



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
919 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002



April 15, 2012

Mr. Terry Bellamy, Director
Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Florida Avenue, NE Traffic Calming

Dear Director Bellamy:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (ANC) joins ANC 6C in calling for traffic calming measures along Florida Avenue NE from Second Street NE to West Virginia Avenue NE. The measures should include but not be limited to a reduction of one lane of traffic in each direction, the installation of turn lanes, and the widening of sidewalks among other solutions. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0, with five required for a quorum. The April 12, 2012 ANC meeting was properly noticed and publicly announced¹.

These measures were recommended as part of the 2010 NoMa Master Plan. The presence of Gallaudet University puts a special emphasis on the need for widened sidewalks. Many of their students live south of Florida Avenue in ANCs 6A and 6C. They are unable to converse with any comfort when the sidewalks don't permit side-by-side walking, since sign language requires a view of each other's hands.

Much of the traffic control can be readily accomplished on a short term basis with repainting, restriping, and new signage. The sidewalks should be widened as soon as possible.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@yahoogroups.com (not controlled by the ANC), our anc6a-announce@yahoo.com email list, and through print advertisements in the *Hill Rag*.