



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Sam Zimbabwe
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RE: Additional Traffic Control Officers Along Wisconsin Avenue NW and/or the Intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW Immediately Following Labor Day

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe,

On September 5, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E continues to see significant traffic congestion along K Street and Water Street between 27th Street and 33rd Street NW, particularly during the evening rush hour and during weekends. The cycletrack installation is not yet complete and the incomplete nature of the roadway may be contributing to some of the traffic congestion, particularly at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW and the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW. Additionally, the heaviest traffic period of the year for the neighborhood tends to be the weeks after Labor Day.

With these traffic problems in mind, ANC 2E joins the Georgetown BID in requesting continued traffic control officer (TCO) deployment to the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests TCO deployment to either the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW with a coordinated plan between TCOs at that intersection and the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW in order to allow more northbound Wisconsin Avenue flow when necessary and/or the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW to allow traffic to move more smoothly at the four-way stop sign, particularly when no pedestrians are present.

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
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ANC 2E notes that Wisconsin Avenue south of M Street NW is often so congested that traffic extends to Water Street and K Street, leading to cars "blocking the box" at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW, and dangerous confusion between users, including significantly high volumes of vehicles, tour busses, cyclists, and pedestrians crossing the street. Fistfights and verbal altercations between the various users in the middle of the intersection are not unusual when the traffic comes to a frustrating halt in the intersection.

ANC 2E further notes that the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW presents other challenges - it is a four-way stop sign on the way to exiting Georgetown with significant pedestrian crossings and cyclist traffic. The four-way stop sign frequently holds vehicular traffic unnecessarily (i.e. when no pedestrians are present or when there is no north/south traffic). This holding of traffic contributes significantly to east/west traffic congestion along the K Street and Water Street NW corridor and TCO assistance in moving this traffic through the intersection would provide significant benefits to overall traffic mobility in the corridor south of M Street NW.

Considering the above, ANC 2E requests that DDOT strongly considers the ANC's request for TCO management in the ANC's community, particularly until phases 2 and 3 of the cycletrack installation are complete, in order to ensure that all users of the ANC's roadways are safe and that traffic moves at an optimal and efficient pace.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E