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RE: 11th Street SE Corridor

Dear Interim Director Kershbaum and Director Spriggs:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on January 9, 2024, with a quorum of Commissioners present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-0 to support sending this letter to the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works. The letter refers to the 11th Street SE Corridor between Lincoln Park and M Street.

The portion of 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE identified above has undergone rapid change over the past several years. With the openings of the new 11<sup>th</sup> Street and I-296/I-695 bridges, through traffic has increased considerably. This increase in traffic has turned what was a relatively quiet street into one that sees heavy traffic especially in the morning and evening rush hours. There have also been several incidents with pedestrian injuries, especially at the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets SE. The intersection at 11<sup>th</sup> and D Streets SE has also been a persistent problem area, with surrounding residents reporting frequent crashes and conflicts with pedestrians and bicyclists. ANC 6B has written several times asking for further action regarding this intersection to be taken without success. Further development along and near the corridor by M Street SE will likely exacerbate our traffic-related concerns.

However, the issues noted above are not isolated and are rather emblematic of what we think is a larger systematic problem with the fundamental design of the corridor. There are at least 10 pending TSI requests along this stretch of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Additionally in the 2021 Move DC update, the map of high injury corridors includes the same stretch of

11<sup>th</sup> Street we have identified.<sup>1</sup> This designation seems to have dropped off subsequent maps showing high injury corridors, but it is unclear why. Certainly, from our perspective, the corridor seems to have only gotten busier and more dangerous since that time.

This is a vital corridor and is in proximity to several schools, mainly Tyler Elementary on 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE and Watkins Elementary, which is a block away on 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Children regularly cross this street on their way to and from school. It is also a main route for cars and bikes. It is essential that this route be safe for all users.

To that end, we ask for DDOT's help in remedying the myriad issues 11<sup>th</sup> Street is experiencing. This is an opportune time to do so as DDOT is currently undertaking the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Priority Project and Protected Bike Lanes just south of the area in question. We ask for confirmation of whether 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE is indeed a high injury corridor under DDOT's metrics.

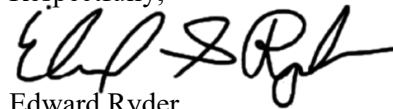
Additionally, we urge DDOT to:

- Conduct a holistic evaluation of the traffic safety issues along the 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE Corridor from Lincoln Park to M Street SE and to coordinate that work with the ongoing projects mentioned above.
- Work with ANC 6B and Councilmember Allen to schedule a community walk during the morning or evening rush hours to help facilitate this evaluation.

We also ask that DDOT and DPW work together to ensure parking regulations are being enforced along this portion of the corridor, especially around Tyler Elementary where buses and cars picking up children are sometimes illegally parked adding to the issues on 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

We thank DDOT for its consideration of our views and request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,



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Chair, ANC 6B

Cc:

The Honorable Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://movedc-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/a4ba0bfbde0042b18e8679d0eb2c6c8c>