

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025 Report

- I. Introductions:
 - A. Resident Members & Alternates: Matt Clausen, Janice Krueger, Briane Kirrane, Joel Safarti, Jeff Menzer
 - B. Commissioners David Sobelsohn, Sam Pastore, Karen Hughes
- II. Guest: Transportation Planner Mike Goodno Brief update on Phase II of the Penn x Potomac circle project, including discussion of bike lane planning process
 - Started speaking to the ANC in 2017 for bike lanes on Pennsylvania. Launched a study in 2020 to integrate bicycle and priority bus lane infrastructure on Penn. They wanted to achieve all those goals with the installation in 2023 of the priority bus lanes. At the time, they designed the whole corridor.
 - With the Penn/Potomac project they split the project in two. Originally, they had wanted to include the priority lanes into the project, but the timing would have reopened the env review.
 - When Phase II is implemented, it will look similar to the rest of Pennsylvania.
 - They currently have a 30% plan. They were hoping to be beginning the design process right now, but other projects have taken priority.
 - Design process will start in February, and installation is planned for Spring 2027.
- III. Guest: Parking Deputy Administrator, Preston Moore Joining to address questions that have been raised regarding parking regulations, abandoned cars, etc.

- Responsible for the ticket writing, towing, communication and impound lots.
- The team is focused right now on the scofflaw program. As well as working with metro on keeping the bus lanes clear.
- Question from C. Sobelsohn. We have a complaint from a constituent about a car that has been parked in a residential zone for weeks and weeks with a cover on it. Answer: As long as the vehicle is on public space, we can lift the cover as long as no damage is done to the car or the cover.
- Some out of state license plates operate under reciprocity, a parking permit that is for members of congress/staff, college students and others. Needs to be displayed on windshield.
- Question: Update on the implementation of the Steer Act? Answer: The funding doesn't come into effect until the new budget is in place.
- Question: Has DPW had success or challenges enforcing the visitor parking program? Answer: Effective Aug 1, DDOT did away with the visible parking permits and is using license plate registration. On-foot patrol officers can use their scanners to record tags, and officers in cars will scan licenses as they drive around.
- When using 311, everyone needs to keep in mind that it has a 24 hour turnaround time that's the contract with the city
- Citizens interested to report a boot/tow eligible car can use a "general" request in 311
- Additional questions can be directed to Deputy Director Moore at Preston.moore2@dc.gov.

IV. Hill Family Biking presentation with Sam Moghtaderi and Christopher Forinash

- Hill Family Biking bike rides every month. Different themes every month. They are a formal 501c3.
- Now that they have gotten their monthly rhythm underway, they are moving to greater bike safety advocacy.
- They want to encourage the city to put a protected 2-way bike lane on 11th St.

- Committee discussed broadly favorable reactions to the proposal, with a request that our support for this proposal not pre-suppose which side of the street it should be put on.
- Committee voted 8-0-0 to write a letter to DDOT supporting the Hill Family Biking proposal without favoring either the east or west side of the street at this stage.
- Link to presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rl79JVOlbvEKCnleeZyx1L8 UaZgyG0kczDWrMQLBbiA/edit?usp=sharing
- V. Continuation of Discussion on Zone Only Parking for Ives Place (and potential other blocks) 5 blocks are needed to apply for the RPP program.
 Other blocks within 6B to be identified.
- VI. Adjournment.

Draft Letter for DDOT in support of Hill Family Biking bike lane proposal:

September X, 2025 Director Sharon Kershbaum District Department of Transportation

Re: ANC 6B Support for 11th Street SE Protected Bike Lane Proposal

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on Sept. 9, 2025 with a quorum present, ANC 6B voted X-0-0 to support the Hill Family Biking proposal to install a two-way protected bikelane along the length of 11th Street SE.

Hill Family Biking, a local group dedicated to supporting families who ride bikes and advocating for improved street safety, has presented a compelling case for this crucial infrastructure upgrade. The current state of 11th Street SE, with its unprotected, painted bike lanes, presents significant safety concerns for all road users, particularly cyclists and pedestrians. Issues such as lack of protected separation, obstruction by double-parking, the risk of "dooring" incidents, and unsafe conditions near the intersection with I-695 highlight the urgent need for a safer design.

The proposed two-way protected cycle track on 11th Street SE would offer numerous benefits:

- Enhanced Safety: Protected separation from vehicular traffic will significantly reduce crashes and injuries for cyclists, pedestrians, and even car occupants.
- Unobstructed Passage: A protected lane will prevent blockages from double-parked vehicles, ensuring a consistent and safe path for cyclists.
- Preservation of Existing Infrastructure: The proposal maintains existing travel lanes and parking, minimizing disruption to other modes of transportation.
- Improved School Access: This protected lane will provide a much safer route for children and families traveling to Chisholm and Watkins Elementary Schools.
- Completion of the Bike Network: This project is vital for establishing 11th Street as a critical north-south "bike spine," completing a significant gap in the protected bike network and encouraging greater community usage, especially among families and new riders.

Research consistently demonstrates that the implementation of "low-stress" bike infrastructure, such as protected cycle tracks, not only reduces incidents but also encourages more people to choose cycling as a mode of transportation. This proposal aligns perfectly with the District's Vision Zero goals and its commitment to creating a safer and more accessible transportation network for all residents.

We urge the District Department of Transportation to give great weight to the recommendations of this Commission and to prioritize the implementation of a two-way protected cycle track on 11th Street SE as outlined by Hill Family Biking. This project will significantly improve the safety and quality of life for our constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. The Commission stands ready to assist in any way we can to facilitate this vital safety improvement.

On behalf of the Commission,

Edward Ryder

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