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VIA: DDOT NOI Portal

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RE: NOI 26-05-CPD 8th Street SE Bus Priority Project

Secretary
David Sobelsohn

Dear Director Kershbaum

Treasurer
Anna Krebs

At a properly noticed meeting on Feb. 10, 2026, with a quorum present, ANC 6B resolved 9-0-0 to submit comments in response to NOI# 26-05-CPD, Re: 8th Street SE Bus Priority from East Capitol Street to M Street SE.

Parliamentarian
Tyler Wolanin

ANC 6B appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this project. A holistic approach to moving buses more efficiently and safely and improve safety for all our neighbors both living here and passing through. We appreciate many elements of the project that are designed to protect vulnerable road users.

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We appreciate the focus on improved pedestrian and bike safety, and the opportunity to incorporate best practices into the intersections along 8th Street SE. It's clear from the plan that there are measurable improvements to bus efficiency, and that this will help congestion up and down 8th St. Barracks Row stands to benefit greatly from the proposed modernized traffic flow.

We do have one request, which is that the that DDOT team consider ways to add at least 4 parking spots to the 3-way intersection and close surrounding streets of 8th St SE, North Carolina, and Independence. That complex intersection has rightly been a focus of many safety improvements over the past several years, and approximately 12 parking spots have been eliminated through that process. This project proposes to eliminate another 8, and we ask for some relief or redistribution of that impact. Please take another look.

Specific locations where parking could be restored include: Restoring parking to the island on the West side of this intersection; spots previously eliminated along Independence Ave near Hayden's Liquor Store; or previously eliminated spots on the southern side of Independence Ave, closer to Eastern Market.

Please note that this intersection is the primary parking destination for Eastern Market on Saturday and Sunday and does not have alleys or garages. Visitors and residents alike compete for

increasingly scarce street parking, especially on weekends and during weekdays while people come into the neighborhood to work.

The safety changes DDOT has implemented in this intersection does not seem to have slowed traffic or alleviated congestion. Neighbors in this part of the neighborhood feel that this project exacerbates the trend, prioritizing commuters and ignoring the lived experience of residents.

We hope you will consider a reevaluation of the traffic patterns at this intersection, and we also want to express our support for the overall project. A great deal of work has gone into negotiating the benefits of this project for Barracks Row, and 6B supports the timely implementation of the majority of this project.

We would be pleased to engage in further discussion. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,



Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B