

## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**

PO Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

February 1, 2022

Muriel Bowser Mayor 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 2023 Budget

## Dear Mayor Bowser:

On February 1, 2022, 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 5 for, 2 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;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project is complete but construction is contingent on funding in the Capital Improvements Plan;

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. This area was redistricted from Ward 6 to Ward 2 on January 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, the 100% Design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project includes measures that will significantly calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety throughout the project corridor, including:

- Installation of concrete curb extensions at each intersection within the project corridor that will reduce pedestrian crossing distances and slow vehicles entering the intersections;
- Addition of high-visibility crosswalks at all intersections within the project corridor;

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



- Creation of a raised crosswalk across S Street NW at Wiltberger Street NW
- Elimination of the slip lane and narrowing of the turning radius at the intersection Florida Avenue and New Jersey Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the 100% Design for the S Street NW Revitalization Project will widen sidewalks and bring them into compliance with ADA standards for accessibility, including standards for sidewalk width and curb ramps;

WHEREAS, the 100% 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 100% 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 multiple resolutions strongly supporting the S Street NW Revitalization Project at the concept, 30% design, and 65% design stage;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan FY 2022 to FY 2027 does not fund construction of the S Street NW Revitalization Plan until Fiscal Year 2026;

WHEREAS, completion of the S Street NW Revitalization Plan will cost \$8,316,000, including \$1,247,400 for Project Management and \$7,068,600 for Construction;<sup>2</sup>

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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan FY 2022 to FY 2027, Attachment Q9 - Local Capital Projects Spend Plans.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that the S Street NW Revitalization Project be fully funded in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for construction in Fiscal Year 2023;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Sincerely,

Michael Eichler,

Chair

CC: Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember

Director Everett Lott, DDOT

Donovan Boyd, DDOT Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist