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Re: Status of 11th St. SE Safety Improvements

Dear Acting Director Kershbaum:

*At a properly noticed general meeting on September 9, 2024, 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 Department of Transportation (DDOT).*

We write about two safety improvement projects along the 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE corridor: 11<sup>th</sup> & D St. SE (NOI 24-130-TESD) and 11<sup>th</sup> & G St. SE (NOI-24-129-TESD).

First, ANC 6B would like to again thank you and Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen for prioritizing these intersections following a corridor walk with neighbors on February 15, 2024. The discussion during that walk directly led to tangible improvements proposed through these two NOIs which were issued in early May.

While we would like to see DDOT prioritize 11<sup>th</sup> St. for a corridor-wide redesign, the short-term improvements outlined in the NOIs provides a positive step forward for neighbors and students at the schools adjacent to these two hazardous intersections. However, progress in making these improvements appears to have stalled. With school now back in session, it is critical that the proposed changes to both intersections are completed as soon as possible. In some cases, the executed changes to bike lane markings that overlap outdated parking spaces have actually increased the risk to pedestrians and cyclists because of the incomplete work (see picture attached)

This is the current status of implementation of the improvements outlined in the NOIs:

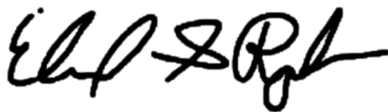
<b>NOI-#24-129-TESD modifications</b>	<b>Status (9/7/24; 10:00 AM)</b>	<b>Additional comments</b>
<b>Relocating bike lines to the curb approaching the intersection</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	Pavement markings have been completed, but flex posts and speed bumps to improve the safety of the bike lane and discourage illegal parking in the proposed bump-out area have not been started.
<b>Removal of parking spaces on 11<sup>th</sup> St SE</b>	<b>Not started</b>	Existing parking signs conflict with relocated bike lanes, leading to blocking of this new bike lane by parked cars and forcing bikers to move into traffic lanes,
<b>Speed hump on the 1000 block of G Street, SE</b>	<b>Not started</b>	
<b>Installation of full-time No Turn on Red signs at the intersection</b>	<b>Completed</b>	25 MPH speed limit has been removed, but not replaced with a School Zone speed limit sign.
<b>Other signs and pavement marking improvements</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	

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We are requesting that the agency provide an updated timeline for completing both of these prioritized projects so we can inform neighbors with the latest status.

Thank you for your continued focus on improving traffic safety. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

CC:

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Christine Mayeur, Manager - Corridor Safety Projects Team, DDOT

Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember



Photo of east side of 700 block 11<sup>th</sup> Street, SE before the G Street intersection. Bike lane markings have been altered, but No Parking signs have not been moved – so parked cars are blocking the revised bike lane markings, forcing cyclists to move into unprotected lanes. This incomplete modification has increased safety risks to cyclists and pedestrians at this intersection. Each NOIs identifies 4 revisions to the parking spaces and signs and none have been executed.