



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
November 3, 2021**

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

Resident Members Present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Brian Kirrane (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Stefan Katz (6B07), Carol Grissom (6B08) and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)

Review of the Daytime School Zones Parking Proposed Rulemaking¹

Jason Meggs, DDOT Transportation Planner, presented a brief background on the proposed rulemaking and responded to Committee member questions. There is a 45-day review process with the rules expected to be effective in January or February 2022. They will affect 322 DCPS and charter schools in DC.

The Committee focused its discussion almost exclusively on paragraphs 2445.9 and 2445.10 that set specific curbside zones aside during daytime for the exclusive use of authorized school staff vehicles.

On a motion by Commissioner Oldenburg, seconded by RM Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to submit the following comments and to put it on consent:

- Request that DDOT provide the rationale for setting aside specific parking areas rather than issuing regular RPP permits to school staff.
- Once the rules are finalized, plan to provide Guidance to ANCs and Schools as the rulemaking is vague on many aspects of the process to be used by both.

B24-0429 - Metro For DC Amendment Act of 2021²

Chris Laskowski, Legislative Director for Councilmember Allen, made a presentation on the Metro for DC bill. Its major objective is to increase transit ridership by providing DC residents with a transit subsidy of \$100 per month and by setting up a Transit Equity Fund to pay for the subsidy and fund needed transit projects.

Committee members were generally supportive of the concept but asked clarifying questions about the Fund and its stability, eligibility and a tier system when there are not sufficient funds to support all residents, why \$100/month is the chosen rate, plans to combat fraud, and how new bus routes might be chosen.

¹ <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N114971>

² <https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0429>

Review of DDOT’s Fast Tracking Vision Zero Roadway Safety Projects

In October, the interim DDOT Director Lott sent a letter to all ANCs on ways it will speed up safety improvements to roadways and sidewalks. The Committee discussed some aspects of the letter appeared to lay blame on ANCs and their community engagement.

On a motion by Commissioner Oldenburg, seconded by Commissioner Ready, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the ANC send the following comments to Director Lott:

- ANC6B agrees that the safety improvement process has been extremely long; in some cases, taking years to install a speed hump on a block or add a stop sign and more to install speed cameras. However, ANC6B is insulted by the insinuation in the letter that the community engagement process in which it is heavily involved is the “greatest single time requirement” holding up projects.
- The letter says nothing about increasing staff to internally reduce the “protracted and drawn-out process.”
- If DDOT plans to reduce the comment period (point 2), it needs to be aware that anything less than 30 days could invalidate ANC participation since ANCs can only vote once a month.
- DDOT has made many ad hoc changes in these processes in recent years, making it difficult to keep up. What does DDOT mean by plans to “discontinue requiring supporting document from the ANC and community”? Only to follow in the last paragraph with “strongly encourage community and neighborhood organizations to go through their ANCs”?
- In fact, what does DDOT perceive as the ANC role in this new process?

In closing, we note that the DDOT review process has been extremely opaque for many years, frustrating efforts to get any status on requests. We are encouraged that DDOT is planning to initiate a dashboard to make the system more transparent. It can’t come soon enough.

Discussion: What to do about SE Blvd

The ANC in February 2021 asked the DDOT Director to release the Draft Environmental Assessment on the Southeast Boulevard & Barney Circle project. The request was denied. Given redistricting, ANC6B probably only has the next 13 months to oversee and try to push along this major land use project on Capitol Hill, which was initiated in 2013.

The Committee had a brief discussion about possible aspects of the project, such as proposed space for affordable housing and a large bus facility that might attract wider interest of Council and others. Commissioner Oldenburg said she would try to obtain information on the status of the project for further discussion in December.

B24-0433 - Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021³

This item was removed from agenda because Council consideration of RPP bills is not expected until after Redistricting is completed sometime in 2022.

³ <https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0433>