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Director Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street, SE
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VIA: DDOT NOI Portal, Email

RE: NOI 26-29-PSD Shirley Chisholm Elementary School Safety Improvements

Dear Director Kershbaum

At a properly noticed general meeting on March 10, 2026, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B voted on consent to submit the following letter regarding the Shirley Chisholm Elementary School Safety Improvements NOI.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B is in support of the proposed changes in the Shirley Chisholm Elementary School Safe Route to School Action Plan. It is our recommendation that the changes be implemented within the current cycle, without waiting until the Chisholm School renovation is completed. The proposed changes, especially along 11th Street, will improve safety for all pedestrians and cyclists, and are consistent with mitigating ongoing concerns of the ANC regarding this heavily trafficked road.

The ANC further recommends that the Safe Routes to Schools analysis should be extended to include the full 350-foot school boundary, which extends to 12th Street SE and encompasses the DC Public Charter School Digital Pioneers Academy (located at 709 12th Street SE). Issues relating to current use of 11th Street SE between G and I Streets for pick-up and drop-off of students by vehicles and buses at both schools must be urgently addressed to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists along this heavily trafficked road, particularly during morning rush hour northbound and afternoon rush hour southbound.

The ANC recommends that the Safe Routes to School and Sidewalk Gap Branch, Planning and Sustainability Division coordinate with DCPS School Modernization Program regarding, including but not limited to: plans for providing transportation to Chisholm School students to the interim school facility during construction, staging of construction equipment and vehicles, and ensuring that the plans for the site do not conflict with transportation planning and requirements (i.e., the proposed location of the parking lot along the west side of 11th Street). The ANC is also interested in how

the plan interacts with the planned I-695 Eastbound D4 Ramp, and hope to learn more about this from DDOT in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The ANC is available to assist in any way we can to facilitate this vital safety improvement.

Respectfully,



Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B