



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

August 23,, 2020

Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Resolution Supporting Crosswalk Improvements and the Extension of Bike Lanes on 7th Street NW between N Street NW and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW

Dear Director Marootian:

On December 3, 2019, at the duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (“ANC 6E” or “Commission”) and with a quorum of seven out of seven Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 3 for, 1 against, and 0 abstention:

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, the segment of 7th Street NW between N Street NW and M Street NW lies within the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E and the segment of 7th Street continuing south of M Street NW to Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW lies on the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E;

WHEREAS, DDOT has identified the 7th Street NW segment of 7th Street NW between N Street NW and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW to be an area of frequent speeding, especially in off-peak hours;

WHEREAS, DDOT has identified the intersection of 7th Street NW and M Street NW as a high crash intersection, conducting a community site walk of this intersection on April 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, no marked crosswalks currently exist for the pedestrian crossing at the following signalized intersections:

- 7th Street and N Street NW;
- 7th Street and M Street NW;
- 7th Street and L Street NW; and
- 7th Street and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the DDOT Design and Engineering Manual requires that high visibility crosswalks be installed at all intersections controlled by vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic signals;

WHEREAS, bike lanes currently exist on 7th Street NW in the northbound and southbound direction between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW;

WHEREAS, the 7th Street NW bike lanes end abruptly at N Street NW, forcing southbound cyclists and motor vehicles drivers into a dangerous lane merge through the intersection with N Street NW;

WHEREAS, the lane configuration on 7th Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW consists of one general traffic lane in each direction, one bike lane in each direction and one parking lane in each direction;

WHEREAS, and in contrast, the lane configuration on 7th Street NW between N Street NW and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW consists of two general traffic lanes northbound and one general traffic lane southbound, one parking lane in each direction, and zero bike lanes;

WHEREAS, the width of the roadway right of way on 7th Street NW is a uniform 50 feet for the entire segment between Florida Avenue NW and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the lane configuration of 7th Street NW between N Street NW and Mt Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW could be reconfigured to replicate the lane configuration of 7th Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and N Street NW;

WHEREAS, such a lane configuration could be accomplished without sacrificing parking;

WHEREAS, such a lane configuration is likely to calm traffic and reduce speeding on 7th Street NW;

WHEREAS, the absence of bike lanes on 7th Street NW south of N Street NW create a connectivity gap in the bicycle network between Shaw and Mount Vernon Square;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E passed a resolution on July 2, 2019, in support of concept designs for the K Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project that asked that DDOT consider bike lane network connectivity between K Street NW and the bike lanes on 7th Street NW;

WHEREAS, the segment of 7th Street NW between N Street NW and Mt. Vernon Place / New York Avenue NW contains several amenities and transportation hubs that should be accessible via a low-stress bicycle network, including the Mt. Vernon Square 7th Street - Convention Center Metrorail Station, a Capital Bikeshare Station (7th and M Street NW), the Convention Center, and the Carnegie Library at Mount Vernon Square;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT immediately install high visibility, ladder-style crosswalks at all pedestrian crossings for the following signalized intersections:

- 7th Street and N Street NW;
- 7th Street and M Street NW;
- 7th Street and L Street NW; and
- 7th Street and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT extend the bike lanes on 7th Street south to Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW, to create a continuous bike lane corridor between Florida Avenue NW and Mt. Vernon Place NW / New York Avenue NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E supports the traffic configuration proposed in DDOT's 30% Design Submittal of April 2015 for the 7th Street NW Bicycle Lane Project from New York Avenue NW to N Street NW for the bike lane created by DDOT;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachelle Nigro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachelle Nigro
Chair

ATTACHMENT: DDOT 30% Design Submittal of April 2015 for the 7th Street NW Bicycle Lane Project from New York Avenue NW to N Street NW

CC:

Andrew DeFrank, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT