



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

June 9, 2021

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Supervisory Civil Engineer
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55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Resolution Supporting the S Street NW Revitalization 65% Plans with Specific Recommendations for Plan Improvement

Dear Mr. Mohamed:

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 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;¹

WHEREAS, the S Street NW Revitalization Project corridor consists of the 400, 500, and 600 Blocks of S Street NW and the 1700 Block of 6th Street NW between Rhode Island Avenue NW and S Street NW, which lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E;

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

WHEREAS, DDOT has conducted extensive public outreach regarding the S Street NW Revitalization Project, including community meetings, community walk-throughs, and presentations to the ANC the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee ("TAC"), including a presentation on the 65% Design to the TAC on May 25, 2021;

¹ D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.01 *et seq.*



WHEREAS, ANC 6E has passed resolutions supportive of the S Street NW Revitalization Project at both the concept stage and the 30% design stage with specific recommendations for project improvements;²

WHEREAS, the 65% Design S Street NW Revitalization Project includes numerous measures that will calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety, 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; and
- 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 4th Street 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 pedestrians, bicyclists, and micromobility users;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E reiterates its strong support for the S Street NW Revitalization Project, including support for the 65% design plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E recommends the following design enhancements to further improve safety and accessibility of the the 65% design plans:

² ANC Resolution #1: *RE: Support for Traffic Calming and Streetscape Improvements for the 400 and 500 Blocks of S Street NW and the 1700 Block of 6th Street NW between Rhode Island Avenue NW and S Street NW*, 8 December 2019. Available:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12d_Ba2M1qfhpmezRUz_LjwhnDwetPXcn/view?usp=sharing

ANC Resolution #2: *RE: Resolution Supporting the S Street NW Revitalization 30% Plans with Specific Recommendations for Plan Improvement*, 8 November 2020. Available:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P7U9ixZDa8bWCcC090FWeVuht3L94TKa/view?usp=sharing>.



- Build a direct, accessible pathway for pedestrians to access the bus stop at Rhode Island Avenue NW and New Jersey Avenue NW (WMATA Bus Stop 1001597) from 4th Street NW (and vice versa) (*See illustration in Appendix 1*);
- Widen the crosswalk and install a second curb ramp across Florida Avenue NW between 4th Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW to allow pedestrians to continue front the triangle onto both 4th Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW (and vice versa) (*See illustration in Appendix 1*);
- Retain the traffic light at the intersection of S Street NW and New Jersey Avenue NW; and
- Include a raised crosswalk across S Street St NW at Wiltberger Street NW to slow traffic and enhance pedestrian visibility;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Sincerely,

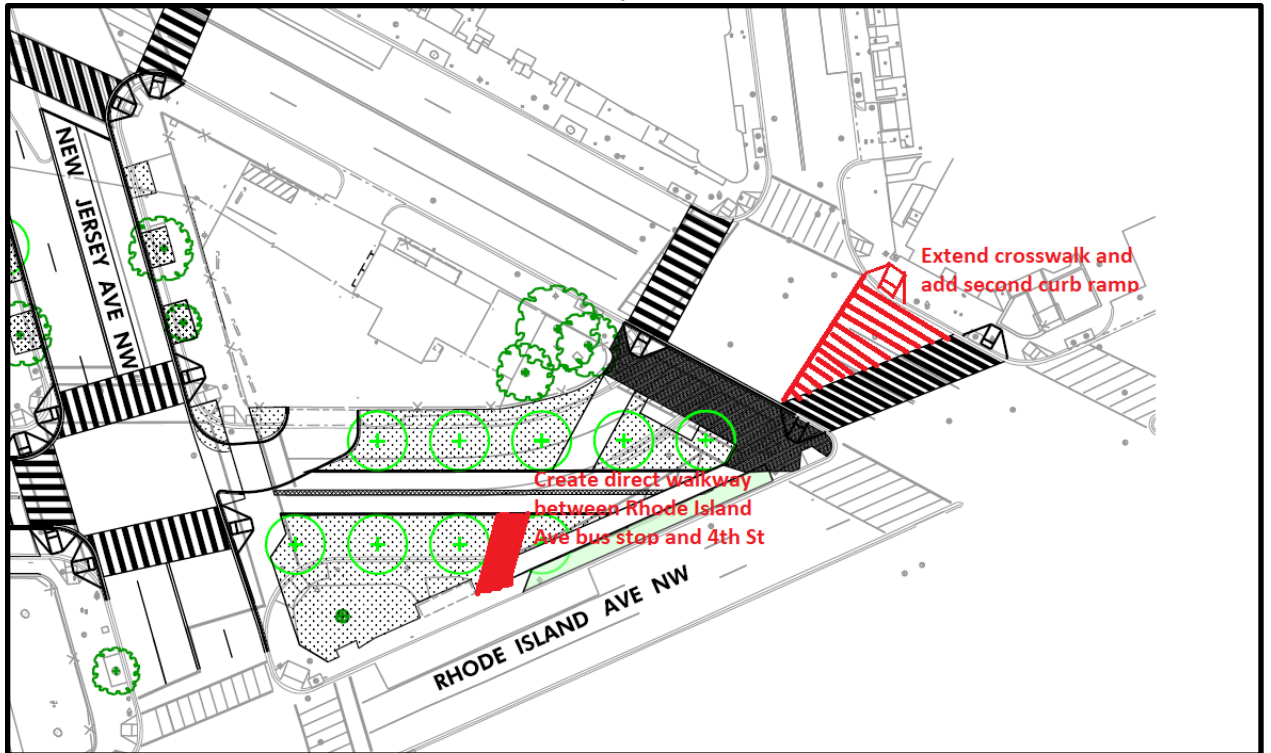
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachelle Nigro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachelle Nigro,
Chair

CC: Interim Director Everett Lott, DDOT
Andrew DeFrank, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT
Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember

Appendix 1

Figure 1: Rendering of design recommendations for the triangle between Florida Avenue NW, Rhode Island Avenue NW, and New Jersey Avenue NW



1. Widen the crosswalk across Florida Avenue NW and add a second curb ramp to facilitate pedestrian crossings from 4th Street NW into the triangle (and vice versa).
2. Create an accessible pedestrian walkway to the bus stop on Rhode Island Avenue NW.