



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
September 6, 2024**

**Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (6B09 - Chair), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Frank D'Andrea (6B04), Chander Jayaraman (6B06), Vince Mareino (6B07), Edward Ryder (6B08)**

**Resident Members Present: Janice Kruger (6B03), Brian Kirrane (6B03- Alt), Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Michael McMullan (6B04-Alt), Mike Litt (6B05), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08), Joshua Peacock (6B09-Alt)**

**DDOT Presentation on 8th St. Bus Priority Project Loading Zones**

Andrew Grinberg, a Transportation Planner with DDOT, provided an update on the 8<sup>th</sup> St. SE Bus Priority Project. This is the sixth ANC meeting that he has presented to so far in addition to direct community engagement with local business owners. DDOT has recently selected a [final concept](#) for the project and has begun engaging with stakeholders on updated curbside regulation. His full presentation can be found on the [project website](#).

A neighbor asked in the chat if the bus lane is 24/7. The SB lane is 24/7 as it is not curbside. DDOT has not yet confirmed the hours of the one-block curbside NB lane.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked how the project has changed since a recent meeting with Barracks Row Main Street. Mr. Grinberg responded the DDOT has moved one loading zone to the east of 8<sup>th</sup> St. on E St. SE.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked about the time limit for loading zones. Mr. Grinberg responded that it is 7am-6:30pm except in the bus lane on Pennsylvania Ave. He shared that most deliveries are in the morning and that there is a two-hour time limit.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked how much participation there typically is for ten minute parking zones. DPW enforces the spots similar to two-hour zones and they have been piloted elsewhere in the city.

Commissioner Sroufe asked about DDOT's continuing engagement with Yes Organic Market. DDOT's proposal has NB bus lanes and no parking on the block.

Commissioner Jayaraman noted that he does not regularly see parking enforcement on Barracks Row. Mr. Grinberg shared that DDOT has monthly conversations with DPW on this and will raise the issue. He also said that 311 requests work for specific parking issues.

Commissioner Jayaraman asked about streeteries and the bulbout of the 500 block of 8<sup>th</sup> St. SE. He recommended creating long-term parking near restaurants and short-term in front of the Marine Barracks. Mr. Grinberg said that DDOT typically puts short-term parking in front of the businesses that they are going to.

Commissioner D'Andrea provided specific comments on plan adjustments for businesses along Barracks Row and recommended moving the 10 minute parking spots one block to the north.

Commissioner LaFortune asked about how the plan will deal with delivery mopeds. Mr. Grinberg said that DDOT adds clear hatched places near corners where cars cannot park but there is space for mopeds.

Commissioner Mareino asked why DDOT is doing curbside regulation instead of rebuilding sidewalks. Mr. Grinberg shared that there is a different scale and budget for signs vs. sidewalks.

Commissioner Jayaraman asked why there is no bulbout on the NB bus lane. Mr. Grinberg said that when a bus lane is on the curb, bulbouts are unnecessary as a bus does not need to drive around parked cars.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked about the history of angled parking spots on Barracks Row. Mr. Grinberg said that District priorities have changed from parking supply to safety and transit. 18 parking spots were lost total on 8<sup>th</sup> St., not just due to the loss of angled parking.

Mr. Grinberg stated that DDOT is considering changing the parking lot under 695 to 8 hour limits.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked about the nearby parking lot owned by the Marines. Mr. Grinberg stated that the Marines have a permit for storage and some parking in that lot but get Emergency No Parking signs for parades and other events. He has not heard a strong desire to change this from their public engagement.

Commissioner Jayaraman asked how many parking spots will remain once loading zones are installed. Mr. Grinberg shared the parking calculation from his presentation and mentioned that businesses are enthusiastic about ten minute parking.

Commissioner Mareino asked how much faster buses will move after the project. That exact calculation has not been done yet.

Commissioner D'Andrea asked whether DDOT considered rebalancing the bus stops NB at E and D St. It was strongly considered but ultimately decided against.

RM Kirrane said that he likes the 10 minute parking spot on 8<sup>th</sup> by Call Your Mother and Souk. He sees a lot of short-term pickups at Valor Brewpub.

