



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
April 3, 2024**

Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Frank Avery (6B01), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Chander Jayaraman (6B06), Vince Mareino (6B07)

Resident Members Present: Jakob Youngblood (6B01), Janice Kruger (6B03), Brian Kirrane (6B03-Alt), Mike Litt (6B05), Brian Poochigian (6B06), Joshua Peacock (6B09-Alt)

Alley Signs Behind 700 Block of C St. SE

Commissioner Sobelsohn shared neighbors' concerns that alley between 7th and 8th close to C St SE is constantly being blocked from the outside and within the alley. This is both a parking enforcement issue and could be improved with better "No Parking" signage.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the placement No Parking signs and increased parking enforcement at this location, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Speed Humps on 600 Block of I St. SE (TSI 24-00150352)

Commissioner Sobelsohn shared neighbors' request for speed humps on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE. Several neighbors shared additional detail on the need for action at these locations, especially as several nearby blocks already have speed humps and this is a residential area. The Board of Directors at Townhomes on Capitol Hill also expressed support for these actions. Additionally, there was a request for DPW to clean up graffiti in the area.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the installation of speed humps and removal of graffiti on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter to DDOT Requesting Study of Future Design of I-695

Commissioner Avery introduced a suggestion from a neighbor to urge DDOT to study alternative designs for the I-695 overpass due to reconnect neighborhoods originally separated by the highway's construction and in alignment with DDOT's current DC 295 & I-295 Corridor Improvements Study, which received a USDOT Reconnecting Communities grant.

RM Youngblood expressed his support for this action, noting that highway reconstruction projects can take at least 7-8 years from the original study to construction and a need to get the ball rolling now for this to be a feasible effort in the future.

Commissioner Avery highlighted at advocating early and hopefully getting available funds would save time and effort for future business development and would support the 2030 Vision for the Capitol Riverfront BID.

RM Kirrane noted that this is something that is being talked about and there may be excess federal funding for a study. Regardless, this would be the right time to put the ANC's marker down in support.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and Councilmember Charles Allen urging DDOT to commission a study on an improved future design for I-695, to be drafted by Commissioner LaFortune, Commissioner Avery, and the 6B01 Resident Members and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the conclusion of the last agenda item, Commissioner Jayaraman shared that he is organizing a community meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm at Mott's Market to discuss NOI-24-96: 13th Street/Independence Avenue/Kentucky Avenue SE Vision Zero Hardening. He has invited DDOT and Councilmember Allen to the meeting and will request that the ANC write a letter to DDOT asking for an extension to the comment period for this project at the next monthly meeting.

Commissioner LaFortune noted his opposition to extending the deadline and belief that the ANC could have adequately addressed this project in April meetings. In response to Commissioner Sobelsohn, he shared his concern that delaying the project was unnecessary and would have an impact on other necessary safety improvements.

RM Kirrane noted that the ANC could send a letter suggesting design changes to DDOT after the end of the NOI comment period, if necessary.

Commissioner Jayaraman shared that the ANC did not receive the NOI until after the March Executive Committee meeting, which set agendas for April.