



Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee March 2, 2022

Commissioners Present: Jerry Sroufe (6b02); Brian Ready (6b03); Steve Holtzman (6b05); Corey Holman (6b06), Alison Horn (6b09)

Resident Members Present: Kevin Morarity; Brian Kirrane (6b03); Matt LaFortune (6b06); Stefan Katz (6b07); John Ten Hoeve (6B09); Frank Avery (proposed resident member for 6b01)

Due to the unavoidable absence of Commissioner Oldenburg, Chair of ANC6B Transportation Committee, Commissioner Holtzman (6B05) chaired the meeting.

The committee discussed 4 resolutions and voted as follows:

- **Resolution on Reckless Driving in DC** Ten Hoeve/Ready 8-0-0 approved and placed on consent agenda.
- **Resident Only Parking Request for Several Blocks near Safeway** Holman/Ready 10-0-0 approved and placed on consent agenda.
- **Walk Without Worry Amendment Act (Bill [24-0566](#)) Safe Routes to School Expansion Amendment Act (Bill [24-0565](#))** This was a single resolution for ANC6B to support both pending DC Council Bills: Horn/Sroufe 10-0-0 approved and placed on consent agenda.
- **Resolution to Request that DDOT reconsider previously denied request to install a raised crosswalk at intersection of 17th St SE and C St SE.** This resolution was not originally on the meeting agenda. However, this situation was discussed in the context of the agenda item below regarding new Traffic Safety Inspections (TSI) by DDOT and, on Commissioner Holman's suggestion, committee members agreed to consider this item and support Commissioner's Horn's resolution. Horn/Ready 10-0-0 approved and placed on consent agenda

There were two other agenda items:

Proposed Land Swap on Navy Yard at 11th Street

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/ndw/installations/nsa_washington/om/environmental-support/wny_land_acquisition.html

The Commission was notified last week that the US Navy has requested community comments on a potential land transfer at the Washington Navy Yard. The Navy will hold two public meetings on March 8th & 9th and has asked that all community comments be submitted by a deadline of March 22nd. Given the short window for comments, it was decided to discuss the issue at both the ANC6B Planning Committee and Transportation committee to get benefit of members of both committee's experience. Transportation committee member comments on

the proposal were similar to those expressed the previous evening by Planning committee members. A major concern will be to emphasize the importance that agreements safeguard public access to the Riverwalk along the Anacostia.

DDOT's initiation of new "Traffic Safety Investigation" (TSI) process to replace the Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA)

<https://ddot.dc.gov/service/traffic-safety-investigations>

An initial discussion was begun which will be continued in the committee's April 7th meeting regarding residents' experiences thus far with DDOT's new TSI process. Committee members noted some positive experiences with TSI submissions which resulted in quick DDOT responses and including walk-throughs to sites with residents and DDOT representatives. At the same time, several committee members flagged a number of areas on the new TSI process where they have questions and/or concerns including:

- A Need for clarification of what role ANCs and individual commissioners and neighbors can play to provide local knowledge and share local collective preferences in a process built around applications submitted directly by individuals to DDOT through the 311 system.
- Issues with the format, content and types of information accessible on the current Dashboard regarding TSIs at various phases of review and implementation, and the consequent limitations of the ability of residents and ANCs to monitor the progress of, or even be aware of, TSIs submitted in the neighborhood.
- A need for clarification of DDOT's policy on treatment of multiple 311 submissions by different residents for the same safety issue, whether later 311 submissions make no difference, add to the prioritization weight attached to a situation or whether they are disregarded entirely.
- In the absence of any local community input in TSI review prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent by DDOT, the lack of clarity of how TSIs are approved or denied and how prioritization of TSIs submitted is accomplished.
- Questions regarding TSIs submitted by residents or Commissioners which don't appear to show up in the dashboard and whose disposition is unknown.

Relatedly, it was also noted that a letter voted on and sent by the full ANC in November 2021 to DDOT questioning some of the potentially undesirable impacts of aspects of the new procedure and requesting clarifications was never answered.¹ Which in turn raised a pivotal question of whether the delinking of ANCs from the TSI process has, implicitly or explicitly, led to a situation where ANC resolutions are not interpreted by DDOT as carrying the "great weight" which DC law assigns to them.

It was agreed that a representative of DDOT will be asked to attend the April Transportation meeting to introduce the TSI process, hopefully clarify some of these and other issues and answer questions raised by committee members and other residents.

¹ The letter, inter alia, noted that DDOT decision to reduce the time period for public comments in some DDOT NOIs below 30 days, effectively created a situation which could situationally make it impossible for an ANC to actually provide comments without constant resort to holding focused special call meetings for this purpose.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 7pm. Note that two items ((i) NOI on Raised Walk at Cady's Way & D Street SE; (ii) A Discussion on expanding electric vehicle charging options) originally on the agenda for the March meeting were postponed and instead are anticipated to be on the agenda for the meeting in April.