

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, May 7, 2025  
Report

Present: Commissioners Tyle Wolanin (6B01), Gerald Sroufe (6B02), Samuel Pastore (6B05), Edward Ryder (6B08); Resident Members Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Mike Litt (6B05), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08, Vice Chair)

**1) DDOT Presentation: Final 17th St Plans for North of Potomac Avenue, SE**

- Emma Blondin, DDOT, presented the 100% (final plans) for the southeast portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE safety improvements. Construction of this SE portion will be done in FY26. Only the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Potomac Avenue, SE is in ANC 6B.
- When completed, the project will run from Benning Road, NE to Potomac Avenue, SE and include a cycle track and other safety improvements.

**2) Request for DDOT to Prioritize Gessford Ct Safety Improvements**

- Commissioner Pastore presented a draft letter to Director Kershbaum in support of Councilmember Allen's letter to DDOT addressing safety concerns in several alleys in 6B: Watkins Court, Gessford Court, and between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets on the 700 block. The draft letter highlighted the need for these improvements specifically in Gessford Court.
- The Committee discussed the draft letter and made revisions to focus the letter solely on Gessford Court and requested specific improvements to be made by DDOT.
- Since Councilmember Allen's letter also addressed areas that have been previously addressed by the Committee, it was felt that the letter did not need to specifically include these additional areas.
- The Committee unanimously approved the draft letter to be sent by the ANC (motion made by Commissioner Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Wolanin): Vote: 7-Yes; 0-No; 0-Abstain.

**3) Updates from DDOT on previous Committee actions**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Street - Regarding Urgent prioritization of safety measures on the 500-800 blocks of 17th St SE:
  - i. Director Kerschbaum acknowledged the letter and indicated that adjustments could be made to improve safety and would be sent to agency staff to address
  - ii. Ms. Blondin in her presentation indicated that DDOT staff had been to the site within the past month and identified problems and improvements that could be made (signs not properly installed, installation of reflective pieces, etc). Utility work is currently being

conducted in the area, which would also result in repaving and restriping of the area, which could also improve safety.

- Traffic Safety on Watkins and Jordan Alley complex- Request for parking enforcement and pedestrian protections:
  - i. Director Kerschbaum acknowledged the letter and mentioned that that the Department wishes to fully move the DDOT facility from this area, and that one team has been moved; however, funding is not currently available to construct a new facility.
  - ii. The Committee discussed that response did not address the Committee and residents' other concerns expressed in the letter, but that Councilmember Allen's letter to the Director also highlighted these concerns and did not feel that additional Committee action was needed at this time and would continue to monitor this issue.

#### **4) Discussion of Potomac Avenue Metro shooting**

- The MPD reported that there was no camera at the street level at the Metro station that could have possibly provided video of the recent shooting in this area. The Committee discussed the presence, or lack of, cameras at other Metro stations, including at the Eastern Market plaza. No further Committee action was taken.

#### **5) Discussion of CVS unloading at 7<sup>th</sup>/D Street SE**

- John Schwab, a neighbor residing near the CVS at 7<sup>th</sup>/D Street, SE was invited to inform the Committee of the work that was being done with Commissioner Sobelsohn (Chair of the Southeast Library Task Force) to address concerns relating to the CVS unloading their trucks in the early morning hours and their not using the designated commercial parking spaces/loading zone located adjacent to the CVS property. Attempts to engage with the store's CVS management have not been successful.
- Commissioner Sroufe (Chair, Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force) suggested that this was an issue that they could work on collaboratively with the Library Task Force to address the neighbor's concerns.