

Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting June 2, 2021

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

Resident Members Present: Kevin Moriarty (6B02), John Manley (6B04), Stefan Katz (6B07), and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)

PA Avenue SE Corridor Study¹

Greg Matlesky, Kevin Harrison, and George Banyan presented a brief background on the study its objectives and details on the preliminary design for three areas along the route: 200-300 block, Eastern Market, and the Pennsylvania & Potomac Avenue Intersection. In 2020, DDOT had narrowed down the design options to 3 of which the community chose Alternate A: separated bike lanes with AM/PM peak curbside parking restricted to accommodate buses.

DDOT offered to present again once the current preliminary design has been reviewed and approved internally. The study's 30% design is expected by this summer with 100% in 2022. Phase 1 (2nd to 13th SE) installation to begin in 2022. Phase 2 (13th to Barney Circle) to be installed in 2024-25. Installation phases will follow the PA Avenue Streetlight & Traffic Signal Upgrades and Penn-Potomac Avenues Intersection Project installations. ²

Participants at the meeting asked and received responses to a host of questions both verbally and via the Chat function (see attached file). Most questions were related to the bike lanes along the route. The bike lane will connect to the Anacostia Riverfront Trail at Barney Circle and will connect with others, such as the Kentucky Avenue bike lane. Vehicle right turns off PA Ave will occur as they do elsewhere in DC across the bike lane but made safer with the use of signals. Scooters and other micro-mobility devices will use the bike lanes. Floating bike platforms (ZCLA or Zicla) will be installed at bus stops to enable bus riders to board from the curb level. However, they will need to cross the bike lane to do so.

² Websites--https://www.pennavesestreetlights.com/ & https://www.anacostiawaterfront.org/penn-potomac

¹ Website--https://www.pennavese.com

Comments on MoveDC

DDOT has asked ANCs to comment on its MoveDC update, now in draft. Commissioner Oldenburg noted the challenge to reviewing the draft MoveDC is that it is not a document per se. Rather it is a collection of statements on goals, policies, and strategies and resources such a Mobility Priority Networks.

https://movedc-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/

Nevertheless, Commissioner Sroufe and RM Manley provided the Committee with some insights. Thus, on a motion by RM Manley, seconded by Commissioner Sroufe, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the full ANC send a letter to DDOT commending the MoveDC update especially its provision of copious data and the mapping of Transportation Needs as they vary across DC neighborhoods.

Draft Letter Text:

The Commission commends DDOT for its update of MoveDC, especially its focus on non-vehicle modes, safety and equity along with increased evaluation of the impact of innovations introduced and a more comprehensive thinking about transportation. While equity is a focus, absent is a need to integrate transportation planning into overall District planning for its potential to help drive social change.