



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
January 9, 2019**

**Commissioners present: Kasie Clark, Steve Holtzman, Corey Holman, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, and Kelly Waud**

**Resident Members present: Carol Grissom (6B08)**

**Others: Bob Bartolo and Zack Kahn, residents**

**Discussion on DDOT's Proposal for the Circulator Bus Turnaround at Eastern Market<sup>1</sup>**

Just prior to the meeting, DDOT informed the Chair that the agency had not quite finished its review of the turnaround plan for the L'Enfant Plaza/Eastern Market Circulator route so it was not ready to be reviewed in full. Still, Carla Longshore & Naomi Klein, DDOT, attended the meeting and provided background on the proposal and a map showing the route change that would occur if the turnaround is approved and implemented.

Because the plan involves reversing the direction of the 700 block of D Street SE from one way eastbound to one way westbound, DDOT will be issuing a Notice of Intent once the plan is approved within DDOT. At that time, DDOT will hold a community meeting on the plan. The NOI will provide 30 business days for comments on the plan. During that phase, the Committee will review the plan in full and make recommendations to the full ANC. DDOT expects that the community meeting will occur in February and, if so, the plan could be implemented by May. This schedule assumes there will not be comments received during the NOI period that cause major changes to the plan

Mr. Bob Bartolo attended the meeting. He resides at 4<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Ave SE, the intersection that Circulator bus currently uses to turnaround. He says the noise of the buses as they idle at the intersection signal waiting to make a U turn at 4<sup>th</sup> bother him 16 hours daily. Mr. Bartolo was glad to hear that the new plan may go into effect within 5-6 months. But he suggested that, in the interim, DDOT arrange to turn the buses at the South Carolina and Pennsylvania Avenue intersection instead. After much discussion, Commissioner Oldenburg asked DDOT to briefly detail the pros and cons of this change and report back to the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> There is a copy of the draft concept at <https://www.kirsten6b.org/beat26-newsletter/>

## **Discussion on DDOT NOI 18-227-TOA on Establishment of “No Turn on Red” Restrictions at Selected Signalized Intersections<sup>2</sup>**

As part of Vision Zero, DDOT plans to prohibit right turns on red at 101 signalized intersections across the city. Among those designated in Ward 6, the following 4 intersections are within ANC6B:

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Pennsylvania Avenue SE
2. 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE & E Street SE & Pennsylvania Avenue SE
3. Kentucky Avenue SE & 13<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Independence Avenue SE
4. Independence Avenue SE & 19<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Independence Avenue SE Service Road

The Committee discussed each intersection and noted that No Right Turn on Red signs already exist at intersections #2 and #4. At #2, there is already one sign (for northbound traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Street), calling into question DDOT’s intentions regarding this intersection. Does DDOT plan to add signs to southbound traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> and/or to east and westbound traffic on Pennsylvania? At #4 intersection there is already a sign at the only corner of the intersection at which a right turn is possible.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved, with a second by Commissioner Holman, that the Committee recommend that the ANC strongly support DDOT’s policy of establishing No Right Turn on Red at DC intersections and on the 4 designated intersections within ANC6B while offering the following comments:

- Independence Avenue SE & 19<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Independence Avenue SE Service Road already has a No Right Turn on Red at the only opportunity for a right turn at the intersection.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE & E Street SE & Pennsylvania Avenue SE already has a No Right Turn on Red for northbound traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Does DDOT plan to add signs to the other corners of the intersection?

The Committee vote unanimously to support the motion.

## **Updates on Resident Only RPP Process**

Various residents within 6B are interested in gaining Resident Only RPP status for their blocks. The Committee became aware about two days ago that it had never received the DDOT Fall 2018 notice of a revised proposal on extending Resident Only RPP to residential blocks. This 2018 proposal was a revision of a 2016 proposal that the ANC had commented on. The new proposal had a comment due date of December 11, 2018 and DDOT is currently studying the comments in preparation of promulgating the final regulations.

Prior to the meeting, Naomi Klein, DDOT, had provided comprehensive information on the process outlined in the new proposal.<sup>3</sup> And, at the meeting she announced that 6B

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<sup>2</sup> Here’s the link to the DDOT announcement: <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/ddot-launches-new-safety-measures-support-mayor-bowers-vision-zero-initiative>

<sup>3</sup> Link to DDOT proposal is at <https://ddot.dc.gov/publication/notice-proposed-rulemaking-faqs-residential-permit-parking-rpp>

Commissioners should go ahead and use that process to request Resident Only (ROP) for blocks in their SMDs.

### **To Compile or Not a 6B List of Bike Rack Needs?**

Given new regulations proposed by DDOT, hundreds of dockless bicycles are to arrive in DC in 2019. These bicycles are required to have “locking mechanism that locks to a fixed object separate from the vehicle”<sup>4</sup> and many areas of ANC 6B may be lacking bike racks to accommodate them. Commissioner Oldenburg suggested last month that each Commissioner compile a list of locations in their SMD that would be appropriate for the addition of individual bike racks. (See December 5, 2018 Transportation Committee Report for details)

After some discussion, the Committee decided that Commissioners who are interested should bring a list of appropriate sidewalk locations in their SMDs to the February 6, 2019, meeting so that a 6B list can be created and forwarded to DDOT.

### **Review of Committee Actions in 2018 and Suggested Topics for 2019**

Commissioner Oldenburg said she had attempted to put together a list of 2018 accomplishments but had difficulties because there has been no consistent feedback loop in current ANC procedures. Time ran out before the Committee could discuss topics for 2019.

### **Updates**

Commissioner Oldenburg provided the following information on ongoing projects.

- PA Avenue Street Lighting Project: DDOT’s Infrastructure Project Management Division is now the lead. Estimated timeline: Advertise in February 2019 with construction start in May 2019.
- Southeast Boulevard & Barney Circle Draft EA: According to Jonathan Rogers on 1/8, DDOT has still not received comments from FHWA so can’t plan meeting yet
- Penn Potomac Intersection: 11/5/18: In design procurement stage. Possible ANC review in Summer 2019. 1/9: “Still in procurement phase for design. The design will also include right of way transfer from NPS to DDOT. So it will take some time. Yes... there is a placeholder for construction funding...but we need to get the design done.”

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<sup>4</sup> <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N0074553>

**DRAFT LETTER TO DDOT ON “NO RIGHT TURN ON RED”**

*Due by February 6, 2019*

District Department of Transportation  
Transportation Operations Administration  
55 M Street SE  
Washington DC 20003

VIA email: [vision.zero@dc.gov](mailto:vision.zero@dc.gov)

RE: Comments on NOI 18-227-TOA “No Right Turn on Red”

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on January 15, 2019, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B (ANC 6B) voted x-x-x to send DDOT the following comments on NOI 18-227-TOA “Establishment of No Turn on Red restrictions at selected signalized intersections.”

ANC strongly supports DDOT’s policy of establishing No Right Turn on Red at DC intersections and on the 4 designated intersections within ANC6B, while offering the following comments on two of them:

- Independence Avenue SE & 19<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Independence Avenue SE Service Road already has a No Right Turn on Red at the only opportunity for a right turn at the intersection.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE & E Street SE & Pennsylvania Avenue SE already has a No Right Turn on Red for northbound traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Does DDOT plan to add signs to the other corners of the intersection? If not all, then which ones?

The Commission asks that in any future NOI’s on intersections more complete information be provided.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B’s Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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Cc: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember  
Lee Goodall  
Naomi Klein