



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

June 8, 2021

Charles Allen
Ward 6 Councilmember
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Resolution Requesting Funding for the S Street NW Revitalization Plan in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Dear Councilmember Allen:

On June 1, 2021, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (“ANC 6E” or “Commission”) conducted virtually via videoconference 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 S Street NW Revitalization Project is a DDOT capital project that will significantly improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity through the project corridor, which is defined as S Street NW between 7th Street NW and Florida Avenue NW and 6th Street NW between Rhode Island Avenue NW and S Street NW;¹

WHEREAS, the S Street NW Revitalization Project is currently at 65% design and is expected to complete 100% design by the end of Fiscal Year 2021;

WHEREAS, the majority of the project corridor for the S Street NW Revitalization Plan lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E in Single Member District 6E02;

WHEREAS, the 65% Design S Street NW Revitalization Project includes measures that will significantly calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety throughout the project corridor, including:

- Installation of curb extensions at each intersection within the project corridor that will reduce pedestrian crossing distances and slow vehicles entering the intersections;
- Conversion of the intersection of S Street and 5th Street NW to an all-way stop;
- Addition of high-visibility crosswalks at all intersections within the project corridor;

¹ <https://www.sstreetnw-revitalization.com/>



- Elimination of the slip lane and narrowing of the turning radius at the intersection Florida Avenue and New Jersey Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the 65% Design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project will widen sidewalks and bring them into compliance with ADA standards, including standards for sidewalk width and curb ramps;

WHEREAS, the 65% Design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project will improve stormwater management using curb extensions and tree boxes with bioretention planters and enhance tree canopy that will contribute to the livability and climate resiliency of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the 65% Design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project will close S Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and Florida Avenue NW. This street closure will significantly improve traffic safety in the traffic triangle bordered by Florida Avenue NW, Rhode Island Avenue NW, and New Jersey Avenue NW. The closure will also reclaim the roadbed as a community space for the use and enjoyment of residents;

WHEREAS, the S Street NW Revitalization Project is a DDOT capital project with the goals to improve safety for all travel modes, enhance pedestrian connectivity, discourage vehicular speeding, and upgrade deficient streetscape features;

WHEREAS, Shaw neighbors have for decades advocated for improvements to the traffic safety and streetscape improvements on S Street NW, including accessible sidewalks, traffic calming, and a fuller street tree canopy and the S Street NW Revitalization Plan is the culmination of this advocacy;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E has passed three resolutions strongly supporting the S Street NW Revitalization Project at the concept, 30% design, and 65% design stage;

WHEREAS, DDOT has informed this Commission that without budgetary intervention, the S Street NW Revitalization Plan will not be funded in the capital budget until Fiscal Year 2026, which is over four years after the finalization of the project design;

WHEREAS, the improvements to traffic safety, pedestrian accessibility, and multimodal mobility included in the S Street NW Revitalization Plan are urgently needed and should not wait until Fiscal Year 2026 for funding;

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser presented to Council the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget on May 27, 2021, which includes \$8.3 million to fund the S Street NW Revitalization Plan, but it is unclear in which fiscal year this project is funded;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that the S Street NW Revitalization Plan be fully funded in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget for construction in Fiscal Year 2022;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Sincerely,

Rachelle Nigro

Rachelle Nigro,
Chair

CC: Members of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment:
Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Councilmember, Committee Chair
Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4 Councilmember
Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 5 Councilmember
Christina Henderson, At-Large Councilmember

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Interim Director Everett Lott, DDOT