



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
April 1, 2019**

Commissioners present: Corey Holman, Chander Jayaraman, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, Jerry Sroufe, and Kelly Waud

Resident Members present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Norman Metzger (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Jiaming Shang (6B07), and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)

Others: Nick Burger (former 6B06 Commissioner), Brian Kirrane (6B03 resident) and other residents

Proposed Improvements to 1300 Block of E Street SE

Presentation by Commissioner Holman & Will Handsfield & Naomi Klein (DDOT)

On a motion by Commissioner Holman, seconded by Commissioner Waud, the Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting the agency study the proposed improvements to the 1300 block of E Street as discussed by the Committee.

Proposed Circulator Turnaround at Eastern Market Metro

Presentation by Naomi Klein, Carla Longshore, David Koch (DDOT)

On a motion by Commissioner Oldenburg, seconded by Commissioner Waud, the Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the ANC inform DDOT that it is opposed to the sections of the NOI pertaining to proposed changes in the routing of the L'Enfant/Eastern Market Circulator that requires reversing the direction of the 700 block of D Street SE to enable a left turn of the bus from 8th Street SE onto D Street, a right turn onto 7th Street, and a right turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue SE to begin its next run from the bus stop at the Eastern Market Metro Station. The Commission's main reasons for opposing the change is its concern about the safety of pedestrians, especially during the uncontrolled left turn onto D Street, and the added congestion caused by adding a bus to already congested D and 7th Streets. However, the Commission supports other aspects of the NOI including added signage and roadway markings for the 8th Street Fire House, pedestrian improvements to the 7th and South Carolina Avenue intersection, and relocation of the loading zone on D Street.

Pedestrian Safety Solutions for the Intersection of South Carolina, E, and 4th Streets SE

Presentation by Commissioner Brian Ready and Brian Kirrane

The Committee took no action on this matter.

APPENDICES

DRAFT LETTER TO DDOT ON Improvements to 1300 block of E SE.

No Externally Imposed Due Date

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Subject: Request for Improvements to 1300 Block E Street SE

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send this letter regarding east-west bike connectivity in ANC 6B, focusing on E Street SE, as well as sidewalk, curbside, and street management of the 1300 block of E Street SE.

Spurred by the end of construction of over 700 housing units on the squares surrounding the 1300 block of E Street SE, ANC 6B requests DDOT to quickly implement the following changes to the management of the 1300 block of E Street:

- Addition of a mid-block crosswalk, including the possibility of raised sidewalks or speed tables mid-block.
- Enhanced pickup/dropoff/delivery zones in front of the entrances to the new Lockwood Apartments on the south side and Beckert's Park on the north side (Attachment A).
- Return the existing Capital Bikeshare station at the corner of 13th Street SE and E Street SE to its original location at 14th & D St SE. Place the new Capital Bikeshare station required by the Beckert's Park Large Tract Review to an on-street configuration on the north side of the block, deferring to DDOT to select the exact location for safety and accessibility.
- Adjacent to the new Capital Bikeshare station, install a number of bike racks and designated space for scooters or other micro-mobility devices.

Given these changes to the 1300 block of E Street SE, ANC 6B further requests:

- Installation of on-street bike lanes on the 1100-1300 and west portion of the 1400 blocks of E Street SE, including a contraflow option on the one-way 1100 block.
- A study and decision on the best options to extend this lane further east using both or one of the following options:
 - Continuing east past Kentucky Ave SE to 17th St SE.
 - Turning south onto 40-foot Kentucky Ave SE and continuing to Barney Circle with a southbound contraflow lane on the 700-800 blocks of Kentucky Ave SE.

At a meeting of ANC 6B's Transportation Committee on April 1, 2019, Will Handsfield of DDOT presented the option of advisory bike lanes in lieu of standard on-street bike lanes. The ANC believes such lanes to be similar to standard bike lanes, though with dashed outer

markings, which would allow automobiles to use the lanes when there is oncoming traffic. We are cautiously optimistic and supportive of this idea and believe it could be a good option for this area, whose existing street geometry generally does not support off-the-shelf bike lane configuration while maintaining street parking and two-way automobile traffic.

ANC 6B requests clarification whether stopping, standing, or parking in advisory bike lanes would be prohibited under the existing regulations or February 2019 proposed rulemaking. If not, ANC 6B would strongly urge DDOT to propose regulations that would prohibit stopping/standing/parking in advisory bike lanes.

Furthermore, since this is the first installation of such a lane in the District, ANC 6B strongly urges a post-installation study of the effectiveness of these lanes in a residential context and to present the study findings to ANC 6B and other interested parties.

And, finally, ANC 6B urges DDOT to implement as many of these changes in the 2019 striping season and to coordinate with Foulger-Pratt, developers of the residential project at 415 14th Street SE, as much as possible regarding the use of public space on the eastern portion of the 1300 block of E Street.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov or Commissioner Corey Holman, 6B06@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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Attachment A: Concept design for 1300 Block of E Street SE



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Subject: NOI# 19-001 - TDD
TRANSIT OPERATIONS & SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS IN EASTERN MARKET

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send you the following comments on NOI 19-001-TDD issued March 1, 2019.

The Commission is opposed to the sections of the NOI pertaining to proposed changes in the routing of the L'Enfant/Eastern Market Circulator that requires reversing the direction of the 700 block of D Street SE to enable a left turn of the bus from 8th Street SE onto D Street, a right turn onto 7th Street, and a right turn onto Pennsylvania Avenue SE to begin its next run from the bus stop at the Eastern Market Metro Station. The Commission's main reasons for opposing the change is its concern about the safety of pedestrians, especially during the uncontrolled left turn onto D Street, and the added congestion caused by adding a bus to already congested D and 7th Streets.

However, the Commission supports other aspects of the NOI including added signage and roadway markings for the 8th Street Fire House, pedestrian improvements to the 7th and South Carolina Avenue intersection, and relocation of the loading zone on D Street.

Finally, the Commission understands that deadheading the bus via the North Carolina/Pennsylvania Avenue SE intersection, while technically feasible, has been judged by DDOT (and WMATA) as unsafe.

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Cc Councilman Charles Allen
Naomi Klein and Lee Goodall