



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: Proposed New York Avenue Streetscape

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 DDOT has a proposed plan to create a cohesive corridor streetscape and trail for users of New York Avenue NE. The project will include improvements including sidewalks, streetlights, planting, trees, benches, public art, and other public space improvements.

Although this project is just outside the northern boundary of ANC 6C, it is an important connection to our neighborhood. The commissioners stated that the connections to both the Metropolitan Branch Trail and NoMa from the New York Avenue bridge are important to the success of the project. The following comments were offered to improve connectivity: (1) Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure should be provided that connects New York Avenue to NoMa without the need for crossing the New York Avenue bridge (e.g., along 4th Street NE); (2) The proposed bicycle marking (sharrows) on 4th Street is insufficient and proper bicycle lanes or a cycle track should be provided; the width of the planned 4th Street sidewalk is wide enough, and some space could be better used for bicycle lanes; (3) The District has an opportunity to dictate to developers the ideal conditions to serve cars, pedestrians, and cyclists, and should do so. (4) A ramp connecting New York Avenue to the Met Branch Trail is important and should be built; (5) The project should coordinate with the Virtual Circle redesign effort; (6) The intersection of New York Avenue and 4th Street is dangerous, and DDOT should observe traffic behaviors and find appropriate solutions.

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The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send you these comments.

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

On behalf of ANC 6C,



Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair