



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

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November 13, 2017

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

Re: K St. NE Traffic Safety Study

Dear Mr. Marootian,

On November 8, 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.

As you are aware, the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) is undergoing a traffic safety study of K St. NE from North Capitol St. to Florida Ave, at the request of ANC 6C.

On November 2, 2017, Mr. Darren Buck of DDOT presented to the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Safety Committee a proposed solution for K St. NE that incorporated the results of both the NoMa Bicycle Study and the K St. NE Traffic Safety Study. The proposed solution was then heard at the full-Commission ANC 6C meeting on November 10. The recommendation from DDOT was to install bicycle lanes on K St. west of 6th St. NE (to North Capitol St. and beyond into NW). The purpose of the bicycle lanes is to provide a connection between downtown and destinations in Northeast DC including Trinidad and New York Avenue, by way of the existing bicycle lanes at 4th and 6th Streets NE. The design of the proposed bicycle lanes varied by block, but would require removal of some on-street parking between 2nd and 6th Streets NE. To achieve the traffic calming goals of the K St. Traffic Safety Study, all rush-hour parking restrictions were proposed to be removed and curb extensions installed where possible (on the north side of K St. for blocks east of 6th St. NE).

The commissioners voted at the November 10 full Commission meeting 5:1:0 to support the proposed concept of safety improvements on the K Street corridor for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. As the proposed solution is in the concept stage, the Commission expects continued development and refinement of the design, and looks forward to working closely with DDOT to accomplish a design that maximizes safety enhancements and minimizes negative impact to the residents. Specific areas in need of further study were suggested:

- Continued investigation into the feasibility of a two-way cycle-track from 1st St. to 6th St. NE;
- Assessment of the impact on parking for the senior wellness center;
- Implementation of resident-only parking on K Street.;
- Assessment of the need, possibility, and impact of consolidating bus stops.

At both ANC 6C public meetings where this matter was discussed, several residents in attendance expressed significant concern over the loss of street parking included in the proposal. ANC 6C believes that measures must be taken to improve the safety of the K St. NE corridor, and that the proposed solution improves safety for all, including pedestrians and cyclists. Safety must always be the top priority, although ANC 6C recognizes the difficulties that reduced parking may cause for some residents. It is our hope that these concerns be considered when finalizing the design, but that integral safety components such as the separated bicycle lanes continue to be included.

We hope that finalization and implementation of the proposed traffic safety plan can be completed expeditiously with an emphasis on safety for all. ANC 6C looks forward to working closely with DDOT as the design progresses and requests that DDOT engineers keep ANC 6C concerns in mind. It is our understanding that the proposed K Street NE traffic safety plan will come back to ANC 6C for a vote after DDOT engineers have completed work on the proposed design.

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

On behalf of ANC 6C,



Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair