



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
June 5, 2019**

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

Resident Members present: Norm Metzger (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Jiaming Shang (6B07), and Carol Grissom (6B09)

Others: Patrick Serfass, of 12th & I Streets SE, and Paul Hyden, TC Resident Member nominee

Discussion on Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 (B 23-0288)¹

Chris Laskowski, Legislative Director, Office of CM Allen, provided the Committee with an overview of the bill, which he said, includes 25 bold policy proposals. Mr. Laskowski noted that the most controversial proposal so far is one that sets up a Citizen Traffic Safety Enforcement Pilot program to expand DC's enforcement capabilities. This proposal may be removed from the bill and later offered as a standalone proposal.

The Committee discussed various proposals in the bill including the maximum speeds of 25 or 20, depending on the functional classification of streets; the requirement for a update to the Transportation Plan every 2 years; the presumption that design starting point for residential two-way street intersections is all-way stops; no right turns on red; and so on. RM Metzger noted that the bill does not deal with the lack of sufficient red-light cameras. Mr. Laskowski responded that the provision in the recent FY budget to turn over the camera program to DDOT from MPD did not pass and it may be a separate legislative effort.

Mr. Laskowski told the Committee that Councilmember Cheh's Committee on Transportation & the Environment may hold a hearing in the Fall. At that point, the ANC will most likely testify. On a motion by Commissioner Waud, seconded by Commissioner/RM Manley, the Committee voted 11-0-0 to recommend the ANC send a letter to Councilmember Cheh urging that a hearing or Roundtable be held on B 23-0288 as soon as possible so as to not lose the momentum. The motion was placed on the consent agenda and copy is to be sent to CM Allen.

Fifteenth Street Counter Flow Bike Lane²

Commissioner Holman said that DDOT has asked whether ANC6B would support reversing the direction of the bike lane on 15th Street SE between Kentucky and Pennsylvania Avenue SE.

¹ <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/42522/B23-0288-Introduction.pdf>

² Related to NOI 18-191 Intersection of 15th Street SE, Kentucky Ave SE, Potomac Ave SE, and G St SE

This change would be in conjunction with other changes ANC6B has supported in this complex set of intersections under NOI 18-191.

On a motion by Commissioner Holman, seconded by Commissioner Waud, the Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the ANC support the bike lane change and so notify DDOT. The motion was placed on the Consent agenda.

Letter on Penn-Potomac Avenue Project

Commissioner Waud introduced a draft letter to Mayor Bowser urging DC to find the funds to move up the construction phase of the Penn-Potomac project. The ANC had approved the final EA in 2017. Since then, as far as we know, design work is ongoing. But, construction funding was not included in the recently approved FY20 budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Waud, seconded by Commissioner Sroufe, the Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the ANC send a letter to Mayor Bowser. The motion was placed on the consent agenda and the draft letter awaits pending suggested edits.

Response to NOI 19-150-TOA (12th & G Streets SE all way stop control)

In November 2018, ANC asked DDOT to install all way stop control at this intersection. This request was in addition to already pending traffic safety study.

Patrick Serfass, who lives at 12th & I Streets SE, attended the meeting and presented his arguments in opposition to the NOI and all way stop controls in general. Commissioner Waud detailed the background on this intersection. Both Commissioner Oldenburg and Holtzman noted that the responses they had received regarding this and other similar cases (see below) were overwhelming in favor of all way stop controls.

On a motion by Commissioner Oldenburg, seconded by Commissioner Soufe, the Committee voted 8-0-2 to recommend the ANC advise DDOT that it supports installation of all-way stop control for the 12th & G Streets SE intersection as proposed in NOI 19-150-TOA. In addition, the Committee recommends the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility. The motion was placed on the consent agenda.

Response to NOI 19-149-TOA (10th & South Carolina Ave SE all way stop control)

The border between 6B04 and 6B05 runs along South Carolina Avenue at this intersection.

On a motion by Commissioner Oldenburg, seconded by Commissioner Holtzman, the Committee voted 9-0-1 to recommend the ANC advise DDOT that it supports installation of all-way stop control for the SE, 10th & South Carolina Ave SE intersection as proposed in NOI 19-149-TOA. In addition, the Committee recommends the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility. The motion was placed on the consent agenda.

Response to NOI 19-125-TOA (10th & East Capitol NE all way stops control)

The request to install all way stop control at this intersection was requested by ANC 6C. However, the south side of the intersection is within ANC6B.

On a motion by Commissioner Holtzman, seconded by RM Metzger, the Committee voted 9-0-1 to recommend the ANC advise DDOT that it supports installation of all-way stop control for the 10th & East Capitol NE/SE intersection as proposed in NOI 19-125-TOA. In addition, the Committee recommends the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility. The motion was placed on the consent agenda.

