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RE: 8th Street SE Bus Priority Project

Dear Interim Director Kershbaum:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on December 12, 2023, with a quorum of Commissioners present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted unanimously 9-0-0 to support sending this letter to the Department of Transportation. The letter refers to the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE Bus Priority Project.

DDOT has come before ANC 6B twice to present this project. At the initial presentation in September, ANC 6B voted to send a letter to DDOT requesting that further study be conducted on the proposed reversals of the 700 and 800 blocks of D Street SE and that other alternatives be presented regarding those reversals. ANC 6B also requested that DDOT reach out to businesses along the 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor and meet with Barracks Row Main Street. DDOT subsequently met with Barracks Row Main Street and proposed to return to ANC 6B later with alternatives for the reversals proposed on D Street SE.

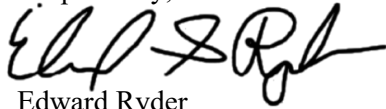
DDOT presented those alternatives at the November meeting of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee. No action was taken at the November meeting to allow time for further community input and thought on the alternatives presented. After gathering community input and further thought, the alternatives were discussed fully at the December meeting of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee.

Subsequent to that discussion, the Commission would like to express its general support for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Priority Project and its specific support for the proposed "Alternative 3" for the 800 Block of D Street SE. The Commission takes no position at this time on the alternatives presented proposed for the 700 Block of D Street SE. However, neighbors and businesses advocate to ensure a future design does not include the ability for busses to idle or park and block visibility of storefronts in the area and must maintain a pedestrian-friendly framework. ANC 6B requests DDOT continue studying additional alternatives that balance the multiple use cases of the street segment and their impact on neighbors and businesses.

Additionally, the Commission urges DDOT to include in its traffic study the possibility of restricting traffic on the 700 block of D St. SE. This study should include researching both the impact of restricting traffic on pedestrian safety and the impact on businesses.

We thank DDOT for its consideration of our views and request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,



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