



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

David Carson Lipscomb
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District Department of Transportation

Re: Request for Automated Enforcement Pilot and/or Short-Term Metering for PUDO Zones on the 400 Block of K St NW

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

On May 3rd, 2022, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of ANC6E conducted via videoconference with a quorum of 7 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

As you know from ongoing discussions, ANC6E has made traffic safety on the 400 block of K St NW a priority for the Commission. In October of 2021, ANC6E passed a resolution enumerating specific concerns about Pick-up/Drop-off (PUDO) zones on that block of K Street. Although we are encouraged by recent DDOT high-level attention being paid to this problem, including a walkthrough in late March 2022 by Deputy Director Kershbaum, issues with PUDO zones persist.

ANC6E continues to believe that fixing PUDO zones on the 400 block of K would go a long way in alleviating many of the traffic safety issues present on that block. Lack of clear guidance, signage, and enforcement with respect to PUDO zones have enabled drivers to treat PUDOs like permanent, unmetered parking spaces. As a result, drivers with legitimate pick-up or drop-off needs – such as individuals picking up food at one of the restaurants on K St, drivers picking up or dropping off passengers, or even USPS trucks delivering mail – do not have a place to park or stand. With nowhere to go, these drivers block sidewalks, alleyways, and the bike lane itself – creating hazardous traffic safety situations for pedestrians, other drivers, and cyclists alike.

To that end, ANC6E requests an automated enforcement pilot and/or short-term metering for PUDO zones on the 400 block of K St NW. Recognizing that human enforcement is not possible for all hours of the day, ANC6E believes that these initiatives will strengthen PUDO zone enforcement on K St, leading ultimately to a safer traffic safety environment on the 400 block of K St NW.

There are a variety of related issues in the Mt. Vernon Triangle area: blocked bicycle lanes, unenforced PUDO zones, illegal parking/standing for passenger or goods delivery, unmet needs



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for staging of commercial delivery vehicles (see NOI 22-91-TOA), and bus stop relocations (see NOI 22-149-TOA). Creative and synergistic solutions may arise if these are all considered together. Therefore, ANC 6E requests a longer-term and holistic assessment of these related issues.

On behalf of the Commission,

Michael Eichler, ANC6E Chair

cc:

Everett Lott, DDOT Director

Sharon Kershbaum, DDOT Deputy Director

David Lipscomb, DDOT Curbside Manager

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