NOTE: the appendices on pages 4 through 10 contain draft letters for all Committee motions

APPENDICES

DRAFT LETTER TO COUNCILMEMBER CHEH on B23-0288
No Externally Imposed Due Date

Councilmember Mary Cheh
Chair, Transportation & the Environment Committee
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20004

Via Email: Mcheh@dccouncil.us

RE: Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 (B23-0288)

Dear Chair Cheh;

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on June 11, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted X-X-X to urge you to schedule hearings or other public meetings to discuss and advance the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019.

The Commission is very appreciative of Councilmember Allen's efforts to introduce this comprehensive bill and is concerned that delays in Council discussions about the bill will cause a loss in the momentum that brought it forward.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov or Commissioner Kelly Waud, 6B07@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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Cc: CM Allen
DDOT Director Marootian

DRAFT LETTER TO DDOT on 15th Street Bike Lane
No Externally Imposed Due Date

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/2vfv83cfyyw1c6s/6-19%20Letter%20to%20DDOT%20Re%2015th%20St%20SE%20Contraflow%20Lanes.docx?dl=0>

DRAFT LETTER TO MAYOR BOWSER on Penn-Potomac Project
No Externally Imposed Due Date

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20004

Via Email:

RE: Funding & Implementation Delays for the Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues SE
Intersection Safety Improvements

Dear Mayor Bowser;

At a properly noticed meeting with a quorum present of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on June 11, 2019, the Commissioners voted x-x-x to send this letter expressing alarm that the funding and implementation of the planned Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues SE safety improvements have been delayed again.

The project, originally proposed in 2005, completed its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact in Fall 2017. Existing conditions are antithetical to the goals of Vision Zero and do not safely or efficiently move people, vehicles, and buses through and around this intersection.

The selected design alternative of the Ellipse Park was well received in 2017 by the community, Capitol Hill Restoration Society, and ANC 6B because it addresses significant ongoing pedestrian safety issues, addresses Capitol Bikeshare access routes, ensures signalized intersections, and encourages lower traffic speeds. The Ellipse Park design also maintains significant contiguous green space the ANC considers an important element.

The current conditions of this intersection actively endanger not only vulnerable road users but also our neighbors and friends driving cars. This intersection is the most dangerous intersection in ANC 6B. In the last ten years, there have been nearly 300 crashes at this intersection. Fifty-three drivers were injured. Six pedestrians were struck. Moreover, accidents are likely to increase substantially over the next few years as up to 1,000 new dwelling units become available in the vicinity. Many of their inhabitants are expected to use the Potomac Avenue Metro Station at the intersection.

Given the almost universal support for the selected design alternative, the community is disappointed to learn that the funding for the Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues SE safety improvements was not prioritized in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. We urge you, Mayor Bowser, to identify and allocate operating funds where possible to expedite the project this fiscal year and allocate construction funding in Fiscal Year 2021 in the FY21-26 Capital Improvement Plan.

Thanks for your attention to this critical matter. Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov or

Commissioner Kelly Waud, 6B07@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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Cc: DDOT Director Jeff Marootian
CM Allen

DRAFT LETTER TO DDOT on NOI 19-150-TOA Due date: July 12, 2019

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

VIA EMAIL: ???

RE: NOI# 19-150-TOA: Installation of all-way stop control at the intersection of 12th and G Streets SE

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on June 11, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send DDOT the following comments on NOI 19-150-TOA issued May30, 2019.

The ANC supports installation of all-way stop control for the 12th & G Streets SE intersection as proposed in the above referenced NOI. In addition, the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility.

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

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Cc Councilman Charles Allen
Naomi Klein and Lee Goodall

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55 M Street SE
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VIA EMAIL: ???

RE: NOI# 19-149-TOA: Installation of all-way stop control at the intersection of 10th Street and South Carolina Avenue SE

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on June 11, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send DDOT the following comments on NOI 19-149-TOA issued May 30, 2019.

The ANC supports installation of all-way stop control for the 10th Street & South Carolina Avenue SE intersection as proposed in the above referenced NOI. In addition, the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility.

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VIA EMAIL: ???

RE: NOI# 19-125-TOA: Installation of all-way stop control at the intersection of 10th and East Capitol Streets NE/SE

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on June 11, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted x-x-x to send DDOT the following comments on NOI 19-125-TOA issued May 29, 2019.

The ANC supports installation of all-way stop control for the 10th & East Capitol Streets SE/NE intersection as proposed in the above referenced NOI. In addition, the ANC asks DDOT to assure that the minimum setbacks from the intersection for curbside parking are maintained to improve visibility.

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