



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
July 2, 2018**

Commissioners present: Nick Burger, Denise Krepp, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Daniel Ridge, and Jerry Sroufe

Resident Member present: Corey Holman (6B06)

Other Participants: Anne Wright and Melinda Fabrikant (200 block 8th), Sheila Fleishall (“Resident Only”), Kyle Gifford (400 block 12th SE), and several residents of 6B10.

Discussion on ANC6B’s Outstanding Requests of DDOT

Lee Goodall, head of Community Engagement, DDOT introduced Naomi Klein, who has joined his staff to focus on Ward 6 resident requests. The meeting participants discussed a list of outstanding requests with Goodall and Klein. The results of the conversations and commitments made are as follows, based on the summary list provided to DDOT in advance of the meeting.

From March 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting

- *Intersection studies for 8th & A SE and 4th and Independence SE*
DDOT rejected request for stop signs; proposed removal of parking spots to improve sight lines; Site visits promised
 - Pedestrian alert sign installed at 8th/A. No specific information on 4th/Independence
- *Tyler and Brent Elementary Schools*
Site visits promised to review options to improve student safety at intersections (10th & G SE; 3rd & North Carolina SE and 4th & North Carolina SE)
 - DDOT’s Derek Hardy (Safe Routes to Schools program) has met with officials of Brent Elementary and a decision has been made to install LPI to signals at 4th/NC and to enhance the crosswalks. No information on 3rd/NC but committee reminded DDOT that the major problem there seems to be the right turn lane for northbound traffic. The physical barrier encourages vehicle speed while turning. The committee recommended that the right turn lane be blocked with flexi-posts.
 - Mr. Hardy has apparently been in contact with officials of Tyler but no details provided. Commissioner Oldenburg will get in touch with Tyler and Mr. Hardy in September when students have returned as drop off and pick ups are the most problematic situations at Tyler.

Kentucky/Potomac/15th & G SE

DDOT's short, medium, and long terms options reviewed at June 2017 TC meeting. No further follow up discussions/actions.

- DDOT's Emily Dalphy has developed two short term options for the intersection. These could be presented to the community and reviewed at the September 5 TC meeting.

8th Street SE (unit-200 blocks)

ANC requested repairs and paving in January 2018. On and off discussions since but no schedule set.

- Mr. Goodall said that some of the vibration problems along this portion of 8th Street may be caused by utility grates and the like that are out of alignment with the road surface. He said DDOT was committed to milling and paving the unit-200 blocks of 8th Street SE in the 2018 calendar year and fixing the utility grates. He also said he would check into getting vibration equipment installed.

11th & D Street SE (17-00137202)

ANC's requested traffic calming study resulted in a DDOT decision not to install a traffic signal. Options suggested by DDOT do not seem to improve safety of pedestrians & bicyclists at intersection.

- Commissioner Oldenburg said that the results letter DDOT sent out on this request was missing any hard data that would enable the concerned residents to fully understand and evaluate DDOT's decision not to install a traffic signal at the intersection.
- The Committee requests DDOT to provide a staff person for its September 5 meeting to provide residents with the opportunity to discuss the discuss study data and results in full. This will be part of the meeting's planned topic "DDOT's Traffic Calming Process Explained."

12th Street SE (300 & 400 blocks) Traffic Calming Petition (17-00614522)

Petition submitted in October 2017. On June 18 2018, DDOT's Connie Wheeler informed Commissioner Oldenburg that the 300 block of 12th summary letter should be mailed that week and 400 block summary letter, mailed soon thereafter. Neither have been received.

- Mr. Goodall said he was unable to get status information on this petition in time for the Committee meeting but would follow up this week. He also noted that DDOT sends these "summary letters" by certified mail to the address of the resident who requests the study. If the resident is not able to accept the delivery, the letter is returned to DDOT.
- Mr. Gifford, a resident on the 400 block of 12th SE, expressed concern about the notice being received in August making it difficult for residents to review and provide feedback to DDOT on a timely basis. Mr. Goodall said that any deadlines could be adjusted.

Traffic Calming in 6B10 & DDOT Notices of Intent

Denise Krepp, Commissioner 6B10, briefed the Committee on the status of about 15 traffic calming intersection studies underway by DDOT. Most are located within 6B10 but others are in or overlap with 6B08 or 6B09. The Commission passed a resolution requesting these studies on September 13, 2017 and DDOT held two community meetings to discuss options. The ANC followed up with a letter in May 2018 approving plans for 5 intersections and asking for additional measures at 6 intersections'.¹ At that time the remaining intersections required the issuance of NOI's by DDOT because they involved removing some curbside parking. Subsequently, DDOT has issued NOIs for some of the five.

Commissioner Krepp and several 6B10 residents present complained that no action has yet been taken on 17th Street intersections. Mr. Goodall explained that these await completion of 17th Street as data collected in the interim would not be valid and could lead to incorrect conclusions.

Commissioner Krepp asked Mr. Goodall why DDOT had not responded to the list of intersections for which the community wants additional measures installed. He discussed the merits of several of these measures but said DDOT would respond in full. Commissioner Krepp then moved with a second by Commissioner Ridge that the Committee recommend the ANC send a letter to DDOT asking for the status of intersections for which the community had asked for additional measures. Commissioner Krepp offered to draft the letter. The Committee voted 6-0 in support of the motion and the item was placed on the July 10 Consent agenda.

Shortly, in advance of the meeting, Commissioner Jayaraman had sent the Committee a draft commenting on NOI 18-98-TOA. The Committee by unanimous consent took no position on the draft and the matter will be on the July 10 agenda for discussion and resolution.

Commissioner Ridge moved with a second by RM Holman, that the Committee recommend the ANC send a letter to DDOT in support of NOI 18-97-TOA. The Committee voted 6-0 in support of the motion and placed the item on the Consent agenda.

Draft letters were submitted separately from this report and are not necessarily consistent with the report.

Discussion on a Process for Obtaining "Resident Only" RPP Status

Kirsten Oldenburg, Commissioner 6b04, briefed the Committee on the project she has underway to convert RPP signage to "Resident Only" on one side of each RPP street in her SMD that currently does not have it.² DDOT no longer offers Resident Only to individual blocks but will consider requests for entire SMDs or ANCs.

So far, the 6B04 process has included distribution of a notice to about 300 affected households in SMD asking for their views and 40 responses have been received that breakdown into Yes, No, and Ambivalent. Next steps include personal visits to all businesses affected and churches and schools in the SMD. Ultimately, Commissioner Oldenburg has to submit a Resolution

¹ The letter is dated May 9, 2018 but was approved by the ANC on April 10, 2018

² About half of 6B04 (areas west of 11th, south of PA, and north of I Street) already has Resident Only signage.

requesting Resident Only for specific blocks to DDOT but it is not clear whether that Resolution needs to be supported by the ANC.

Suggested Upcoming Meeting Topics

- DDOT's Traffic Calming Process Explained
- SE Boulevard & Barney Circle Draft EA
- DDOT Sidewalk Repairs Process (recommended by Nick Burger)

The next Committee meeting is Wednesday September 5