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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: Support for Traffic Safety Improvements on 1500 Block of L Street SE and 1000 Block of 15th Street

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on July 8, 2025, 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 to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, we write to urge DDOT to prioritize the installation of speed humps in the alleyway that runs through the 1500 block of L Street SE, particularly near the intersection with 15th Street SE. Additionally, we request DDOT study installation of at least one speed hump on the 1000 block of 15th Street SE, near the entrance of the alleyway. This location has been the subject of multiple resident safety concerns, particularly due to frequent high-speed entry and exit from the 15th Street SE side of the street.

Though designated as a street, this stretch of L Street SE is more accurately described as an alley. It lacks street-facing homes, sidewalks, curbs, and clear traffic controls. The paved right-of-way is narrow and ambiguous in character, frequently used as a cut-through between K Street and 15th Street as drivers access the 1400 block of L Street. It is bordered by garage entrances and fences rather than active frontages. The result is an environment that encourages confusion about right-of-way and enables vehicles to travel at unsafe speeds.

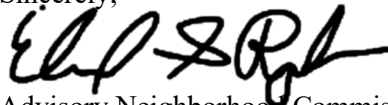
Residents have reported repeated incidents of near misses as cars fly around the corner into the alleyway. The danger is compounded by the presence of children who use this alley for play and other outdoor activities. Neighbors have emphasized how critical it is to slow vehicles down on this stretch.

Unfortunately, because this segment of L Street SE has no assigned addresses, community members have been unable to submit a Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) through DDOT's standard system.

ANC 6B therefore formally requests that DDOT assess this location for traffic safety improvements, including possible installation of speed humps.

We are grateful for DDOT's commitment to improving traffic safety and would welcome the opportunity to coordinate a site visit or community walkthrough with DDOT personnel. Please let us know how we can support DDOT in advancing this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Ryder".

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Karen Hughes, Vice Chair of ANC 6B and Chair of the 6B Transportation Committee