



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

David Carson Lipscomb
Curbside Manager
Parking and Ground Transportation Division
District Department of Transportation

Re: ANC6E Opposition to NOI 22-91-TOA: Installation of Commercial Loading Zone on the West Side of the 1000 Block of 5th 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.

ANC6E is writing to provide feedback on NOI 22-91-TOA, addressing the 1000 block of 5th street, located within the geographic boundaries of Single Member District 6E05. ANC6E is appreciative of the opportunity to provide feedback on this NOI and for the effort being devoted to improving traffic safety in Mount Vernon Triangle, where ANC6E has also devoted significant attention.

However, after significant consultations with the community, ANC6E urges DDOT to not implement NOI 22-91-TOA as written due to substantial resident concerns. These concerns fall into five general categories, enumerated below:

1. Concerns about creating gridlock on the 1000 block of 5th street, an already significantly congested road with a short traffic light;
2. Concerns from nearby residents, particularly from the City Vista on K building, that their building will need to hire staff to assist in managing the aforementioned congestion, leading to additional costs passed down to residents;
3. Concerns about additional noise pollution from large commercial trucks, particularly from residents living adjacent to the proposed commercial loading zone;
4. Concerns about further loss of idling/parking space in Mount Vernon Triangle, a neighborhood that continues to add population density whilst on a downward trend of available idling/parking space; and
5. Concerns about which organization or entity would be in charge of enforcement for this loading area in the context of lack of enforcement on K Street for PUDO zones.

For these reasons, ANC6E urges DDOT to not implement the project proposed in NOI 22-91-TOA. As an alternative, ANC6E urges DDOT to continue engagement with property owners, particularly at the City Vista properties, to explore the idea of their commercial loading facilities opening one hour earlier to accommodate the commercial trucks making deliveries to Safeway.



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This change could have a substantial effect on residents and resident buy-in would be required to take on such an accommodation. As a preliminary step, one approach could be a 2 week long pilot to evaluate the effect such a change has on both residents and the commercial loading environment. Thank you for your time and attention on this important issue.

Furthermore, 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 for staging of commercial delivery vehicles, 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 Eicher, ANC6E Chair