



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
P.O. Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

May 5, 2020

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

RE: Resolution Requesting a Traffic Safety Assessment and Parking Assessment for the Area Around the Future Banneker Academic High School

Dear Director Marootian:

On April 7, 2020, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E ("ANC 6E" or "Commission") and with a quorum of 7 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions:

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, and the Council of the District of Columbia have committed to the principles of Vision Zero with the objective of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the District by 2024 through the more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering;

WHEREAS, the vision of the moveDC Plan calls for safer and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods and a transportation system that accommodates the travel needs of all residents, workers, and visitors regardless of age or ability;

WHEREAS, the site of the future Banneker Academic High School, which is bordered on the east by 9th Street NW, on the north by R Street NW, on the West by 11th Street NW, and on the south by Rhode Island Avenue NW, lies within the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E and in the Single Member District 6E01;



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WHEREAS, a comprehensive transportation review (CTR) was completed for the Banneker High School project in July 2019 that assessed existing and future impacts of the school's relocation and expansion on transportation level of service, transit service, and facilities needs for pedestrians and bicyclists;

WHEREAS, the CTR for the Banneker High School project predicts an increase in motor vehicle traffic volume of 181 vehicles per hour in the AM peak hour, 199 vehicles per hour in the afternoon school peak hour, and 60 vehicles per hour in the evening commuter peak hour;

WHEREAS, the CTR for the Banneker High School project does not assess traffic safety under current and future traffic conditions, including the safety of Banneker High School students, staff, and area residents;

WHEREAS, the CTR for the Banneker High School project does not assess the current availability and utilization of street parking in the neighborhood or future street parking utilization, including student pick-up / drop-off and on-street parking by Banneker staff, parents, volunteers, and visitors, including event attendees;

WHEREAS, the ANC 6E has repeatedly requested that DDOT conduct traffic safety assessments and implement interventions to improve traffic safety in the area surrounding the future Banneker High School, including:

- Letter Requesting a Traffic Study for the 900 Block of French Street NW (July 17, 2018),
- Resolution Requesting the Installation of Speed Cameras, and the installation of High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Signal, and a Traffic Safety Assessment for the Intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW (January 28, 2020),
- Resolution Requesting the Installation of an All Way Stop at the Intersection of 8th Street and R Street NW (January 28, 2020), and
- Resolution Requesting a Traffic Safety Assessment and Turn Hardening at the Intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Q Street NW (Southeast Corner) (April X, 2020);

WHEREAS, the French Street Neighborhood Association has written a letter to DDOT requesting a study of the impact of the Banneker High School project on traffic safety and parking;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT conduct a traffic safety assessment for the area around the future Banneker High School to identify current traffic safety issues and predict issues that are likely to occur due to the changing traffic patterns created by



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the Banneker High School, and that the scope of this traffic safety assessment also include the 900 Block of French Street NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT assess the current and future availability and utilization of on-street parking, including student pick-up/drop-off and on-street parking by Banneker staff, parents, volunteers, and visitors, including event attendees; in the area around the future Banneker High School;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Nigro

Rachelle Nigro,
Chair

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