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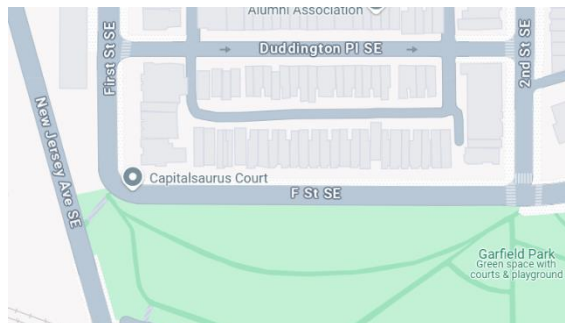
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Re: Request for Elevated Crosswalk, Stop Signs, and Physical Traffic Calming Infrastructure at Garfield Park and Capitol Hill Day School Intersections (TSI #24-00705537)

At a properly noticed general meeting on December 10, 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.

Dear Director Kershbaum:

On behalf of the neighbors of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B, we write to request immediate traffic safety measures at the intersection of 1st St SE and F St SE. This intersection serves as a critical link between Garfield Park, the Navy Yard neighborhood, and Southeast Capitol Hill. It is heavily used by pedestrians, including children from Capitol Hill Day School and park visitors, as well as commuters traveling between Capitol Hill and Navy Yard on weekdays.



Currently, there are no traffic interventions at this blind corner where two streets dead-end into one another. Despite its status as a blind corner due to the sharp turn and obstructed sightlines caused by parked cars, drivers often approach it at high speeds, creating a serious safety risk for pedestrians crossing the intersection. The corner's

proximity to the highway also results in higher through traffic than is typical for a residential street, further compounding the danger.

We understand that a crosswalk may already be planned for this intersection. However, we urge DDOT to enhance these plans by installing an **elevated** crosswalk, stop signs in both directions,

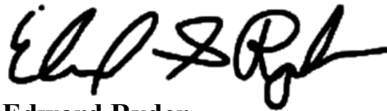
mirrors, and narrowing devices such as flexposts at 1st St SE and F St SE to ensure drivers slow down before navigating the blind turn. Such a measure would be critical in protecting pedestrians and reducing the likelihood of accidents.

This intersection's location near schools, parks, a grocery store, a popular commuter route for Capitol Hill staff, and community spaces makes it a high-priority area for intervention under the DC Safe Streets Amendment Act of 2023.

A stop sign, speed bump, or similar intervention would significantly enhance safety for the many families, children, and commuters who rely on this crossing daily.

We appreciate DDOT's ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety throughout the city and hope this critical safety request can be prioritized. Please feel free to contact ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair Matt LaFortune at 6B09@anc.dc.gov or the Single Member District Commissioner for this area, ANC 6B01 Commissioner Frank Avery, at 6B01@anc.dc.gov, should you need further information or wish to collaborate with neighbors and community advocates on this initiative.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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