March 19, 2019

Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: K St. NE Bike Lanes

Dear Mayor Bowser:

On March 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. The commissioners voted 5:0:1 to inform you of our continued support for the road diet proposed by DDOT for the K St. NE corridor from North Capitol St. to Florida Ave, which includes the addition of bike lanes as well as many other safety improvements. The K St. NE corridor as it currently stands is dangerous for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists alike. Cars frequently travel at high speeds, and the wide, multi-lane road is difficult to cross safely. The proposed road diet includes safety enhancements including curb extensions to reduce crossing distance, reduction in travel lanes to slow traffic, and addition of bike lanes to provide a safe route for cyclists. We recognize that there is some objection from residents because the changes will result in loss of some parking (although many 24-hour parking spots will be created through removal of rush hour parking restrictions). ANC 6C firmly believes that the safety improvements are essential and that the need for them easily outweighs the desire to preserve a few parking spots.

We are attaching to this letter our most recent correspondence to DDOT and indicating our support of the project. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

Encl.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair