Emily Dalphy  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M St. SE  
Washington, DC

Re: NOI #18-159-TOA, Right- Turn On Red Restriction at Delaware Ave & M St NE

Dear Ms. Dalphy,

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C, with a quorum of five out of five commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us.

The Commission voted unanimously (5–0) to support the proposed right-turn on red restriction, with the following concerns.

As stated in the notice, the two-way cycle track on M St., along with an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic and limited sightlines, creates a dangerous intersection at M St. NE and Delaware Ave. While prohibiting right turns on red from northbound Delaware Ave. is a welcome safety feature, the hazard provided by this action is arguably much less significant than other prominent hazards at the intersection that are not addressed in this notice. Right turns from eastbound M St. onto Delaware Ave., especially on green lights, puts cyclists and pedestrians crossing Delaware Ave. at risk of being struck given the lack of visibility as they emerge from the overpass.

The same is true for Westbound traffic turning from M St. to Delaware Ave. ANC 6C has repeatedly asked for corrective measures to mitigate the danger presented by these maneuvers, including making Delaware Ave. one-way northbound, yet this notice does not address those concerns. ANC 6C reiterates its request that DDOT make Delaware Ave. one-way northbound from the Uline arena loading docks to M St. NE. In addition to mitigating the above safety concerns, this change would also allow for additional safety improvements such as widening the western sidewalk and/or adding a bike lane.

Understanding that changes to the traffic pattern may take some time, we strongly suggest that ALL right turns from eastbound M St. onto Delaware Ave. be prohibited immediately while designs are created for changing Delaware Ave. to one-way.
Please note ANC 6C has made three previous requests for these changes, without response from DDOT.

Thank you for considering these recommendations from ANC 6.

cc: Jeff Marootian

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair