



**Re: Unsafe Intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> and Independence SE**

Dear Interim Director Kershbaum:

*At a properly noticed general meeting on December 12, 2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).*

ANC 6B urges DDOT to install four-way stop signs at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Independence Avenue SE along with a raised crosswalk across Independence along the west side of the intersection, running north-south. This intersection is between two stoplights, at 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St., which results in frequent speeding and dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

On Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, a large SUV traveling on 5th St. ran the stop sign at the intersection with Independence, was struck by another large SUV traveling on Independence, spun through the intersection and crashed into the front of a neighbor's car, which was stopped at the (currently two-way) stop sign on 5<sup>th</sup> St. SE. During our December Transportation Committee meeting, a neighbor also shared that a pedestrian was also struck by a vehicle at this intersection. Neighbors further report that car accidents at this intersection involving collisions between a vehicle traveling on 5th Street and a vehicle traveling on Independence Avenue have become increasingly common, occurring every few weeks or more frequently.

In December 2022, DDOT closed out a TSI request (22-00219308) for this intersection noting "We performed a study and investigated and determined that it is not feasible to install All Way Stop Control at this intersection, however will conduct signing and marking modifications to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety." Neighbors have noted the work done by the Department to improve visibility at this intersection. However, more is clearly needed to ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians.

We urge DDOT to move quickly and respond to two outstanding TSI requests at this intersection (23-00336541 and 23-00162777) by installing a four-way stop sign, raised crosswalk, and any additional safety measures to make this area safer for our neighbors.

Thank you for giving great weight to this Commission's recommendations. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please contact ANC Commissioner Matt LaFortune, Chair of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee, at [6B09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B09@anc.dc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Ryder".

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B