



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
December 4, 2019**

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

Resident Members present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Brian Kirrane (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Roger Tauss (6B05), Paul Hayden (6B06), Stefan Katz (6B07) and Carol Grissom (6B09)

Other: Durwood Riedel, Kevin Moriarity and several residents of 6th & A Streets

Pennsylvania Avenue SE Street Lighting Project

Abdullahi Mohamed, DDOT Project Manager, made a presentation on the Street Light and Signal Upgrade project, which is at 100 percent design phase. The aim of the project is to enhance lighting and support pedestrian security. The project area extends along Pennsylvania Avenue from 2nd Street SE to 13th Street SE. In addition to replacing all the street light and traffic signal poles and lights, the project will replace ADA ramps and repair sidewalks where necessary. Pennsylvania Avenue will be milled and paved.

Construction budget is \$19.5 million and obligation is expected in the 2nd Quarter FY20. DDOT plans to begin construction in late Summer 2020 and duration is 18 months (540 days). Work will proceed in 2-block segments (on both sides of the street). Curbside parking will be restricted except perhaps overnight. Traffic will not be disrupted, except occasionally.

Pendant poles with teardrop fixtures (150W LED) will be installed at intersections. New Twin-20 poles with Washington Globe fixtures (2-100W LED) will be installed between intersections. These fixtures will include shields to direct the lighting downwards. Traffic signals will be ADA compliant (include push buttons) but signal timings will not be adjusted since all were optimized several years ago.

There were a number of construction-related questions. Mr. Mohamed will return to the Committee next year to brief the community on the construction details.

Background: This project was proposed in 2015 to improve lighting for pedestrians walking along Pennsylvania Avenue SE. The first analysis determined the lighting did not meet existing standards. All the light bulbs were replaced but DDOT determined that the lighting still was deficient and proposed a complete renewal of all the lighting fixtures and bulbs from the Capitol to Barney Circle. The ANC reviewed the proposal several times and in September 2017 voted to support the project as designed. Subsequently, DDOT added renewal of all the traffic signal

infrastructure to the project. In 2019, DDOT made a decision to split the project into two sections: 2nd to 13th SE and 13th SE to Barney Circle. The latter section was attached to the Penn-Potomac Intersection Project.

Pennsylvania & Potomac Avenue Intersection Improvement Project

Morvarid Ganjalizadeh, DDOT Project Manager, made a presentation and responded to questions on the Penn-Potomac project. The aim of the project is to enhance safety for pedestrians and transit users by replacing the current through intersection with an ellipse-shaped park. The project will also include the replacement of street lighting and traffic signals poles/fixtures from 13th Street to Barney Circle.

The project has just entered the design stage, which is expected to end in Spring 2021, with construction to begin in Spring 2022. Public meetings on progress of the design will occur in the Spring and Fall of 2020. Updates will be posted at www.anacostiawaterfront.org/penn-potomac.

Meeting participants asked a number of questions to clarify the Ellipse Park schematic DDOT provided. Residents of Jenkins Row were concerned that the plan still shows a bus stop on Pennsylvania Avenue SE in front of the condo entrance. Ms Ganjalizadeh confirmed that the bus stop will be placed at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue SE and the updated online drawing would show that.

Background: Improving this intersection was first proposed in 2005 under the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. A NEPA Environmental Assessment was initiated in February 2009 and ANC6B had a briefing on its status in August 2009, after which the project was put on hold. It was restarted in 2012 and the ANC commented on stages of the EA in March 2013, June 2013 and January 2015. During this period the various alternatives changed. The draft Environmental Assessment of April 2017 proposed three “Build Alternatives:” Triangle Park, Rectangle Park, and Ellipse Park. ANC6B voted to support the Ellipse Park alternative in June 2017 and the EA was finalized in November 2017 with the selection of the Ellipse Park alternative.

Traffic Calming/Control Requests for ANC6B Support

The Committee reviewed the following two requests. Both are located within 6B02 and had already been submitted to DDOT.

- 6 & A Street SE all way stops: 19-00913298
Resident Kevin Moriarity, who lives close to the intersection, submitted a TSAQ to DDOT requesting a study. DDOT has confirmed the submission but as not yet provided any analysis. Mr. Moriarity feels the intersection is dangerous because traffic on A Street SE cannot clearly see the oncoming traffic on 6th Street and have to pull out into the intersection before crossing the intersection or making turns onto 6th. There is also concern for pedestrians trying to cross 6th Street. Several residents living nearby attended the Committee meeting and are in support of an all way stop. However, one resident of 6th Street spoke in opposition. Commissioner Sroufe moved (with a second by Commissioner Ready) that the Committee recommend that the ANC request DDOT to conduct an assessment of the traffic problems identified by the community at the intersection of 6th and A Streets SE with particular attention to the feasibility of providing all way stops.

- 600 block C SE speed hump: 19-00141363
Resident Durwood Riedel submitted a request to DDOT for a study of this block. DDOT responded providing data on its analysis, suggesting a speed hump might be the solution but asked Mr. Riedel to obtain the ANC's support. He has obtained the written support of 34 households on the block. Commissioner Sroufe moved (with a second by RM Brown) that the Committee recommend the ANC support the traffic calming request. The vote was 11-0-1 and the item was placed on the consent agenda.

Note: The following requests were removed from the agenda: 11th & North Carolina Ave pedestrian signal timing and 14th & A SE request for all way stops

Review of the Transportation Chapter of the CompPlan

Due to time limits, the Committee did not take up this item but may at the January meeting.

APPENDICES

DRAFT LETTER TO DDOT

Due date: No formal date

Date

District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

VIA email: ancresolutions@ddot.dc.gov

RE: Traffic Calming and Traffic Control Requests

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on December 10, 2019, with a quorum present, the Commission voted x-x-x to support the following requests submitted to DDOT by residents of ANC6B.

- 6 & A Street SE intersection study: 19-00913298
Kevin Moriarity, a resident of A Street SE submitted a request to DDOT to study this intersection. DDOT has confirmed submission of the request but not yet provided any analysis. Problems include vehicles on A not being able to safely enter the intersection without first pulling out into the intersection and difficulties pedestrians have in assuring vehicles on 6th Street will stop while they cross the intersection.
- 600 block C SE speed hump: 19-00141363
A study request was submitted by block resident Derwood Riedel with support of 34 households. DDOT has completed its analysis of this block and has suggested a speed hump. However, DDOT has requested that ANC6B support the implementation.

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 support or need further information.

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