



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
PO Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

June 4, 2019

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Request for a Median Curb Cut and Crosswalk across Rhode Island Avenue NW at
5th Street NW

Dear Director Marootian:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L Street, NW, to consider a resolution for a median curb cut and crosswalk across Rhode Island Ave., NW at 5th St., NW. At the Commission's meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E voted (7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to support the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1975 grants ANC 6E the responsibility to advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards, and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of District government policy, including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the ANC 6E area,

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NW and 5th Street NW ("the Intersection") lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E and within ANC 6E Single Member District 6E05,

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Avenue NW at the Intersection is classified as a principal arterial with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour,

WHEREAS, 5th Street NW at the Intersection is classified as a local road with stop signs controlling traffic entering Rhode Island Avenue NW from the northbound and southbound side,

WHEREAS, the eastbound and westbound lanes of Rhode Island Avenue NW at the Intersection are separated by a 14-foot median island,

WHEREAS, the median island at the Intersection has sidewalk breaks aligned with the eastern and western sidewalks of 5th Street NW but does not have curb cuts,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk on 5th Street NW northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast corners of the Intersection do not have curb cuts entering Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, no marked crosswalk currently exists on 5th Street NW crossing Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the lack of curb cuts in the traffic island prevents people in wheelchairs from crossing at this Intersection,

WHEREAS, pedestrians and bicyclists regularly cross Rhode Island Avenue NW at the Intersection and are put in danger due to the lack of a marked crosswalk, bulbouts, traffic control signage, and high speed of vehicles traveling on Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, an unsignalized crosswalk and curb cut across Rhode Island Avenue NW already exists at 8th Street NW,

WHEREAS, drivers turning onto Rhode Island Avenue NW from the 5th Street NW (north and south side of the Intersection) frequently roll through or ignore the posted stop signs,

WHEREAS, bulb-outs are a measure that can reduce the speed of cars approaching an intersection and increase compliance with posted stop signs,

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT have committed to the principles of Vision Zero with the objective of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2024 through the more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering, and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Move DC policy is to have safer and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee at its public meeting of April 30, 2019, voted to recommend that ANC 6E pass a resolution to request that DDOT install a crosswalk and curb cut crossing Rhode Island Avenue NW at 5th Street NW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install a high visibility crosswalk and curb cuts crossing Rhode Island Avenue NW at 5th Street NW and signage alerting drivers to the need to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install bulbouts on 5th Street NW on both the north and south side intersections with Rhode Island Avenue NW.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander T. Marriott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander T. Marriott
Chair
ANC 6E

CC: Naomi Klein, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT