



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 the Installation of a Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW and for a Traffic Safety Assessment and Traffic Calming Plan for the Stretch of First Street NW between New York Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue 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 the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of First St., NW and L St., NW and for a traffic safety assessment and traffic calming plan for the stretch of First St., NW between New York Ave., NW and Mass. Ave., 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 (6 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 First Street NW and L Street NW lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E and on the the border of ANC 6E Single Member Districts 6E06 and 6E07,

WHEREAS, the current traffic pattern at the intersection of First Street NW (a collector) and L Street NW (a local road) includes a stop sign for the eastbound travel lane of L Street NW at the

intersection with First Street NW but does not include stop signs for the northbound or southbound travel lanes of First Street NW nor for the westbound travel lane of L Street NW,

WHEREAS, the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW poses danger for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists because the intersection is a heavily used by cut-through for vehicular traffic to avoid the North Capitol Street between New York Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW,

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,

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser has directed DDOT to convert more neighborhood intersections to four-way stops to improve safety and advance the priority of Vision Zero,

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

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has identified speeding as a significant factor in fatalities and serious injuries,

WHEREAS, neighbors living in the vicinity of the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW have complained about speeding on First Street NW through the intersection of L Street NW,

WHEREAS, the intersection of First Street NW and L Street lies adjacent to several community amenities, including the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, the Walker-Jones Educational Campus, and the RH Terrell Recreation Center, which attract a significant amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, including children, youth, and the elderly, that require extra traffic protection,

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Sursum Corda Housing Cooperative is expected to add 1,131 dwelling units to the area, which is expected to bring additional car, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic in the area,

WHEREAS, a stop sign on First Street NW at the intersection with L Street NW will reduce the distance of non-controlled driving for cars driving northbound and southbound through this intersection resulting in slower speeds and greater attention to pedestrians in the marked crosswalk,

WHEREAS, the placement of a stop sign on the westbound travel lane of L Street NW is necessary to complement the existing stop sign on the eastbound travel lane of L Street NW at the intersection with First Street NW,

WHEREAS, the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW lacks a curb ramp on the eastern side,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk on the east side of First Street NW extending north from the intersection with L Street NW is narrow and in disrepair, creating accessibility issues,

WHEREAS, DDOT has recently studied and designed proposals for traffic calming along the stretch of First Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and Bryant Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the section of First Street NW between New York Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW experiences similar problems with cut-through traffic and speeding as the reviewed section of First Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and Bryant Street NW,

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 four-way stop at the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install a four-way stop at the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT improve accessibility at the intersection of First Street NW and L Street NW by installing a curb cut on the east side of the crosswalk across First Street NW and improve the quality of the sidewalk on the east side of First Street NW extending north of the intersection,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests DDOT to conduct a traffic safety assessment for the stretch of First Street NW between New York Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW, and to propose a traffic calming plan for this same stretch of road.

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