



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

September 2, 2019

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

Re: Resolution Requesting a Traffic Safety Assessment and Traffic Calming Plan for Florida Ave., between Georgia Ave., NW and New York Ave., NE.

Dear Director Marootian:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L St., NW, to consider the following resolution requesting a traffic safety assessment and traffic calming plan for Florida Ave., between Georgia Ave., NW and New York Ave., NE. 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, Mayor Muriel Bowser, DDOT, councilpersons, and many other executive officials 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, 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, DDOT has been studying Florida Ave., NE with the intention of completing a Traffic Safety Assessment and Traffic Calming Plan;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E is bordered by Florida Ave., NW from that avenue's intersection with T St. to that avenue's intersection with New Jersey Ave., but whose constituents' access to NW and NE neighborhoods is limited by the current use/configuration of the totality of Florida Ave.;

WHEREAS, Florida Ave., NW now links many vibrant neighborhoods in NW Washington (Shaw, LeDroit Park, Truxton Circle, Bloomingdale, Eckington), and through the same Ave., to many vibrant neighborhoods in NE Washington (Union Market, Gallaudet, North Capitol Hill, Trinidad, H Street);

WHEREAS, residents of the District want to recover their major avenue's as corridors for all forms of transportation including vehicles, bicycles, scooters and foot traffic;

WHEREAS, residents of the above-mentioned neighborhoods feel that Florida Ave., NW functions too much as a feeder to extra-District highways, and too little as a District Ave., for residents;

WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been both pedestrian and bicycle fatalities along Florida Ave., NW;

WHEREAS, Florida Ave., NW has become a significant commercial corridor with numerous small businesses, restaurants, and bars, all increasing both foot and bicycle traffic;

WHEREAS, there are many complex intersections (e.g. New Jersey-Rhode Island-Florida, Florida-North Capital, Florida-Eckington-New York) and vehicles race through these intersections to avoid traffic lights;

WHEREAS, intra-block pedestrian crosswalks are routinely ignored by vehicle drivers, in particular the blocks immediately east of the intersection of Florida Ave., NW and Georgia Ave., NW, despite attempts by DDOT to mark these with standing flexible bollards;

WHEREAS, south-bound vehicles which turn from Georgia Ave., on to Florida Ave., NW heading eastward drive at high speeds through a congested area of small businesses, and where pedestrians have been struck;

WHEREAS, the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee at its public meeting May 28, 2019, voted to recommend that ANC 6E pass a resolution to request that DDOT conduct a Traffic Safety Assessment and Traffic Calming Plan for Florida Ave., NW between Georgia Ave., and New York Ave.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT conduct a Traffic Safety Assessment and Traffic Calming Plan for Florida Ave., between Georgia Ave., NW and New York Ave., NE with the intent that Florida Ave., function as a safe and efficient corridor linking all its neighborhoods by vehicular, bicycle, scooter, and pedestrian modes of transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all means of reforming Florida Ave., NW be considered including, but not limited to: protected bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks, raised pedestrian crossings, turn hardening, and curb extensions at pedestrian crosswalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests DDOT to consult with the ANC and the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee on the planning, design, and implementation of the traffic safety assessment and traffic calming plan for Florida Ave., between Georgia Ave., NW and New York Ave., NE.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Alex Marriott
Chair, ANC 6E

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