

Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting December 7, 2022

Commissioners Present: Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Steve Holtzman, Brian Ready, and Edward Ryder.

Resident Members Present: Frank Avery (6B01), Brian Kirrane (6B03), Claire August (6B05), and Matt La Fortune (6B06).

9th & I Streets SE Intersection SR# 20-00394152

Scott Kratz told the Committee that, so far, no safety improvements have been installed at this intersection since he submitted a TSI request in 2020. The accident then involved a vehicle exiting from I-695 onto I Street SE hitting a bicyclist and pinning her under the vehicle. Neighbors and Marines from the nearby Barracks managed to lift the vehicle freeing the bicyclist before the ambulance arrived. Abraham Diallo, DDOT Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, told the Committee that the engineering staff are considering two relatively quick-to-install measures (flexiposts and rumble strips) and are evaluating the installation of a traffic signal.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved with a second by Commissioner Ryder that the Committee recommend the ANC to support the 2020 request for installation of safety features at 9th and I Streets SE, as traffic exits from I-695. Further, the ANC understands DDOT is considering, and we support, two relatively quick safety measures: installation of rumble strips and flexi posts. However, the latter still require turning radius analysis. In addition, we understand DDOT is in the process of evaluating the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection and may be completing this analysis by February 2023. The ANC would appreciate a response from DDOT on the estimated time of installation of these 3 measures. The Committee voted in favor of the motion unanimously and placed it on the Consent Agenda.

Community Petition for Traffic Signal at 11th and D Streets SE

Joe Howard, who resides on the Southeast corner of the 11th & D Street intersection, told the Committee of his long campaign to improve the intersection's safety. Several years ago, DDOT installed pedestrian crossing markings and then large all way Stop signs and subsequently flexiposts at each corner. Still accidents, caused mainly by drivers on 11th according to Mr. Howard, continue to occur. Mr. Howard has not received responses from DDOT to his TSI requests for a traffic signal. He has now gathered 37 signatures from nearby neighbors who support a traffic signal.

RM Avery moved with a second by Commissioner Ready that the Committee recommend the ANC to support the request for a traffic light at 11th and D Streets SE, and ask DDOT to:

- 1. Provide its findings of previously submitted Transportation Safety Investigations for the intersection of 11th and D Street SE starting with TSIs #22-00348411, #20-00435571, #20-00308835, and #20-00435571
- 2. Prioritize reconsideration of its previous findings as the intersection is approximately 350 from Watkins Elementary school, a priority for traffic calming measures under current district law (350 feet) and soon-to-be-enacted Safe Streets Amendment Act (1000 feet), and
- 3. Prioritize physical traffic calming measures that put pedestrian and non-vehicle safety and reduce vehicle speeds.

The ANC requests that a DDOT safety engineer attend its February Transportation Committee meeting on 2/8 to discuss the results in detail.

The Committee voted in favor of the motion unanimously and placed it on the Consent Agenda.