



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

6E P.O. Box 2236, Washington, DC 20013

September 27, 2024

Sharon Kershbaum

Director of the District Department of Transportation

250 M St., SE Washington, DC 20003

RE: Resolution in Support of Safety and Accessibility Improvements in ANC Single-Member District 6E05

Dear Director Kershbaum,

On September 24, 2024, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (“ANC 6E” or “Commission”) conducted virtually via videoconference and with a quorum of 6 out of 9 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 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;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E has observed and heard from constituents regarding the dangerous conditions in:

1. Traffic Safety Input # 24-00422115

High travel speeds by drivers who often do not stop for pedestrians create a hazard for people using the unsignalized crosswalk at Firsts Street and Patterson Street NE. Suggested interventions include installing a crossing signal with flashing lights and upgrading the crosswalk to a raised crosswalk to ensure that driver yield for pedestrians crossing the intersection. Additionally, cars parking right by or on the crosswalk, even for short periods, block the ADA-compliant curb ramps, creating accessibility and visibility issues, which can be resolved by removing direct parking spots and adding bollards or planters. (See Image 1)

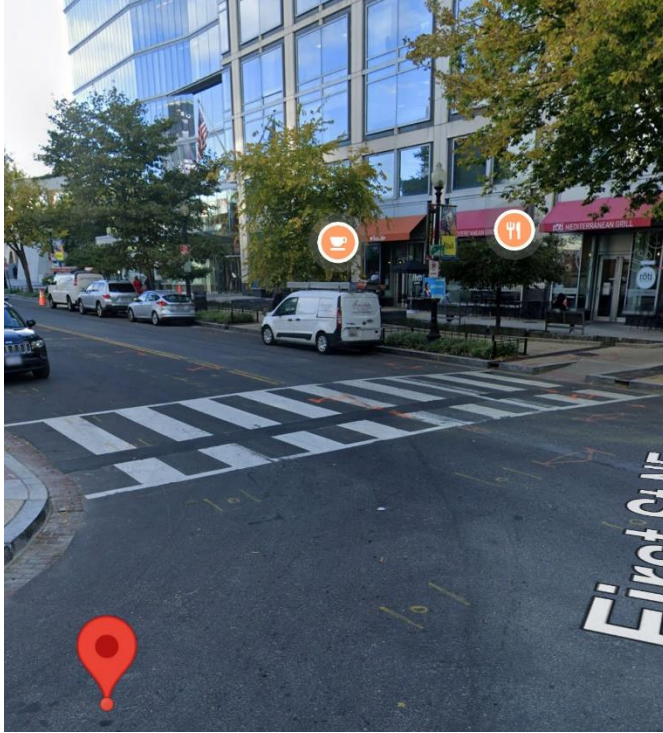


Image 1

2. Traffic Safety Input # 24-00422087

The way the intersection at North Capitol Street NW and M Street NE/NW is designed, allows drivers at the traffic light on M Street NW to turn left/northbound while pedestrian cross North Capitol Street with the pedestrian crossing on. This design creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians, especially due to the length of the crosswalk that covers six vehicular lanes. Suggested interventions include revising the pedestrian light to ensure that it does not overlap with the green light for drivers turning northbound from M Street NW; upgrading the crosswalk to a raised crosswalk to ensure that drivers yield for pedestrians; and adding pedestrian refuge islands to boost pedestrian safety. (See Image 2)



Image 2

3. Traffic Safety Input # 24-00422142 and 24-00422180

Neighbors have complained about the hazardous conditions at the two crosswalks on M Street NE between North Capitol Street NW and First Street NE, which are exacerbated by the ongoing residential construction that forces pedestrians to cross M Street NE when a portion of the sidewalk is blocked by construction and the ongoing construction and parking cars right by the crosswalks reduce visibility overall. Under current conditions, drivers can travel through M Street NE at high speeds without yielding to pedestrians, who include seniors and children who live on this block. Suggested interventions include upgrading the crosswalk to a raised crosswalk to ensure that drivers yield for pedestrians and improving visibility by blocking cars from parking right in front or on the crosswalk by adding planters or some form of barriers. (See Images 3 and 4)

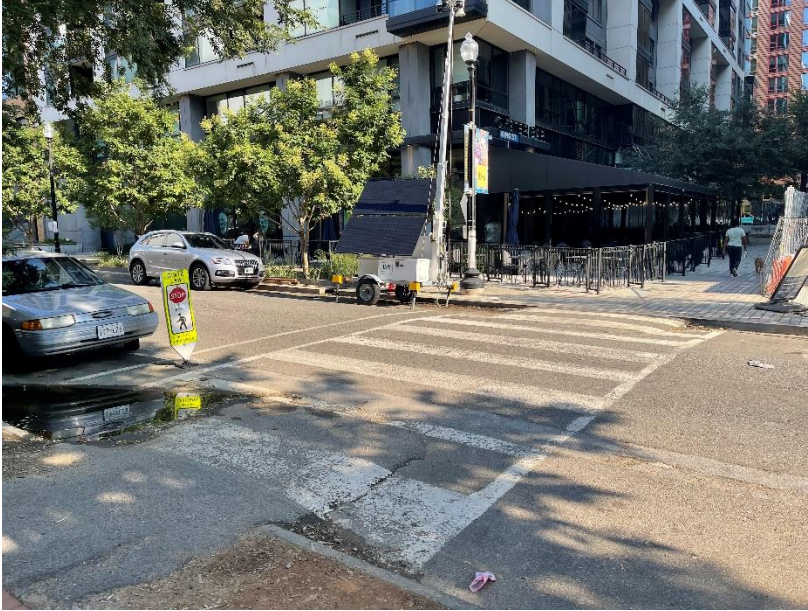


Image 3



Image 4

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 6E requests that DDOT initiate a comprehensive safety and accessibility study of the discussed intersections and crosswalks. While ANC 6E ultimately asks DDOT to identify possible solutions, the Commission recommends that DDOT examines implementing the interventions suggested by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 6E requests a response from DDOT to this resolution including a plan for how safety and accessibility will be studied in the discussed locations, no later than 30 days after submission of this resolution.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC Commissioner for 6E05

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