



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

February 19, 2021

Mr. Everett Lott
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RE: Proposed Bike Lanes on 17th Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW

Dear Director Lott,

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2021, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Omictin and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Foggy Bottom and the West End severely lack bicycle facilities that allow for north-south travel, as none currently exist and only one, along 20th Street NW, has been approved thus far,

WHEREAS, a continued lack of north-south dedicated and protected bicycle facilities discourages existing and potential bicycle and micro-mobility users in Foggy Bottom from using these transit options and accessing other portions of the bicycle facilities network,

WHEREAS, 15th Street NW, on the eastern end of the White House, has a bicycle lane, but 17th Street NW, on the western perimeter, does not,

WHEREAS, before the COVID-19 public health emergency, the 15th Street NW bike lane was regularly heavily congested during rush hour,

WHEREAS, cyclists crossing the White House grounds from 15th Street NW, using the National Park Service trail through the Ellipse, cannot safely reach Foggy Bottom other than through G Street NW because of a lack of bicycle facilities on the White House’s western perimeter,

WHEREAS, cycling on the sidewalk is prohibited along 17th Street NW, which encourages bicycle users to share the road with drivers and risk serious injury, particularly for those using recumbent bicycles,



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WHEREAS, the newly-released moveDC plan by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) does not recommend the construction of a cycle track on 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, 17th Street NW is frequently used by tourists on bicycles to access the National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial, and other commemorative works,

WHEREAS, students attending courses at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design, as well as employees of government agencies and other employers located on 17th Street NW, need options to reach their destinations beyond walking and automobiles, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has called for the consideration of bike lanes along [17th Street NW north of K Street NW](#), and have been generally supportive of two-way protected cycle track on 17th Street NW [between Florida Ave NW and Constitution Ave NW](#).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on DDOT to add a protected, two-way cycle track along 17th Street NW between K Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW to their moveDC plan, in consultation with federal agencies tasked with security of the White House complex and the safety of federal officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on DDOT to consider closing the slip lane at New York Avenue NW and 17th Street NW, establishing a dedicated right turn lane in its stead, constructing a Capital Bikeshare station along the 17th Street NW curb, and converting the rest of the former road to communal and/or green space.

Commissioners Yannik Omictin (2A01@anc.dc.gov) and Jeri Epstein (2A06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jeri Epstein
Chairperson