



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
January 3, 2024**

**Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Frank D'Andrea (6B04), Chander Jayaraman (6B06), Edward Ryder (6B08)**

**Resident Members Present: Janice Kruger (6B03), Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Mike Litt (6B05), Richard Cunningham (6B07), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08)**

**DDOT Presentation on 11th Street SE Bus Priority Project**

Kevin Harrison shared a presentation on DDOT's 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bus Priority Needs Assessment. The full presentation is available on DDOT's [website](#).

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked whether DDOT has statistics on the enforcement of bus lanes in other parts of the city. Mr. Harrison replied that DPW aggressively tickets in bus zones (~15,000 parking tickets in 2022) and that the Clear Lanes program with WMATA and DDOT includes camera enforcement on buses. Right now, drivers receive a ticket in the mail for parking in bus zones and a warning for parking in the bus lane. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, drivers will start to receive tickets in the mail for parking in the bus lane as well. He noted that this is mostly a concern in dense retail areas, less an issue for 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE.

RM Menzer shared that he hopes that the 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge Park will increase pedestrian/bike traffic down 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE. He also noted that the O St. intersection, an area with a significant number of pedestrian injuries, is the entrance to Navy Yard.

Commissioner D'Andrea said that he personally takes the bike lane on 11<sup>th</sup> St. but that it feels very unsafe, with the whole road feeling more like a highway than an urban boulevard. He asked DDOT to balance moving traffic with maintaining a reasonable speed.

Commissioner Ryder encouraged traffic calming measures and noted the need for coordination on the entire corridor including the 695 offramp project, southeast Navy Yard land swap, and Water St. development (1333 M St. SE) which will bring more pedestrian use.

Commissioner Sroufe noted a current issue with parking in the Pennsylvania Ave. SE bus lanes, potentially due to unclear rush-hour restrictions. He is not enthusiastic about tickets issued through the mail being effective.

Commissioner Jayaraman argued that a bus route should provide services for the coming development on M St. and shared that he has noticed tour buses parking in the Pennsylvania Ave. bus lanes.

Corey Holman argued that DDOT needs to get this right with the potential development moving at Navy Yard and 1333 M St. He stressed that coordination is necessary with the highway builders at DDOT with the exit ramp widening and that a holistic vision is needed on the corridor.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked when rush hour is on Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Mr. Harrison shared that is between 7-9:30 AM westbound and between 4-6:30 PM eastbound.

### **Committee Discussion of the 11th Street SE Corridor North of M Street SE**

Commissioner D'Andrea raised the issue of 11<sup>th</sup> and D St. SE as a problem intersection, with two prior letters sent from the ANC to DDOT previously. 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE is sometimes listed as a high-injury corridor and needs a corridor-wide study. He asked whether the committee would consider sending a letter to DDOT and Councilmember Allen.

RM Menzer said that DDOT has little pieces that operate independently and that they need to connect with school safety projects.

Commissioner Avery suggested a corridor walk with DDOT Interim Director Kershbaum, Councilmember Allen, and SBOE Rep. Best. With Council oversight hearings coming up, this is a good opportunity for the Council to act.

Commissioner Jayaraman suggested including OAG in a letter due to non-responses of DDOT to ANC outreach.

A neighbor noted that 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE is an arterial from Lincoln Park south. He suggested that every committee member read the Safe Routes to School legislation that mandates 15 MPH school zones except where the Mayor increases the speed to 25 MPH.

*Commissioner D'Andrea moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT, CM Allen, and DPW for a holistic study of the 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE corridor between Lincoln Park and M St. SE. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Safety Concerns at North Carolina Ave and 7th Street SE**

Jay Williams shared a 311 ticket that he submitted (23-00647080) at the intersection of North Carolina Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. SE. Cycling west at this intersection is dangerous due to the lack of physical barriers restricting drivers from impeding the bike lane.

Commissioner Avery suggested that the ANC write a letter to DDOT asking the Department to prioritize this TSI in its quarterly process and note the location near Eastern Market.

Commissioner Jayaraman asked why the bike lane is not directly next to the curb. Mr. Williams agreed with that suggestion but also noted the risk of making a bigger ask.

Commissioner Sroufe observed that this intersection has more issues, including a delayed light and right turn from Eastern Market.

Mark Sussman noted that two parking spots in the intersection are illegal and that removing them would improve the line of sight for pedestrians and make the bike lane curb side at this area.

Another neighbor noted that traffic frequently backs up to Independence Ave. SE and recommended that the ANC take a holistic view to protect all access on this route.

Commissioner D'Andrea shared that flexiposts are a quick fix but that concrete/hardening is what really works.

Commissioner Jayaraman said that the light is too short and that a practical action would be to adjust the timing to allow NC Ave. traffic to clear the crosswalks.

*Commissioner LaFortune moved to request that DDOT prioritize this TSI with suggested changes at that intersection. Commissioner Sroufe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**(Late-Breaking) Request for a Subcommittee to Address Special Event Permit**

Commissioner Avery raised a potential issue in his SMD with a planned DNC block party around the Congressional Baseball Game next summer causing road closures. He suggested that the committee create a subcommittee to address any problems that arise.

*Commissioner Avery moved to create the Congressional Baseball Summer Block Party Subcommittee with himself as chair, allowing the chair to name committee members and set meetings. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*