



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2023**

**Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Frank Avery, Jerry Sroufe, David Sobelsohn, Frank D’Andrea, Kasie Durkit, Vince Mareino, Edward Ryder**

**Resident Members Present: Brian Kirrane (6B03), John Ten Hoeve (6B09)**

**DDOT Updates: 11<sup>th</sup> and D St. SE**

DDOT Community Engagement Specialist Abraham Diallo provided an update on four locations within ANC 6B. Following discussion in December’s ANC 6B Transportation Committee and a community petition to install a traffic signal at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and D St. SE, the most recent Traffic Safety Input (TSI) submission was closed without further action on January 6<sup>th</sup> as part of FY23 Q3 prioritization for the TSI 2.0 process. Mr. Diallo referred the committee to a traffic study completed in 2021 that did not recommend the installation of a traffic signal and informed committee members that a new traffic study conducted within the span a couple years would likely not result in a different outcome. Commissioner Avery reminded the committee that DDOT is required to submit a formal response to the ANC’s December letter. Mr. Diallo offered to send the 2021 technical report as part of this response.

Further discussion on this location focused on how DDOT prioritized TSIs. Commissioner D’Andrea asked whether data is accessible for how DDOT classifies “High Injury Networks” such as 11<sup>th</sup> St. south of Lincoln Park. Mr. Diallo offered to request further information and share with the committee. Commissioner Mareino asked about the process for considering other measures at the intersection. Mr. Diallo shared that DDOT will be obtaining more traffic safety enforcement devices, which will be prioritized across the District. Joe Howard, a neighbor at this intersection, highlighted that more than 30 people have signed a petition for a traffic signal and inquired whether this street is treated differently due to its classification as a “minor arterial”. Mr. Diallo responded that, regardless of classification, submitting a TSI is the process to request traffic safety improvements.

**DDOT Updates: 9<sup>th</sup> and I St. SE**

Mr. Diallo updated the committee on another item from the December meeting, a traffic study at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> and I St. SE. A work order has been placed for refurbished rumble striping and flexiposts. The traffic study on signalization did not recommend a HAWK signal, but rather a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) which would bring attention to pedestrians, especially in the dark. It would require pressing a button when not active. Installations are expected around June due to a need for warmer weather when working with the pavement. Commissioner D’Andrea and former Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg expressed the need to continue to monitor this location. Incoming Resident Member Janice Kruger recommended the

use of rubber bumpers, such as those found at the entrance and exit to Kaiser's parking garage on 2nd Street NE.

### **DDOT Updates: 19th St. & Potomac Ave. SE Corridor Safety Project**

Mr. Diallo updated the committee on a 35% design plan that has been developed along 19<sup>th</sup> St. and Potomac Ave. in Ward 7 and SMD 6B09. DDOT has released an NOI and is currently taking public input. Construction is expected to begin in the spring or summer of this year.

### **DDOT Updates: 4<sup>th</sup> St. and South Carolina Ave. SE**

Mr. Diallo informed the committee that there had been a miscommunication between engineers and contractors at this location, resulting in the removal of safety infrastructure. Flexiposts have been re-installed. Resident Member Kirrane expressed his desire that the bike lane in this area to not come at the expense of pedestrian safety measures.

### **Letter to DDOT re: TSI Priorities**

Commissioner LaFortune shared a draft of a letter to DDOT requesting: 1. how 200 priority locations per quarter was chosen for the TSI 2.0 process and what additional resources would enable the Department to increase the number of traffic studies conducted, 2. that DDOT consider grouping TSI requests as appropriate and implement safety improvements holistically on corridors that feature multiple locations that require treatments, and 3. that DDOT include a list of locations within ANC 6B in its FY23 Quarter 3 (April-June 2023) TSI priorities. Commissioner D'Andrea and Commissioner Durkit expressed frustration with the TSI process but questioned whether a letter outlining specific commission priorities would also leave out important safety improvements. Commissioner Ryder shared his belief that there is value in calling out areas, specifically those that have been previously discussed by the committee. Commissioner Avery requested the addition of the 300 block of North Carolina Ave. to the list and noted that this letter provides an opportunity for interim impact while working on longer-term efforts, such as a resolution, to address the TSI process as a whole. Commissioner LaFortune offered a motion that the committee support writing a letter to DDOT with TSI priorities, Commissioner Sroufe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Letter to DPW re: Virginia Ave Bus**

Commissioner LaFortune introduced this issue as a request to DPW to remove an unused bus that has been parked on Virginia Ave. for over a year. Commissioner Sobelsohn noted that the bus has now been removed from the ANC and offered a motion to write a letter to DPW, DDOT, and Councilmember Allen expressing thanks for any support they provided to this outcome, Commissioner LaFortune seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings – Special Session on Electric Vehicles**

Following a discussion of committee priorities during the January meeting, Commissioner LaFortune requested committee members' input on whether to hold a special session on electric vehicle policy. Commissioner Avery noted that previous DDOT presentations did not provide much opportunity for input and suggested focusing on influencing Councilmember Allen's pending EV legislation. Commissioner Durkit recommended a special session as this is a tricky topic that could use education and input from community members. Commissioner Sobelsohn suggested trying to schedule by the end of February and confirmed that the committee chair could call the meeting with proper notice. Commissioner D'Andrea asked Commissioner

LaFortune about his previous comments regarding community input that an EV meeting should not exclude e-bikes. Commissioner LaFortune confirmed his desire to hold an EV-specific meeting but expressed openness to also include e-bikes as part of the discussion. Commissioner Mareino suggested timing the special session to best include Councilmember Allen and to influence his legislation.