February 20, 2019

Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: traffic plan for DC Water Low Service Water Main Inspection and Repair Project at 8th and East Capitol Streets NE

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled, duly noticed, monthly meeting of ANC 6C on February 13, 2019, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6C voted 6 – 0 to support a revision of the DDOT permit applying to this location from 9 am - 4 pm to 7 am - 7 pm, Monday through Friday, **provided** that the traffic control plan for this project directs **all** southbound 8th Street non-local vehicles along Massachusetts Avenue NE, 11th Street NE, and North Carolina Avenue SE, and does not direct trucks, buses or automobiles to A Street NE or 7th Street NE.

DC Water is performing water main inspection and replacement projects throughout the District. Its extensive Low Service Water Main project along 8th Street NE from N Street NE to East Capitol Street began in October 2018 and involves excavation and repair of a 66-inch steel water main pipe. At 8th and East Capitol, the 66-inch pipe is to be exposed and a 66 inch butterfly valve is to be installed with new pipe and a cast-in-place concrete vault. The hours have been 7 am to 7 pm elsewhere during the project but in the vicinity of 8th and East Capitol, DDOT approved a permit of 9 am to 4 pm. To avoid project delays, DC Water has requested ANC 6C support for a permit of 7 am to 7 pm.

ANC 6C voted to support the application with the proviso that the traffic control plan be revised in order that this important infrastructure repair project can proceed expeditiously and the water main be brought back into service. We understand from DC Water that while work is occurring the southbound traffic on 8th Street NE will be blocked but northbound traffic on 8th Street NE and the traffic on East Capitol Street will be unimpeded.

DC Water presented Traffic Control Plan 10A with a date of 12-7-2017 as part of its request. This plan shows a truck detour along Massachusetts, 11th and North Carolina
Avenue but also along A Street NE. It shows a car detour starting at 8th and A Street NE, going south on 7th Street NE, east on East Capitol Street NE, and south on 8th Street SE.

We do not support allowing a diversion of truck traffic onto A Street NE at Massachusetts Avenue NE or a detour of any vehicles onto 7th Street NE. These are local residential streets, not designed for truck and bus traffic or increased car traffic.

Moreover, the intersection of 7th and East Capitol is particularly dangerous when 7th Street NE vehicles enter or cross East Capitol Street. The intersection includes two very busy pedestrian crosswalks and two popular bicycle lanes. The sightlines for cars coming into the relatively fast moving traffic on East Capitol from 7th Street are poor. Near-accidents occur frequently. No additional vehicles should be detoured to this intersection in order to avoid the construction work on 8th Street NE.

In addition, we urge DDOT, DC Water and the contractor to work closely with WMATA so that riders of the north-south 8th Street bus routes are fully informed on a timely basis of any route changes necessitated by this project.

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

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair

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