



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

January 4, 2022

Everett Lott
Interim Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Resolution Supporting Concept Plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project

Dear Interim Director Lott:

On December 7, 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 6 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 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, New Jersey Avenue NW between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW serves as the eastern border of ANC 6E in Single Member Districts 6E02 and 6E04;

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") presented concept plans for a lane diet and protected bike lane project for New Jersey Avenue NW between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW ("the New Jersey Avenue Corridor Safety Project" or "the New Jersey Avenue Project") to the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee on October 26, 2021, and to ANC 6E December 2021, 2021;

WHEREAS, the segment of New Jersey Avenue NW between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW is included in the moveDC Bicycle Priority Network. Building protected bike lanes along the

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



Project corridor would create connections to critical bicycle facilities on R Street NW, Q Street NW, and New Jersey Avenue NW south of N Street NW;

WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2020, DDOT documented 172 crashes in the Project corridor, with the highest volume of crashes occurring at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW (48 crashes) and the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW (42 crashes);

WHEREAS, ANC 6E has repeatedly requested that DDOT implement traffic calming measures on New Jersey Avenue NW, including supporting the S Street NW Revitalization Project and a pair of DDOT Notices of Intent (“NOI”) regarding safety improvements and signalization of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW.² The New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project builds on these other initiatives to calm traffic and create facilities to support a multimodal New Jersey Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the concept plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project would reduce the number of travel lanes on New Jersey Avenue NW through the project corridor from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a shared central turning lane;

WHEREAS, the concept plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project include protected bicycle lanes between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW;

WHEREAS, the lane diet and protected bike lanes proposed in the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Study will slow traffic through this corridor, reduce turn conflicts, and increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E broadly supports the buildout of a connected and protected bike lane network in furtherance of the District’s transportation, climate, and transportation safety goals as defined in the 2021 Update to the moveDC Plan, Sustainable DC 2.0, and the Vision Zero Action Plan, respectively;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project provides an opportunity to implement additional measures to improve traffic safety and pedestrian accessibility along the project corridor, including closing unnecessary curb cuts, closing slip lanes, paving a pedestrian

² ANC 6E Conditional Support for Traffic Safety Improvements at the Intersection of New Jersey Avenue and O Street NW (NOI-21-139), Available:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c2VHwcQwOQk4ScfR7E2RPa15_RpVinqJ/view?usp=sharing.

ANC 6E Support for Traffic Signal Installation at the Intersection of New Jersey Avenue and O Street NW (NOI 21-197-TESD), Available: <http://anc6e.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Support-for-Traffic-Signal-at-the-Intersection-of-NJ-Ave-O-St-NW-NOI.docx>



“desire path”³, and fixing the unused traffic signal in front of the fire station at 1300 New Jersey Avenue NW;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E supports the concept plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project and requests that DDOT move forward with all expediency to the 30% design phase for this project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E recommends that the following design changes be incorporated into the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project:

- Install accessible raised platforms at bus stops along the New Jersey Avenue NW project corridor (ZICLA Platforms), similar to the raised platforms that are installed at bus stops along the K Street NW protected bike lane;
- Implement traffic calming and bicycle protection measures at the complex intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW, P Street NW, and 4th Street NW to reduce the risk of right hooks to bicyclists from drivers turning right from New Jersey Avenue NW northbound onto 4th Street NW northbound;
- Install a pedestrian crosswalk and ADA curb ramps on the east leg of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and Franklin Street NW;
- Close slip lanes exiting New Jersey Avenue NW at the following locations and create straight pedestrian crossings:
 - 4th Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW⁴
 - 3rd Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and N Street NW
- Reduce the number of sidewalk curb cuts leading to commercial parking areas from two to one at the following locations:
 - Marathon Gas Station at 1739 New Jersey Avenue NW⁵
 - Valero Gas Station at 420 Rhode Island Avenue NW⁶

³ Desire path is defined as an unplanned route or path (such as one worn into a grassy surface by repeated foot traffic) that is used by pedestrians in preference to or in the absence of a designated alternative (such as a paved pathway). Source: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/desire%20line>

⁴ The closure of the 4th Street NW slip lane between New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW was previously proposed by DDOT in NOI-21-139 and supported by ANC 6E.

⁵ See Appendix Figure 1.

⁶ See Appendix Figure 2.



- Strip mall between and Q Street NW and Franklin Street NW (1541-1545 New Jersey Avenue NW)⁷
- Improve pedestrian access and accessibility by paving the clear desire path from New Jersey Avenue NW to O Street NW along the Dunbar High School fence;⁸ and
- Work with DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (“FEMS”) to either remove the traffic signal next to the fire station at 1300 New Jersey Avenue NW that is not currently used by the station or to change the signal from green to permanent flashing yellow to caution drivers passing the fire station⁹.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Nigro

Rachelle Nigro,
Chair

CC: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember
Will Handsfield, Bicycle Program Specialist, DDOT
Andrew DeFrank, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT

⁷ See Appendix Figure 3.

