



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
September 7, 2022**

Commissioners Present: Corey Holman, Alison Horn, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, Edward Ryder, and Gerald Sroufe.

Resident Members Present: Brian Kirrane (6B03), Claire August (6B05), and John Ten Hoeve (6B09).

DDOT Presentation on the School Parking Zone Program

Jason Meggs, SPZ Program Manager, DDOT, made the presentation and responded to questions. DCPS and charter schools can apply to obtain parking permits enabling staff to park in nearby RPP zones. Mr. Meggs described the changes over years in school locations and types and other factors that have increased the number of staff driving to schools each weekday. The program is designed to annually reduce the number of permits each school gets to encourage alternate forms of transportation.

SPZ regulations are at <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N125890>

To date, 2 schools in 6B (Brent Elementary and Digital Pioneers Academy) have submitted applications to the program. Tyler Elementary has initiated an application but Mr. Meggs commented that, given its large onsite lot, the school might not qualify for RPP permits. SPZ Coordinators of all 3 schools were invited to participate in the meeting. Only Alfred Mason from Digital Pioneers was able to attend. He informed the Committee that DDOT has allotted 15 permits but he did not think all would be used as the school has made an agreement with a nearby church to use its lot on weekdays. Mr. Meggs told the Committee that Brent had qualified for 65 permits as the school has no onsite parking. RM Kirrane said that Brent staff have been using DDOT VPPs under a neighborhood “adopt a teacher” program. It is not clear whether the 65 SPZ permits will be used in addition to the informal VPP program or will replace it.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved—with a second by Commissioner Ready—that the Committee recommend the ANC support the SPZ program. We know that considerable effort has been made since the legislation was passed to create a viable program with monthly input from the affected communities. DDOT also has developed considerable resources to help schools prepare their applications. Finally, the ANC appreciates that DDOT has abandoned an original plan to set aside specific RPP areas for SPZ permit use only. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved—with a second by Commissioner Sroufe—that the Committee recommend the ANC support the issuance of 65 SPZ permits to Brent Elementary School but express a concern that 65 permits, if added to the school’s existing informal VPP system, may create an excessive burden on residential parking in the neighborhood.¹ Therefore, the ANC asks Brent officials to clarify this situation. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous.

Updates

Commissioner Oldenburg provided some updates on two Pennsylvania Avenue SE projects. Installation of two major PA Avenue SE projects: the Streetlights & Traffic Lights Up Grades and the Corridor “Study” (to remove a traffic lane to add bike & bus lanes) were designed to follow one another. But Streetlights—started about a year ago—has experienced equipment supply problems delaying its planned summer 2022 completion. Some traffic signals may not be operational until the end of 2022. Still, the Corridor work is slated to begin in October, with Streetlights crews painting the lane markings this month. Supply delays in the Corridor project will affect the construction of the bus lane pedestrian pads.

Both of these projects are designed to extend from 2nd SE to Barney Circle. But, DDOT’s postponement of funding for installation of the Penn-Potomac Intersection project until 2024 means that Streetlights and Corridor will only be completed to 13th Street this year. It could be 2025 or later before the final segments will be in place.

Future Meeting Items:

DDOT’s EV Curbside Charging Program & Rules (October)

Program: <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/electric-vehicle-charging-station-program>

Regulations:

https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/Notice%20of%20Final%20Rulemaking-%20EV%20Charging%5B94%5D.pdf

DDOT’s 11th Street 695 Ramp Study 30% Design (October/November)

¹ An email from the Brent School SPZ Coordinator several days after the meeting says DDOT granted 38 permits rather than 65.