

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Report

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

- A. Commissioners: Hughes, Ryder, Krebbs, Wolanin, Sroufe, Sobelsohn, Pastore, Mareino
- B. Resident Members: Janice Kruger [6B03], Brianne Eby-Stockert [6B07], Joshua Peacock [6B09]
- II. Presentation by DDOT Project Manager Abdullahi Mohamed on the project to build a new traffic circle at Pennsylvania Avenue and Potomac Avenue SE Intersection.
 - A. DDOT presentation available here. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uFDrtULca1xKLe_r7t-ZRKg-RR1TdN tu/view?usp=sharing
 - B. Recording of meeting available here: https://dc-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/q6LTyEi8gSxOtF3gYoa-lInVWQD7 m7E6VenV9ZNzwo2xAx8qA59rx_Zrn1lEKeLN.JM-p-MTKbuC6wp1p%2 0Passcode:%209np@@1\$v (pw: 9np@@1\$v)
 - C. Key details of the project:
 - 1. This project is intended to significantly improve the safety of the Pennsylvania/Potomac intersection for pedestrians and vehicles. This includes a complete overhaul of the intersection, with relocation of all lanes of traffic, the creation of a new, small park at the center of a roundabout, and new locations for bus routes in all directions. Diagrams of the new intersection can be found in the presentation linked in section IIA above.
 - 2. Construction will begin in late January, 2025 and continue through December 2026.
 - 3. This project is required to be completed before the Pennsylvania SE express bus and bike lanes can be extended to Barney Circle from where they currently end at 13th St. The community can expect construction on those bike lanes to begin again in 2027.

- D. DDOT intends to be highly communicative throughout this project, will be updating the project website weekly, and has offered to come before the ANC 6B Transportation Committee on an as-needed basis for the duration of the project.
- E. Questions identified in the meeting that will prompt Transportation Committee follow up include:
 - 1. How to ensure the park at the center of the new traffic circle, which will be owned and managed by the National Park Service, can be supported by the community to maintain a clean, well-maintained environment.
 - 2. A better explanation from DDOT about the flow of signal patterns (stop lights, walk signals) in the circle. DDOT has offered to bring in signals experts to walk through how this will work, and that is tentatively scheduled for the April Transportation Committee meeting.
- F. The following contact information has been offered by DDOT for anyone with follow up questions:
 - 1. PROTECT and Project Website with weekly updates: https://pennsylvania-potomac-se-intersection-improvement-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/
 - 2. Project Manager: Abdullahi Mohamed, Abdullahi.Mohamed@dc.gov (202) 531-7563
 - 3. Construction Manager: Amanj Qazzaz, aqazzaz@rkk.com, (703) 504-8595
 - 4. Community Outreach: Stacee Hemby, stacee@tbaconnects.com, (202) 271-7406

III. [LATE BREAKING] DDOT to conduct study of 11th St SE pedestrian and traffic issues impacting school pickup and dropoff.

A. Paraphrased from DDOT outreach to the ANC: we will be doing a full Safe Routes to School (SRTS) study for Chisholm Elementary in the spring of 2025. DDOT has already installed quite a few traffic calming elements around that school, but it merits a wholistic review. Residents should expect the recommendations from any SRTS process to focus on the immediate blocks surrounding the school with an eye on pavement markings, appropriate school drop-off and parking signage, flexpost protection at crosswalks, and speed humps on local streets for the most part. This evaluation will also include Digital Pioneers Academy.