

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, February 5, 2025 Report

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

- **A.** Commissioners: Karen Hughes (Chair, pro-tem.), Edward Ryder, Samuel Pastore, Jerry Sroufe, David Sobelsohn, Anna Krebs
- B. Resident Members & Alternates: Janice Kruger, Kirsten Oldenburg, Jeffrey Menzer, Joshua Peacock

II. Potomac Metro construction update

- A. WMATA has confirmed that overnight construction on the Potomac Ave Metro will continue through Feb. 20. All demolition activities have been completed. The current phase of construction will conclude in early March, with the placement of a canopy over the Metro entrance planned for 2026.
- III. Penn x Potomac construction follow-up:
 - A. Committee members discussed the challenges with relying on the National Park Service for maintaining public park spaces and the need for a clear management plan. Pathways forward include connecting with Friends of Lincoln Park, working with the NPS volunteer division, supporting/coordinating with Guerilla Gardeners, establishing an independent 501c3 that could accept donations, looking to businesses to support park maintenance through an adopt-a-block program.
 - B. Questions about the circle's design and construction include:
 - 1. In the design materials, it appeared that there was a circle of trees around the park planned between the sidewalk and the street. We have concerns about this plan, as it has the potential to obscure lines of sight for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. We should speak to NPS about this layout.
 - How will the construction equipment be staged around the circle? Will it be placed on side streets? If so, which?

3. What is the timing for each of the phases of construction for the project?

C. Lincoln Park traffic Safety discussion, including collaboration with 6A:

- The committee discussed past actions with regards to encouraging DDOT to do a study of traffic safety around Lincoln Park. A representative from ANC 6A was present to share that there was a meeting in 2023/2024 with DDOT where an agreement to conduct a traffic study was reached under the Vision Zero program, but no updates since then. The committee will follow up on the past letter.
- 2. A related update was shared: A hardening project is being undertaken to protect the bike lane on 13th NE, between E Capitol St and Constitution. Under Vision Zero, a hardening project near Maury elementary (in 6A) . 13th between E Cap and Constitution. Bike lane is going to be protected.
- D. Letter of Support for Capitol Hill Classic (draft letter <u>at this link</u> and included in text below these notes):
 - 1. The committee voted unanimously to include a letter of support in the consent agenda for ANC 6B's Feb 11 full meeting. The motion passed 10–0–0.

E. Priorities for 2025 - Taking stock and looking ahead (open discussion)

- 1. Two committee members volunteered to help do a review of the past two years of letters to facilitate efforts to follow up on previous requests and to prioritize the outstanding neighborhood needs.
- 2. Other ideas and issues raised in the open discussion included:
 - a) Rough traffic lately nearer the capitol and with changing Federal return-to-work policies.
 - b) The 8th St SE Bus Priority project construction will begin in 2025. Some businesses have been concerned that the design may be difficult for businesses. In particular the grouping of short term parking onto the 700 block of 8th overestimates the distance delivery drivers will park from pick-up locations. There is existing bus space by the Miracle theater that could be repurposed to distribute short term parking to meet this need.
 - c) Better Bus Network will be implemented in 2025, and changes to bus service in the neighborhood may raise issues to watch out for.
 - d) Snow Removal from Bike Lanes. This proved to be a major issue this winter. Will the city address clearing bike lanes on Capitol Hill? Are there ways to design bike lanes differently.

F. ADJORNMENT

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CAPITOL HILL CLASSIC

Clint Osborn, Director Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency 2720 Martin Luther King Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20032

February XX, 2025

VIA EMAIL: clint.osborn@dc.gov

Re: ANC6B Support for May 18, 2025 Capitol Hill Classic

Dear Director Osborn,

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 11, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to express our support for the Capitol Hill Classic.

From the event organizer, we understand the following:

- The event will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- The hours will be 8:30-12 p.m., with the 10K race beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Signs will be placed along the race route indicating no parking during the event.
- Race volunteers will be responsible for clean-up after the event.
- An estimated 4,000 runners and 2,000 spectators will participate

ANC6B supports this event because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill DCPS Cluster Schools that serve children from ANC6B and other nearby communities. We value the joy of a communal sporting event and appreciate the close collaboration between race organizers and our community over many years.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6B. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to Karen Hughes, Chair Pro-Tem. of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee at 6B09@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Vince Mareino, Chair of ANC 6B