' current length. Mr. Alcorn will include this in his email. [Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. DeFrank reported that the setback is actually 25 feet.]

The intersection at Fifteenth (15th) and C Streets NE remains problematic due to a confluence of poor sight lines, higher speed traffic and bus stop location. The only solution offered is hi-visibility sidewalks, which are proposed for the entire corridor. DDOT's expectation is that the changes planned for the C Street corridor will address safety concerns at this location.

- B. Ms. Nelson reported difficulties in filing public space violations through the on-line 311 system. At Commissioner Gove's request, she attempted to file for an unpermitted porta-potty on the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE but there was not an appropriate menu option. She called the DDOT public space inspector and made a report but was told that she could not get a ticket number because they do not provide those - making follow-up difficult. She also tried to report a hedge in violation of DCMR 24-102.4: Hedges on parking shall not exceed three feet (3') in height, nor project more than six inches (6'') over the sidewalk - but could not find a suitable menu option for that either. She was advised to file as a tree inspection, which she did but was subsequently told by UFA that [as one would expect] public space violations are not in their purview. She subsequently called the public space inspector's office but could not get a case number for this situation. Mr. DeFrank agreed to inquire as to the best way to report public space violations. [Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. DeFrank sent the following response by email "As of now, there is not really a way to report public space inspections via 311. This is something Naomi and I agree we need to look into. She told me to tell you that the best way to report an especially egregious violation is to email me and I can forward to our public space inspector."]

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

November DDOT update to 6A Safety Request

1. 15th St. NE between East Capitol St. & C St. NE. Speeding and difficulties related to the layout of the intersection at C St. Suggest bulb outs/curb extensions, no right on red at North Carolina and 15th and increased visibility and striping of crosswalks.

September: DDOT will add new high visibility ladder crosswalks at 15th and C Streets NE and 15th and North Carolina Carolina Avenue NE. Additionally, a number of improvements are planned along this corridor including: replacing a missing section of bike lanes, narrowing the through lane by providing a buffer for the bike lane, painting parking boxes on both sides of the roadway (where parking is already permitted) and correcting existing signage. These improvements are intended to curb speeds, and a drawing of these improvements is attached.

November: Work orders were created this week to install high visibility ladder crosswalks at the intersections of 15th St. NE and C St. NE and 15th St. NE and North Carolina Ave NE. The work order numbers are 838759 and 838737. Any additional safety improvements will be done next year, potentially on their own or as part of the C Street NE project.

2. Intersection of East Capitol St., Massachusetts Ave. & 11th St. NE. Confusing traffic pattern and signage contributing to problems that extend to 1100-1200 blocks of East Capitol, 1000 block of Massachusetts, and unit and 100 blocks of 11th. Speeding is also a factor. Suggest re-evaluating signage and traffic engineering, and traffic calming measures.

September: DDOT plans to add striping and flexpost gore areas on either side of the turn at this intersection in order to narrow the right hand turn and slow vehicles.

November: A work order has been created for this. The associated work order numbers are 823878 (eradication of existing markings) and 823882 (the new markings).

3. Unit-400 blocks of 17th St. NE. Speeding and conflict with pedestrians on school route. Suggested remedies include raised crosswalks at 17th St. and Constitution Ave./17th & C Sts., in addition to red light camera. Also consider implication of design differences between 17th St north versus south of East Capitol.

September: 17th Street is a minor arterial and therefore would not be a candidate for raised crosswalks. We have sent these blocks out for data collection to inform future considerations along this section. Red light camera requests should be directed to MPD.

November: We've received the data that we were to collect in September for all four blocks. We have not had a chance to draw any conclusions yet for this intersection. In the meantime, I've created a service request number so that we can track this going forward. The number is 19-00997310.

4. Unit-400 blocks of 10th St. NE. Speeding, excessive traffic, frequent use by commercial vehicles. Requesting "No Commercial Vehicle" signage; possible solutions include speed humps, raised crosswalks, making one block one-way if this can be done without increasing traffic on 9th and 11th Sts. NE.

