



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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Mr. Jeff Marootian  
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## **RE: Proposed Modifications to the Alternatives for the District Department of Transportation’s Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project**

Dear Director Marootian,

At its regular meeting on July 17, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is moving forward on evaluating and designing the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project alternatives between 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Washington Circle, after holding a public meeting on June 14, 2019, and is seeking comment from the public on preliminary thirty percent designs, and

WHEREAS, the Commission cannot wait until 2022 for safer conditions on Pennsylvania Avenue West, and supports the immediate implementation of a road diet, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian elements of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the objectives of the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project, which are:

1. Enhancing the monumental corridor,
2. Introducing dedicated multimodal amenities, like protected bike lanes,
3. Improving the pedestrian experience,
4. Safely connecting destinations and neighborhoods for all users, and
5. Enhancing sustainability through the introduction of green infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DDOT immediately implementing temporary measures through a Notice of Intent (NOI) that would create the roadway conditions and protected bike facilities called for under the Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project until the permanent project is ready to move forward with construction.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports increasing the width of the permanent separated bike lanes by one foot, to seven feet, to allow for greater passing width and enabling the use of Department of Public Works (DPW) clearing equipment to clear away snow and debris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports leveling the proposed protected bike lane with the surrounding treescape and sidewalk, which is not currently called for in this design, as doing so would make passing other people on bicycles safer and would protect against stormwater runoff issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports removing all on-street metered parking and designating any remaining on-street parking as commercial and rideshare loading spaces, but especially on the southwest segment of the 1900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests and expects that DDOT will be timely, transparent, and accountable to the community concerning issues that could cause delay or alteration of the project.

Commissioners James Harnett ([2A08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A08@anc.dc.gov)) and William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD  
Chairperson

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Brant Miller, Program Analyst, District Department of Transportation  
Nicole Goines, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services