



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

June 15, 2017

Mr. Sam Zimbabwe
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RE: Plans to Add LED Streetlights to the Pennsylvania Avenue NW Bridge Over Rock Creek Parkway at the Completion of DDOT’s Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe,

At its regular meeting on May 17, 2017, 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 Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has been installing LED streetlights at the completion of several roadway capital projects that the agency has carried out across the District,

WHEREAS, DDOT is currently carrying out the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, which involves the rehabilitation of the bridge’s span between Georgetown and the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods over Rock Creek Parkway,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has been informed by contractors for the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project that LED streetlights will be installed along the bridge at the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, ANC 2A, in addition to multiple ANCs and community groups across the District, has previously raised concerns about DDOT’s use of high-temperature LED bulbs, including 4000 and 5000 Kelvin bulbs, when converting streetlights to LED, including concerns about the health effects that the high-temperature bulbs have on both humans and wildlife,

WHEREAS, at ANC 2A’s April 19, 2017 meeting, the Commission voted to adopt a resolution calling on DDOT to use lower-temperature 2700 Kelvin LED bulbs when converting streetlights across the District,



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WHEREAS, DDOT has yet to commit to using lower-temperature LED bulbs as part of its streetlight conversions, including as part of the LED streetlights that will be installed on the Pennsylvania Avenue NW Bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Avenue NW Bridge is located in eyesight of condominium and hotel residential properties, and spans a national park with abundant wildlife, all of which may suffer adverse impacts through prolonged exposure to the 4000 Kelvin and 5000 Kelvin lighting that has been installed elsewhere in the District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the District Department of Transportation refrain from installing high-temperature, 4000 Kelvin to 5000 Kelvin LED bulbs in the streetlights on the Pennsylvania Avenue NW Bridge, and requests that DDOT commit to installing lower-temperature, 3000 Kelvin or less LED bulbs instead.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Richard Kenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, DDOT
Aaron Rhones, Systems Project Manager, DDOT
Richard Livingstone, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services
Dawn Dekker, Mid-Atlantic Region Marketing Manager, Volkert
Delores Bushong, Member, DC Street Light Task Force