



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

November 2, 2020

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Pennsylvania Avenue NW Streetscape Project

Dear Director Marootian,

At its regular meeting on September 16, 2020, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of six commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**5-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Goldin, 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 between 17th Street NW and Washington Circle, after holding a public meeting on June 14th, 2019, seeking comment on 30 percent designs in the summer of 2019, and is now seeking comment from the public on preliminary 65 percent designs, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A 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, 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, made more urgent by the deaths of



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Thomas Dwight Spriggs and Jesus Antonio Llanes-Datil, who were killed along this corridor in July 2019 when a vehicle traveling at high speed fatally struck them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A thanks DDOT for 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, as called for in an ANC 2A resolution from July 2019.¹

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A thanks DDOT for leveling the proposed protected bike lane with the surrounding treescape and sidewalk in some of the blocks of this design, as doing so makes passing others on bicycles safer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports designating any remaining on-street parking as commercial and rideshare loading spaces.

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) and Jeri Epstein (2A06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

James Harnett
Chairperson

CC: Huntae Kim, Program Manager, DDOT
Wayne Wilson, Project Manager, DDOT
Andrew DeFrank, Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT
David Suls, Senior Director of Policy and Planning, Golden Triangle BID
Nicole Goines, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services
Karyn Le Blanc, Senior Vice President, Stratacomm

¹ July 17, 2019. [“Proposed Modifications to the Alternatives for the District Department of Transportation’s Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project.”](#) ANC 2A.