September: The request for "No Thru Truck" signage has been referred to freight planner Laura MacNeil. Two speed humps were installed on 10th St. NE between F St. NE and G St. NE. One speed hump was installed on the 400 block between E St. NE and D St. NE. DDOT is willing to install additional speed humps on 10th St. NE between the unit block and the 400 block. For additional speed humps, we request that ANC 6A submit a separate resolution listing the specific blocks of this stretch where they are requesting speed hump installation.

November: Our freight planner has reached out to MPD to conduct a sting on oversized trucks along this corridor. For more signage, we'll have to look at wider network implications, because

we are concerned (as are you) that traffic will move to 9th St. NE and 11th St. NE. An area analysis is necessary. As for speed humps, the September update is clear. Please also create traffic safety investigation requests to tie a service request number to any new resolutions.

5. Intersection at 10th and East Capitol Streets NE. Numerous collisions. Need for stop sign or traffic light; this might have the additional beneficial effect of reducing traffic and speeding on blocks north of the intersection. Note: the TPS Committee is not satisfied with the response of DDOT as outlined in the traffic study results provided in February.

September: All-way stop control has been installed at the intersection of 10th and East Capitol Streets NE.

November: No further update is necessary. This is COMPLETE. Please remove from this list going forward.

6. Intersection at 19th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. Speeding in unit, 100 and 200 block of 19th, Difficult to cross and adjacent to two schools. Suggestions include raised crosswalks, or a 4-way stop at 19th and Constitution.

September: DDOT has studied this intersection and will be updating signage, adding a centerline piece, and will install a driver feedback sign along 19th Street.

November: A work order has been created for this. There is no work order number for this yet, please follow up with me at the start of 2020 if you have not received an update.

7. Intersection at 8th and D Sts. NE. Pedestrian near-misses. Suggesting raised crosswalks and four-way stop.

September: All Way Stop Control has been installed at the intersection of 8th and D Streets NE.

November: No further update is necessary. This is COMPLETE. Please remove from this list going forward.

8. Intersection at 8th and F Sts. NE. Stop-light running and speeding - of concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers. Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge.

September: DDOT will install curb extensions at this intersection. The bulb out design is in progress.

November: A work order is in the process of being created for this (Design is still in progress). There is no work order number yet. Please check back for an update at the start of 2020.

9. Intersection at 8th and G Sts. NE. Stop-light running and speeding - of particular concern for senior citizens from Capitol Hill Towers. Suggesting raised crosswalks, curb extensions or pedestrian refuge.

September: DDOT will install curb extensions at this intersection. The bulb out design is completed and work orders will be submitted shortly for installation.

November: A work order has been created for this. There is no work order number for this yet, please follow up with me at the start of 2020 if you have not received an update.

10. Unit-400 blocks of Tennessee Ave. NE. Speeding, Pedestrian Conflicts at Crosswalks. TPS noted that planned changes to intersection at Tennessee, Constitution & 13th will improve pedestrian safety but are unlikely to improve speeding south or north of said intersection. Traffic calming measures and raised crosswalks requested.

September: DDOT has proposed a traffic calming treatment to add advisory bike lanes along this stretch of Tennessee Avenue NE. This treatment is awaiting Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval.

November: Good news. This treatment has received Federal Highway Administration approval and will be designed this winter with the intent to be installed next construction season.

11. Intersection at 14th and G Sts. NE. Chick-Fil-A-related traffic makes wrong-way turn north onto 14th St. as a shortcut. Possibly bulb-out or pylons would make this less tempting.

September: As part of the Florida Avenue Interim Safety Improvement Project, DDOT plans to extend the bike lane from Florida Avenue down 14th Street NE to G Street NE. We expect this improvement to be completed by Fall 2019. DDOT has created work orders for the installation of missing 'Do Not Enter' and 'One Way' signage.

Additionally, DDOT is working to ensure that the Maryland Avenue Project does not exacerbate the existing issues regarding Chick-fil-A traffic and will provide updates to the ANC on their plans as they become available.

November: A work order has been created for this. There is no work order number for this yet, please follow up with me at the start of 2020 if you have not received an update.

The illustrations of the Fifteenth (15th) Street improvements can be found on the following pages.

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