



Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

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July 17, 2017

Mr. Leif Dormsjo, Director  
D.C. Department of Transportation  
55 M Street S.E. Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: Bike lanes on 6<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. and 4<sup>th</sup> Street N.E.

Dear Mr. Dormsjo,

On July 12, 2017, at a duly noticed regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before ANC 6C.

The commissioners understand that new bicycle lanes have been painted on 6<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. between Florida Avenue and M Street N.E. to connect the cycled track north of Florida Avenue to the new contraflow bicycle lane on M Street. Several issues need to be addressed regarding the design and implementation because there are serious safety issues: (1) The bike lanes appear unexpectedly and are poorly signed. (2) A parking lane has been designed between the curbside bike lanes and the traffic lane; however, this is not clearly signed and is very confusing to drivers. (3) The southbound bike lane on the east side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street makes a sudden turn to the right, putting cyclists into either traffic that has the right of way, or in the path of right-turning vehicles that are not expecting cyclists. (4) People are parking in bike lanes on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send this letter pointing out the safety issues and asking for immediate installation of flex posts, with more substantial barriers such as bollards installed as soon as possible. Better signage is also needed to protect cyclists and alert drivers to the bike lanes.

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

cc: Jim Sebastian

On behalf of ANC 6C,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen J. Wirt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'J'.

Karen Wirt  
ANC 6C chair