



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

September 1, 2019

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

RE: Resolution Urging DDOT to Eliminate the Dual Lane and Study Additional Traffic Calming Measures at the Intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW

Dear Director Marootian:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L Street, NW, to consider the following resolution which urges the Department of Transportation (DDOT) to eliminate the dual lane and study additional traffic calming measures at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island 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:

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 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW and the intersection of 6th St., NW and R St., NW lie within the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E;

WHEREAS, the number of travel lanes on 6th Street NW changes from five lanes south of Rhode Island Ave., NW (three lanes northbound and two lanes southbound) to two lanes north of Rhode Island Ave., NW (one lane northbound and one lane southbound);

WHEREAS, 6th St., NW northbound has two right turn lanes entering Rhode Island Ave., NW;

WHEREAS, intersections with dual turn lanes create multiple points of conflict between motor vehicles and pedestrians, which elevates the stress of pedestrians crossing at the signalized crosswalk and increases the risk of motor vehicle crashes with pedestrians;

WHEREAS, the hazard created by the dual turn lane at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW is compounded by a number of additional factors, including:

- The wide angle of the turn onto Rhode Island Ave., NW;
- The short length of the block of 6th St., NW between R St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW;
- The change in traffic pattern on 6th St., NW from south of Rhode Island Ave., NW to north of Rhode Island Ave., NW; and
- The frequent speeding of motor vehicles on Rhode Island Ave., NW.

WHEREAS, in March 2018, DDOT committed to eliminating dual turn lanes at 36 intersections in the District, including at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW;¹

WHEREAS, over 15 months have passed since DDOT announced its plan to eliminate dual turn lanes at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW, but as of the date of this resolution, DDOT has taken no action to eliminate the dual turn lanes,

WHEREAS, additional safety improvements are needed slow turning speeds, reduce conflict between motor vehicles and pedestrians, and improve the safety of the intersection of 6th Street NW and Rhode Island Ave., 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, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E urges DDOT to eliminate the dual turn lanes at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E also urges DDOT to study feasibility additional traffic calming measures for the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW, such as bulb outs, turn hardening, and lane reconfigurations;

¹ See: <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/intersections-dual-turn-lanes>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E advises DDOT that the implementation timing of traffic calming measures should take into account the traffic control plans related to the construction of the DC Water Northeast Boundary Tunnel project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests DDOT to consult with the Commission and the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee on the planning, design, and implementation of the elimination of the dual turn lanes and implementation of traffic calming measures at the intersection of 6th St., NW and Rhode Island Ave., NW.

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: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Naomi Klein, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT