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VIA EMAIL: jeff.marootian@dc.gov

Subject: Request for Improvements to 1300 Block E Street SE

Dear Director Marootian;

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on April 9, 2019, with a quorum present the Commission voted 10-0-0 to send this letter regarding east-west bike connectivity in ANC 6B, focusing on E Street SE, as well as sidewalk, curbside, and street management of the 1300 block of E Street SE.

Spurred by the end of construction of over 700 housing units on the squares surrounding the 1300 block of E Street SE, ANC 6B requests DDOT to quickly implement the following changes to the management of the 1300 block of E Street:

- Addition of a mid-block crosswalk, including the possibility of raised sidewalks or speed tables mid-block.
- Enhanced pickup/dropoff/delivery zones in front of the entrances to the new Lockwood Apartments on the south side and Beckert’s Park on the north side (Attachment A).
- Return the existing Capital Bikeshare station at the corner of 13th Street SE and E Street SE to its original location at 14th & D St SE. Place the new Capital Bikeshare station required by the Beckert’s Park Large Tract Review to an on-street configuration on the north side of the block, deferring to DDOT to select the exact location for safety and accessibility.
- Adjacent to the new Capital Bikeshare station, install a number of bike racks and designated space for scooters or other micro-mobility devices.

Given these changes to the 1300 block of E Street SE, ANC 6B further requests:

- Installation of on-street bike lanes on the 1100-1300 and west portion of the 1400 blocks of E Street SE, including a contraflow option on the one-way 1100 block.
- A study and decision on the best options to extend this lane further east using both or one of the following options:
- Continuing east past Kentucky Ave SE to 17th St SE.
- Turning south onto 40-foot Kentucky Ave SE and continuing to Barney Circle with a southbound contraflow lane on the 700-800 blocks of Kentucky Ave SE.

At a meeting of ANC 6B's Transportation Committee on April 1, 2019, Will Handsfield of DDOT presented the option of advisory bike lanes in lieu of standard on-street bike lanes. The ANC believes such lanes to be similar to standard bike lanes, though with dashed outer markings, which would allow automobiles to use the lanes when there is oncoming traffic. We are cautiously optimistic and supportive of this idea and believe it could be a good option for this area, whose existing street geometry generally does not support off-the-shelf bike lane configuration while maintaining street parking and two-way automobile traffic.

ANC 6B requests clarification whether stopping, standing, or parking in advisory bike lanes would be prohibited under the existing regulations or February 2019 proposed rulemaking. If not, ANC 6B would strongly urge DDOT to propose regulations that would prohibit stopping/standing/parking in advisory bike lanes.

Furthermore, since this is the first installation of such a lane in the District, ANC 6B strongly urges a post-installation study of the effectiveness of these lanes in a residential context and to present the study findings to ANC 6B and other interested parties.

And, finally, ANC 6B urges DDOT to implement as many of these changes in the 2019 striping season and to coordinate with Foulger-Pratt, developers of the residential project at 415 14th Street SE, as much as possible regarding the use of public space on the eastern portion of the 1300 block of E Street.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or 6B04@anc.dc.gov or Commissioner Corey Holman, 6B06@anc.dc.gov, if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ANC 6B

Attachment A: Concept design for 1300 Block of E Street SE

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