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Re: Traffic Signal at 7th and Pennsylvania Ave SE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

*At a properly noticed general meeting on May 14, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the Department of Transportation (DDOT).*


We write about traffic signal timing at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> St. SE and Pennsylvania Ave. Neighbors have shared that the traffic light governing northbound traffic crossing Pennsylvania avenue needs to be recalibrated.

Cars are frequently backed up from almost 7th and E because pedestrian traffic sometimes prevents turning onto Penn from 7<sup>th</sup>. One neighbor sat through three lights before being able to cross Pennsylvania Avenue going north.

ANC 6B urges DDOT to address this issue through a recalibrated traffic signal, including possibly taking time away from the green lights on Penn Ave and giving more time to the green lights on 7th St to enable safe and efficient pedestrian crossings and fewer vehicle backlogs. The issue is exacerbated by the narrowing of 7th St in front of the library due to construction.

Thank you in advance for considering and granting great weight to our recommendations. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B