

October 5, 2022

Everett Lott Director, District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

RE: Requesting that the District Department of Transportation Study Upgrading the 11th Street NW Roadways and Bike Lanes to Conform to Current Safety Standards

Dear Director Lott:

On October 4, 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 6 out of 6 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the segment of 11th Street NW between P Street NW and S Street NW serves as the western boundary of ANC 6E in Single Member District 6E01;

WHEREAS, 11th Street NW is a two-way street with a functional classification of minor arterial between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW, a functional classification of Collector between Rhode Island Avenue NW and Monroe Street NW, and a functional classification of Local Street between Monroe Street NW and Spring Road NW;

WHEREAS, 11th Street NW currently has a mix of unprotected bicycle facilities between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Monroe Street NW, including unprotected bike lanes and shared lane markings ("sharrows");

WHEREAS, unprotected lanes and sharrows create higher stress bicycling experiences, which may discourage their use by less confident riders. Furthermore, unprotected bike lanes increase conflict points between bicyclists and drivers, create dooring hazards for bicyclists, and can be easily blocked by drivers;



WHEREAS, the District's 2021 Update to the Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan ("moveDC Plan") designates 11th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Spring Road NW as as part of the District's Bicycle Priority Network;¹

WHEREAS, the moveDC Plan adopts national best practices established by the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") and the the National Association of City Transportation Officials ("NACTO") that assert that any bicycle facilities planned for major or minor arterials should be fully protected facilities;²

WHEREAS, 11th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW holds the functional classification of minor arterial and therefore the bicycle facilities on this street should be fully protected per FHWA and NACTO best practices. Furthermore, a continuation of a fully protected bike lane on 11th Street NW north of Rhode Island Avenue NW would aid in the extension of a connected and protected bicycle network;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E broadly supports the buildout of a connected and protected bike lane network in furtherance of the District's transportation, climate, and vision zero 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 recognizes that ANC 1A,³ ANC 1B,⁴ and ANC 2F⁵ have each passed resolutions requesting that DDOT study and design plans that improve bicyclist safety, including creating fully protected bike lanes on 11 Street NW;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT study and publish for public comment designs for fully protected bike lanes on 11th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Spring Road NW;

¹ <u>https://movedc-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/mobility-priority-networks#bike</u>

² moveDC Plan p.60. Available: <u>https://movedc-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/</u>

³ <u>http://anc1a.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ANC1A-11th-Street-DDOT-Request.pdf</u>

⁴ https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/ViewResolution.aspx?Id=nBRm/nAEFyenouQhZ/g5qw==

https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/10/ANC%20Resolution%20for%20DDOT%20Study%20a t%2011TH%20Street_TM_20220920041155PM.pdf



THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT additionally include in its study opportunities to calm traffic and improve transportation safety for all road users along this project corridor;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Michael Eichler, Chair Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E

CC:

Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember Donovan Boyd, Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT