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

Re: Florida Avenue Corridor, 6th Street and Florida Avenue NE

Dear Mr. Marootian:

On February 13, 2019 at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us. There have been two vehicle-bicyclist collisions on the Florida Avenue Corridor in the past few months.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send this letter with our recommendations on the Florida Avenue Corridor. The following comments were made:

1. Close the curb cut on 6th Street to enter the gasoline station, which is a source of conflict. Vehicles will still have access to the station on Florida Avenue and on the alley between 5th and 6th Streets.
2. The crosswalk across 6th Street on the north side of Florida Avenue needs to be repainted. It was removed during road work.
3. The northeast corner has a large radius, enabling westbound cars to maintain high speeds while turning right. Bollards or flex posts should be installed to make a sharper turn and slow down vehicles.
4. The southwest corner contains dead space where parking is not allowed, which permits southbound drivers to make the turn wide. Bollards or flex posts should be installed to remove this space.
5. Where flex posts are used, style K-71 (a heftier version that appears more solid) should be installed instead of the standard thin ones. The flex posts currently in the cycle track should be upgraded to the K-71 types.
6. A speed camera should be installed on 6th Street to monitor southbound traffic.
7. The timing of the traffic lights for vehicles differs from crosswalk timing—The walk signal for crossing Florida Avenue ends while the traffic signal is still green for many more seconds. The signals should be retimed so that the walk signal lasts the duration of the green light. Alternatively, the signals could be changed to allow an all-way pedestrian crossing phase (a.k.a. Barnes dance crossing).
ANC 6C voted unanimously on three overall recommendations for the corridor:

1. We urge immediate attention to 6th Street and Florida Avenue NE project, underscoring the mitigations outlined above.
2. Permanent fixes are needed at the intersection, and 6th Street NE should be included in the Florida Avenue project.
3. The project should progress rapidly, and ANC 6C requests an update on the project status and timelines, along with that on 6th Street, in a public meeting.

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

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair