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Ms. Sharon Kershbaum Director Department of Transportation 250 M Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

VIA EMAIL: sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov

Re: Speeding on 600 block of G Street SE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on October 8, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0 to submit the following request to the Department of Transportation (DDOT).

We write about ongoing traffic safety issues on the 600 block of G St. SE. This concern has been flagged by neighbors as a TSI request (#24-00330258) but was not prioritized in the Q1 2025 list released on October 1, 2024.

This block has become a virtual speedway for drivers exiting the expressway at 6th St. SE. Neighbors note that vehicles regularly come roaring around the corner and drive down the block at high speeds. In recent weeks, there has also been an increase in motor scooters going both ways -- very quickly -- up and down the block.

We urge DDOT to consider installing speed humps at this location for four reasons:

- 1) It is the first street to go east when cars come off I-695 at the 6th street exit. That means there is a lot of traffic.
- 2) There is a lot of pedestrian activity on the block that is at risk from speeding cars: Christ Church is in the middle of the block, CHAW is at the corner of 7th and G, and there are many families with kids and pets on both sides of the block.
- 3) Drivers coming through drive much faster than on other streets in the area. It has transformed this block -- in a very bad way.
- 4) There is so much traffic on the block that dozens of cars are backed up at the stop light at 8th and G Street SE -- sometimes the line is over a block long.
- 5) There are a number of restaurants with carryout and delivery service on 8th Street, between E and G Streets, which is a cause of many motor scooters driving quickly up and down the block. A large number of scooter drivers congregate near the corner of



8th and G SE, waiting for orders to come through. Neighbors would like to see improved safety measures in response to this increase in traffic.

We urge DDOT to include the 600 block of G St. SE in its next round of quarterly TSI prioritization and specifically consider the installation of speed humps and/or cameras to force drivers to maintain legal speeds.

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

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

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