## **Committee Discussion of “Comprehensive Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Access, Readiness, and Sustainability Amendment Act of 2024”**

Kevin Whitfield, the Committee Director of the Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment, gave a presentation of Councilmember Allen’s electric vehicle charging bill. Details of that bill, which is scheduled for a first vote by the full Council on September 17<sup>th</sup>, can be found [here](#).

Commissioner Mareino asked whether this relates to privately owned or publicly available charging. Mr. Whitfield said both, there is an expansion of public charging for which DDOT will permit vendors as well as private developers being required to provide a certain percentage of EV charging-ready parking spots.

Commissioner Sobelsohn applauds the Councilmember for seeking to increase the number of EV chargers around the city and asked how to make safer charging across sidewalks. Mr. Whitfield said that this bill does not directly respond to charging cords across sidewalks but that it can be a topic of next year’s oversight hearings. Part of the solution is also equipping streetlights to be EV charging-ready.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked where a residential EV charger goes. It is for offstreet parking primarily. Commissioner Mareino shared that the trip hazards are L1 chargers but faster EV chargers cannot use extension cords so most people will use garage parking for have a contractor dig underground.

RM Litt said kudos to the Councilmember’s team: Anothony has talked to a lot of stakeholders and the committee weighed in on the requirements at utility poles and gas stations.

### **Submission of Suggested EV Charging Locations to DOEE**

*Following a brief discussion of DOEE’s [EV Charger Recommendation Questionnaire](#), Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC permit him to submit a series of “official ANC locations” (listed below), to be placed on the consent agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

- *Hill Center*
- *Sunoco - 1248 Pennsylvania Ave. SE*
- *Parking lot under I-695 - 800-900 block of 8th St. SE*
- *The Fields at RFK - 401 Oklahoma Ave. NE*
- *OneLife Fitness - 315 G St. SE*
- *200-Block D St SE Spur Connector (south block between Folger and Providence or “X” Park)*
- *200-block alley of C St/D St SE (behind Farrah’s building with Balance Gym and Capitol Hill Day School in collaboration with either)*
- *4th and C St SE off Seward Square*
- *12<sup>th</sup> and Penn - north corner via CVS*
- *9<sup>th</sup> and D SE - at Eastern Market metro park*
- *Payne Elementary - 300 block of 15<sup>th</sup> St SE*

## **School Pickup/Dropoff Issues on 11th St. SE**

RM Menzer updated the committee on the partial completion of promised safety improvements at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and D St. SE and 11<sup>th</sup> and G St. SE. He also shared that District Pioneers Academy is not using its official pick up/drop off zone on 12<sup>th</sup> St. but that buses and parents are dangerously dropping students off on 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Ryder said that he has not received a response from his previous contact at DPA.

Commissioner D'Andrea said that this could be addressed through informal outreach as the work done so far has happened quickly.

RM Oldenburg said that both intersections should be included in a letter to DDOT.

Commissioner Ryder said that he has witnessed cars parked over the bike lanes and supports a letter requesting an updated timeline.

Commissioner Mareino said that DDOT has had big problems with contractors recently.

*Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting an updated timeline on the promised work at 11<sup>th</sup> and D and 11<sup>th</sup> and G St. SE, to be placed on the consent agenda. RM Menzer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC send a letter to Digital Pioneers Academy urging them to use the allocated pickup/dropoff zone on 12<sup>th</sup> St. SE and copying the Chair of the Charter School Board and DDOT's school safety team, to be placed on the consent agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Letter to DDOT Requesting Resident-Only Parking on 1300 Block of Ives Pl SE**

Commissioner LaFortune shared resident concerns in his SMD about parking issues on the south side of Ives, as parking is prohibited during school hours on the north side and many customers at the Roost park in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked if residential parking permit can be given to contractors and visitors. Commissioner Mareino said that they can.

Commissioner Sroufe asked why the current limitation of two hour parking except for cars with a Zone 6 parking pass is not sufficient. Commissioner LaFortune noted that neighbors are concerned that non-resident customers at the Roost limit parking.

*Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT urging them to consider the installation of resident-only parking signs on the south side of the 1300 block of Ives Pl SE, to be placed on the consent agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed 11-0-1, with Commissioner Jayaraman abstaining.*