ANC 6C voted unanimously to make the following nine recommendations on DDOT’s FY2020 budget and authorize Commissioner Robb Dooling to deliver this testimony. We previously made the first four recommendations in DDOT’s FY2019 budget and are repeating them this year in hopes of the DC Council assigning greater urgency to climate change, Vision Zero, and Mayor Bowser’s second term goal of anybody traveling between any two points in DC in less than 30 minutes.

1. Support Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on New York Avenue: ANC 6C recommends greater coordination between the DDOT projects for New York Ave, Florida Ave, Dave Thomas Circle, and BRT on New York Ave. We also recommend integrating high-quality, protected bike and pedestrian infrastructure into any potential BRT recommendations along New York Ave.

2. Set higher goals for bike lane installations and Capital Bikeshare ridership: ANC 6C urges DDOT to reverse the downward trend in bike lanes installed and set a higher goal for bike lane installations that matches or exceeds DDOT’s 2014 peak. We also recommend that DDOT increase its target for Capital Bikeshare ridership growth in line with recent growth actuals.

3. Provide additional Vision Zero data: ANC 6C requests additional public Vision Zero data on the number of serious injuries for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as well as the “number of intersection/safety improvements for bicyclists implemented.”

4. Hire additional Public Space Inspectors (PSIs): In ANC 6C’s experience, DDOT’s Public Space Regulation Division requires additional staff to address widespread illegal construction and lack of permit compliance. For example, contractors repaving 1st St NE near K St on February 26, 2019 erased part of the NoMa cycletrack and left flexiposts and zebras sprawled in tree boxes. Repeated notifications to DDOT went nowhere. A group of activists calling themselves the “DC Department of Transformation” placed random objects in the street to create a barrier to restore the cycletrack path. Repeated notifications to DDOT again went nowhere. Eventually, PSRD forced contractors to restore flexiposts but...
the green paint was still missing as of April 10. ANC 6C supports the work of PSRD, recognizes the increasing demands on their current resources, and recommends an increase in their budget to hire additional enforcement personnel.

5. **Default to protected bike lanes**: ANC 6C asks for all new bike lanes to be protected and not just painted in light of car drivers frequently parking in bike lanes, rendering them useless and sometimes more dangerous than nothing. ANC 6C strongly agrees with the chairperson’s comment last month that “We should have protected bicycle lanes everywhere. We should be Copenhagen” and urges funding of this goal.

6. **Support connectivity with the New York Ave Rails-to-Trails Project**: ANC 6C asks to support existing studies including this rails-to-trails project and access to it from Union Market as well as from the NoMa-Mount Vernon bicycle study including future bike lanes on K St NW.

7. **Implement a safer 6th St NE from K St to Florida Ave**: 6th St NE was originally investigated along with the Florida Ave Study but is no longer included in the project going forward. ANC 6C asks to widen sidewalks along 6th St NE and convert this road to a one-way street north of M St NE.

8. **Create a park at West Virginia Ave between K and 8th St NE**: ANC 6C applauds DDOT for creating this car-free space by closing this redundant portion of road in April 2018. ANC 6C requests funding to build a permanent park here.

9. **Expedite brick sidewalk repairs**: DDOT currently takes up to 270 days to repair brick sidewalks in Capitol Hill as opposed to shorter response times for other sidewalk issues. ANC 6C acknowledges the challenges of maintaining brick sidewalks but requests special attention to senior citizens and people with disabilities using these sidewalks.

Thank you for giving great weight to our ANC recommendations.