⁸ See Appendix Figure 4.

⁹ See Appendix Figure 5.

Attachment 1: Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Two curb cuts at Marathon Gas Station (1739 New Jersey Avenue NW)



Exhibit 2: Two curb cuts at Valero Gas Station (420 Rhode Island Avenue NW)

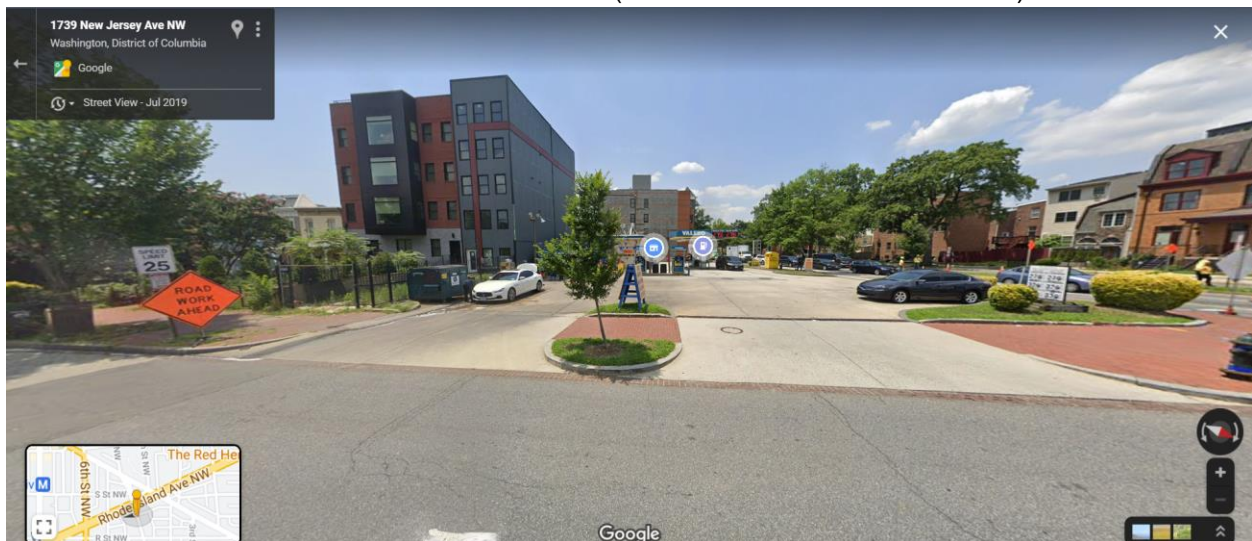




Exhibit 3: Two curb cuts at the strip mall between and Q Street NW and Franklin Street NW (1541-1545 New Jersey Avenue NW)



Exhibit 4: Desire Path between New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW

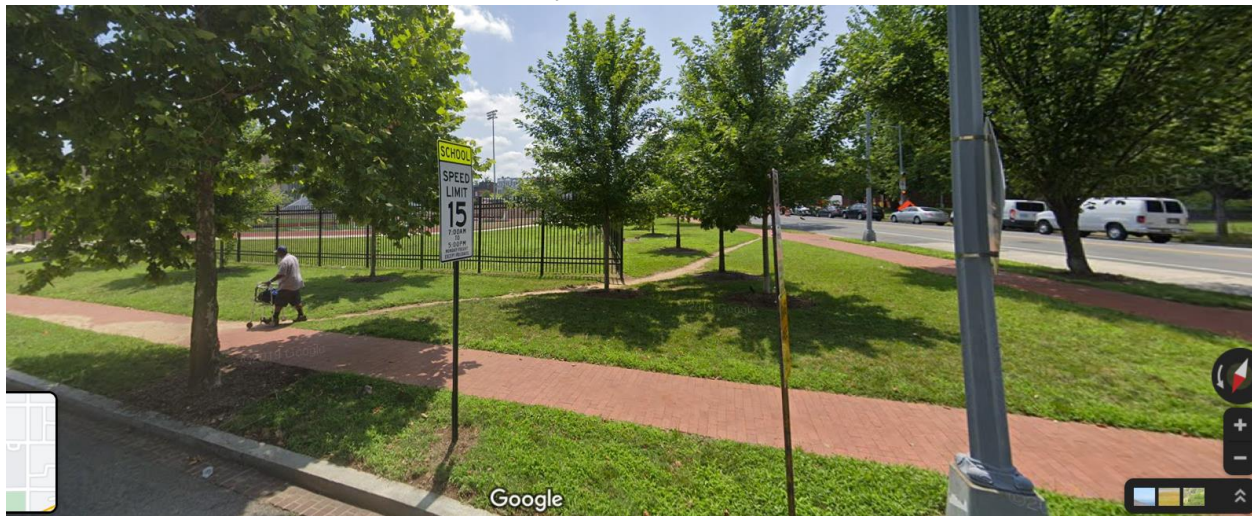


Exhibit 5: Traffic signal outside the fire station at 1300 New Jersey Avenue NW

