



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
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May 4, 2022

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RE: Resolution Supporting DDOT NOI #22-94-TESD: Roadway Reconfiguration, Lane Reduction, and Protected Bike Lanes on New Jersey Avenue NW from Rhode Island Avenue NW to N Street NW

Dear M. Nabaee:

On May 3, 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, 1 against, and 1 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 Rhode Island 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 7, 2021;

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



WHEREAS, the segment of New Jersey Avenue NW between Rhode Island Avenue NW and N Street NW is included in the moveDC Bicycle Priority Network. Building protected bike lanes along the Project corridor will create connections to critical bicycle facilities on R Street NW, Q Street NW, and New Jersey Avenue NW south of N Street NW;

WHEREAS, the 100% design plans for the S Street NW Revitalization Project include a lane diet and protected bike lane on New Jersey Avenue NW between Rhode Island Avenue NW and Florida Avenue NW and closure of S Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and 4th Street NW. Combined with the proposed New Jersey Avenue NW Safety Project, this creates an continuous bike route between the Shaw and LeDroit park neighborhoods;

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 NOI 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. According to the Federal Highway Safety Administration, these types of “road diets” are shown to reduce crash volume by 19 to 47 percent, reduce vehicle speed differentials, improve mobility and access by all road users, and integrate the roadway into surrounding uses that results in an enhanced quality of life³;

WHEREAS, the NOI for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project include protected bicycle lanes between Rhode Island Avenue NW and N Street NW;

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>

³ https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/



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, ANC 6E unanimously passed a resolution at its December 7, 2021, meeting expressing support for the concept plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project⁴;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E supports DDOT NOI 22-94-TESD: Roadway Reconfiguration, Lane Reduction, and Protected Bike Lanes on New Jersey Avenue NW from Rhode Island Avenue NW to N Street NW;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Eichler', written over a faint circular stamp.

Michael Eichler,
Chair

CC: Everett Lott, Director of DDOT
Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember
Donovan Boyd, Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT

⁴ <http://anc6e.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Resolution-Supporting-Protected-Bike-Lane-on-NJ-Ave-Btwn-Florida-Ave-NW-and-N-St-NW.pdf>