



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting  
December 2, 2020**

**Commissioners present: Corey Holman, Steve Holtzman, Denise Krepp, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, and Jerry Sroufe.**

**Commissioners-elect present: Edward Ryder (6B07) and Alison Horn (6B09)**

**Resident Members present: Floyd Brown (6B01), Kevin Moriarty (6B02), Brian Kirrane (6B03), John Manley (6B04), Paul Hyden (6B06), Stefan Katz (6B07), Carol Grissom (6B08) and John Ten Hoeve (6B09)**

**DDOT Presentation on the 65% Design for Penn/Potomac Avenue SE Intersection Project**  
Morvarid Ganjalizadeh, DDOT's Project Manager, with Redeat Lodamo (contractor) presented the 65% design plan for the complete redesign of this longstanding unsafe intersection in ANC 6B. There have been 3 notable changes since the Committee saw the 30% design in June 2020:

- Revised curb geometry to accommodate future bike lanes planned through the intersection, in coordination with DDOT's Pennsylvania Ave SE Corridor Study team
- Expansion of the bus stop/layover area in front of Potomac Ave Metro, station through coordination with WMATA
- Evaluation of landscape/hardscape treatment options in the ellipse park, through coordination with NPS, CFA and NCPC

In addition, the Maintenance of Traffic planning for the eventual four phases of construction has begun. As a result of the 65% design, a retaining wall adjacent to 715 14th Street SE needs to be moved about 7 feet to accommodate the bike lane and 3 lanes of vehicle traffic at 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue SE. The existing wall, sidewalk, and curb are in public space. Rachel Schneider, landscape architect, described the design and suggested plantings for the Ellipse. Plants incorporated need to be ones that require little care over the seasons. She rejected a suggestion for fruit trees on that basis but said low berry bushes might be an option.

The project's estimated schedule includes 90% design (Spring 2021), final 100% design (Summer 2021), and 18 months of construction to begin in Spring 2022. Ms Ganjalizadeh said construction funding of \$18 million has been applied for however this estimate is based on the 30% design. Thus, the 65% and ultimately the final design may see an increase in the estimate.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved, with a second by Commissioner Ready, to recommend the Commission support the 65% design, express a concern about the availability of construction funding, and thank the DDOT team for its presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

### **DDOT Presentation on New Study on Eastbound Exit Ramp (D4) at 695 & 11th Street SE with Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements**

Mr. Ravindra Ganvir, DDOT Deputy Chief Engineer, and Mr. Jon Whitney, HNTB, presented information on a new study that aims to reduce vehicle accidents on the eastbound exit ramp (“D4”), make bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements along 11th Street SE, add a lighted bike/ped path through Virginia Avenue Park (9th to 11th), and reduce the accident causing vehicle weaving that occurs at DC-295 and Pennsylvania Avenue SE in Ward 7.

The ramp was not built to the original 5-lane design in the 11th Street Bridges EIS but because of the then upcoming CSX Tunnel project. Instead 3 lanes were built; one to connect with the entrance to the SE Freeway on the east side of 11th Street and one each for left and right turns onto 11th Street. Using traffic data collected for the SE Boulevard project and accident data for 2017, 2018, and 2019, DDOT concluded that the ramp only needed one additional lane rather than two. This would enable the construction of longer left and right turn pocket lanes and provide two through lanes.

The presentation also showed 3 bike lane options to improve the existing unprotected lanes on either side of 11th under the freeway overpass. The current westside lane is on the sidewalk just south of K Street to M Street and then extends on the street down 11th to O Street to connect with the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail. Option A: a two-way protected cycle track from I to O Streets. Option B: Off-Street Split Use Path on Both Sides of 11th Street. Option C: On-Street Bike Lanes on Both Sides of 11th Street from ramp D-3 to M. DDOT recommends Option A.

If funded (cost about \$6 million), installation could occur in 2023/2024. ANC needs clarification on estimated cost and what it includes.

Following the presentation was a long, robust discussion/Q&A on both the proposed ramp and bike lane options. For the ramp, issues included whether the expansion would induce traffic and/or reduce accidents on the ramp; what kind of ITS signaling at the top of the ramp would be employed and whether it would redirect traffic; if DDOT has 2020 accident data. Bicycle improvements generated most of the conversation. There seemed to be a consensus on Option A but concerns were voiced with safety at the intersections of D3 & D4; the switch over at I Street from existing bike lanes on both sides of 11th Street and the connection at the foot of 11th that has been closed. (Mr. Ganvir indicated that this would be reopening.) Concerns were also expressed about whether DDOT had taken into consideration plans for the SE Boulevard, a new development at 1333 M Street SE, and the upcoming Bridge Park. Explicit plans to improve pedestrian safety are missing from the study.

Commissioner Oldenburg noted that, given this first look at the study it will provide community benefits yet it didn’t seem appropriate at this stage to either shoot it down or support it. She moved, with a second by Commissioner Holman, that the Committee recommend the ANC thank DDOT for the presentation, indicate we need to see more on the study and look forward to a next presentation addressing our concerns. Commissioner Oldenburg accepted a friendly amendment

by Commissioner Holman that DDOT meet in January 2021 at the SMD level for more discussions. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

**Discussion on TSA Draft for Improvement to Crosswalk at 12th & East Capitol Streets SE**

Commissioner Steve Holtzman briefly discussed a TSA Questionnaire that his constituent, Eli Rosenfeld, plans to submit to DDOT for pedestrian safety upgrades at 12th & East Capitol Streets SE. This request may eventually be incorporated into the upcoming 12th Street Advisory Bike Lane project and/or integrated with traffic calming requests by ANC 6A for other areas around Lincoln Park. No action was taken by the Committee.

**Discussion on Request for Hump for 1700 block of Bay Street SE**

Commissioner Denise Krepp, on behalf of her constituent, Will Dennis, said that Bay Street residents experience vehicle traffic speeding while cutting through on their block to get between 19th and 17th Streets SE. A TSA Questionnaire (SR 20-00252881) was submitted to DDOT requesting speed humps on this and the 200 block of 17th Street SE. DDOT's Andrew deFrank had responded that humps would not be permitted on 17th Street since it is classified as a minor arterial. However, DDOT would proceed with analysis on Bay Street, which is classified as a local street.

Commissioner Krepp moved with a second by Commissioner Sroufe that the Committee recommend the ANC support the request for hump/s on Bay Street.

THREE (3) DRAFT LETTERS TO DDOT:

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RE: TSA #20-00252881—Speed Hump/s on 1700 Block of Bay Street SE

At a properly noticed regular meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B on December 8, 2020, with a quorum present, the Commission voted x-x-x to support the request for speed hump/s on Bay Street SE.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or [6B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B04@anc.dc.gov), if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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RE: 2020 I-695 Ramp Traffic Study

At a properly noticed meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B with a quorum present on December 8, 2020, the Commission voted x-x-x to thank DDOT for the comprehensive presentation on this new study and looks forward to a follow up presentation addressing our concerns expressed at the ANC6B Transportation Committee meeting on December 2.

In addition, the Commission requests DDOT to meet at the SMD level in January 2021 for further consultations.

Please contact Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair at 202-546-8542 or [6B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B04@anc.dc.gov), if you have any questions about this request or need further information.

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RE: Pennsylvania & Potomac Avenues SE Intersection Improvement Study

At a properly noticed meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B with a quorum present on December 8, 2020, the Commission voted x-x-x to support the 65% design and Ellipse landscape concepts presented at the ANC6B Transportation Committee meeting on December 2, express concerns about the availability of construction funding, and thank the DDOT team for its presentation.

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