

Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting February 3, 2021

Commissioners Present: Corey Holman, Alison Horn, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, and Edward Ryder.

Resident Members Present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Kevin Moriarty (6B02), Brian Kirrane (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Stefan Katz (6B07), Carol Grissom (6B08) and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)

Draft Resolution on Bike/Pedestrian Access Through Capitol Grounds

RM John Ten Hoeve with the assist of Commissioners Corey Holman and Alison Horn prepared a draft resolution on the impact on bicyclists and pedestrians by the Inauguration temporary fencing around the Capitol Grounds, forcing long detours. Commissioner Holman said we should also include the detours of bus routes the fencing is causing. Commissioner Horn agreed with the bus inclusion and suggested the document, which was written before a proposal for a permanent fence was made, that some facts needed to be updated.

Neil King, Hill resident, told the Committee about a new group forming on the Hill to fight against a permanent fence around the Capitol. The website is https://dontfencethecapitol.com/.

RM Ten Hoeve moved, with a second by Commissioner Horn, that the Committee recommend the ANC support the resolution/memorandum for distribution to DC officials and others. The motion was supported unanimously but was not put on the Consent agenda as RM Ten Hoeve offered to re-draft the document for further discussion on February 9.

Request to Re-send November 2020 Letter on SE Boulevard to DDOT

Commissioner Oldenburg said that the ANC had not received any substantial feedback on the November SE Boulevard letter the ANC sent to the Director of DDOT. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Oldenburg moved, with a second by Commissioner Ready, to recommend the Commission send a copy of the letter to the new Acting Director of DDOT. The Committee supported the motion by a unanimous vote and placed the item on the consent agenda.

Preliminary Discussion on Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project DEIS Led by Commissioner Jerry Sroufe 6B02 and RM Stefan Katz 6B07, the committee briefly discussed whether to participate in a review of the DEIS. Comments are due to Maryland Transit Administration by April 22, 2021. This project does not directly affect ANC6B residents & businesses as the terminus in DC would be at Mt. Vernon Square. But it would reduce user travel time between Baltimore and Washington to 15 minutes. RM Katz mentioned that a brief

but informative discussion was held on WAMU at noon that included the CEO of the Maglev firm.

No vote was taken but RM Katz and Commissioner Sroufe said they would review the DEIS and return to the March 2021 meeting with comments. The Committee would need to decide whether to go ahead with a formal review in time to vote at the April 7, 2021 meeting.

Proposed ANC6B Traffic Calming Inventory

RM Brian Kirrane, 6B03, informed the Committee that the draft inventory he presented at the January meeting has been greatly expanded to include a mapping function. He will provide an update in March.

Brief on the 2020 I-695 Ramp Traffic Study

Commissioner Oldenburg said that an SMD meeting was held on February 3 with DDOT to follow up on the study's December 2020 presentation, as requested in our December letter. For the meeting, the DDOT team had prepared slides depicting each intersection from I to M on 11th Street SE with details on proposed pedestrian/bike safety measures and provided additional accident data for the D4 ramp (2017-2020). (These materials will be sent to the Committee separately.)

We learned that the construction would not occur until 2025 but that the Anacostia River Trail connection at N Street SE would be opening in a few days.

DRAFT LETTER

Everett Lott, Interim Director DC Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

VIA email: Everett.lott@dc.gov, ancresolutions@ddot.dc.gov

RE: The Long-Delayed SE Boulevard Environmental Assessment

Dear Interim Director Lott;

At a properly noticed, regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on February 9, 2021, with a quorum present, the Commission voted x-x-x to support sending you the attached letter on the SE Boulevard.

This letter, of November 10, 2020, was sent to then-Director Jeff Marootian requesting that DDOT complete & release the SE Boulevard Draft Environmental Assessment for community review. ANC6B has not received any response to our November request. The community has not had any substantive information on the study for almost 3 years.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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Attachment: Letter

Cc: CM Allen