



April 11, 2023

Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic safety measures at crosswalk at 6th and E Streets SE (at stop sign south of E Street)

Dear Director Lott:

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 11, 2023, with a quorum present, the Commission voted unanimously to support this request for additional traffic safety study of this intersection.

We have received email messages from Abraham Diallo about this intersection and our request for a raised cross walk. The first was on March 9, 2023 and stated that a raised crosswalk would be placed running north to south across E Street on the western side of the intersection. Resident Member Kruger (6B03) submitted the following comments on March 13, 2023:

The raised crosswalk should be placed across SIXTH STREET, running EAST to WEST, just south of the stop sign. It is at that intersection that vehicles tend to roll through the crosswalk and stop sign because they are often in the exiting freeway mode and also trying to make the light at the next intersection. I have attached a few pictures of this intersection.

The intersection "WEST LEG" (presumably the intersection running north to south across D Street SE from Marion Park to the SW corner of 6th and D) that Abraham wrote about is **not** one, from long time observation, that cars tend to run through.

We believe that the dangerous intersection should be modified with a raised crosswalk, not the WEST LEG that you have notified the ANC about.

Upon further review by DDOT we were informed by Mr. Diallo on March 15, 2023 that our request was not feasible for two reasons:

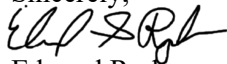
1. 6th Street SE is a "collector" road requiring addition traffic study before a raised crosswalk could be installed; and
2. There is a utility hole within the crosswalk that would impede the installation of a raised crosswalk.

We believe the reasons above are insufficient to install a raised crosswalk at the wrong part of the intersection. First, in examining DDOT's own [Functional Street Map with classifications](#), we see that East Capitol Street on both the north and south sides of Lincoln Park is marked in yellow as a collector street. There are several raised crosswalks in both the easterly and westerly directions of those streets. Second, the utility hole overlaps the north side of the crosswalk at the stop sign on 6th Street by a mere eleven inches (see photo).

Everyone deserves to be safe, and as we have recently learned, Vision Zero is not working well. We respectfully request that DDOT engage in the mandated traffic study to install a raised crosswalk in the most dangerous crossing of this intersection. Please do not waste money installing one where it is not needed.

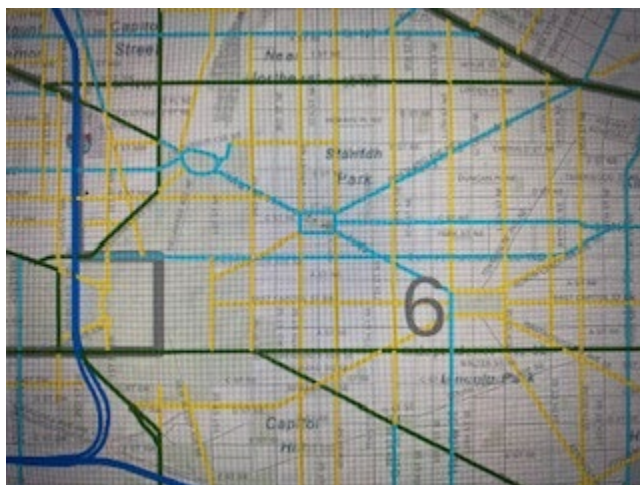
We look forward to working with DDOT to consider further changes to improve the safety of this location if needed.

Please contact Commissioner Matt LaFortune, the ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 574-807-2576 or 6B09@anc.dc.gov, or myself if you have any questions about this matter or need further information.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B

DDOT STREET MAP WITH FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS:

https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/publication/attachments/FunctionalClass_2016.pdf



Photos below of utility hole in crosswalk

