Chairperson Cheh and Members of the Committee,

ANC 6C writes to present its views on matters pertaining to the performance of the Department of Transportation (DDOT).

**Vision Zero**

ANC 6C believes there needs to be greater urgency in moving forward on Vision Zero. DDOT's recent actions (restricting right on red, for example) are a step in the right direction, but the pace of change has been too slow.

DDOT should be more forward-leaning in adopting and carrying out policies to make our transportation network safer. As part of this effort, we urge that DDOT revise its business practices to incorporate safe design by default (e.g., curb extensions; guard posts preventing drivers from entering cycle tracks at curb cuts, all-way stop intersections).

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1 ANC 6C authorized this testimony at its duly noticed, regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 13, 2019, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, by a vote of 6-0.
We also believe Vision Zero data needs to be collected and reported more rigorously. At last year’s hearing we pointed out how many of the metrics identified for pedestrian and cyclist safety had no data.

**Moving forward on major projects**

Likewise, we must express concern about traditional transportation projects that seem to taking forever to make any progress. In our ANC, the Florida Avenue NE project is the main example.

**Sidewalk repairs**

Just as drivers should expect roads free of potholes, pedestrians deserve sidewalks free of dangerous holes. The 311 Portal notes that the projected timeline for sidewalk repairs is 270 days. This is simply too long in neighborhoods such as Capitol Hill where large holes in brick sidewalks are a hazard for pedestrians and an obstacle for wheelchair-using citizens. There should be a system for prioritizing the repair of dangerous sidewalk conditions.

**Failure to give ANCs notice required by law**

District law requires DDOT to provide an affected ANC advance written notice of any change to traffic or parking signage/striping/markings. Yet DDOT routinely fails to provide ANCs notice of such changes. DDOT should adopt (and enforce)
internal policies to cure this chronic failure by staff. Written checklists would be a good start at implementing this change. DDOT apparently last year made a significant parking change in ANC 6C without informing ANC 6C, even though ANC 6C commissioners had several months earlier informed DDOT of our opposition to this change.

**Issuance of curb-space occupancy permits less than 72 hours in advance in residential districts**

Current regulations require emergency no-parking signage to be posted no less than 72 hours in advance in residential districts. However, DDOT allows applicants to obtain permits at any time, up to and including less than 24 hours before the proposed restriction. DDOT should stop this practice and deny any application filed less than 72 hours in advance.

In the past, DDOT has raised concerns about funerals and the practice in some religions of requiring interment within 24 hours after death. If DDOT believes this remains a concern, it should make an exception for funerals only. It should not continue to grant last-minute permits for other occupancy (moving trucks, construction staging zones, dumpsters, etc.). An applicant's failure to plan does not justify imposing unannounced hardships on local residents.
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony and we welcome any follow-up questions the Committee may have.