



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Soumya Dey
Associate Director, Traffic Operations and Safety Division
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
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RE: Requesting Traffic Control Officers on Weekends at the Intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW for the Duration of the Widened Sidewalks Program

Dear Mr. Dey,

On May 3, 2021 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 is pleased that pedestrian and vehicular counts are on the rise in our neighborhood. Alongside the increase in visitor activity to our community, the ANC is also experiencing novel roadway changes related to streateries and widened sidewalks along Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW. The combination of the increase in visitors and the decrease in parking and roadway for vehicles comes with an increase in difficult to manage traffic that would be aided significantly with the addition of traffic control officers (TCOs) as the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has provided in past years. During recent weekends it has become increasingly difficult throughout the day to make a southbound turn off of M Street NW due to the significant number of pedestrians crossing M Street NW during the period of time typically allotted to vehicular traffic in that direction. This challenge has led to a blocks-long backup on M Street west of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

With the challenges noted above in mind, ANC 2E requests that DDOT provides traffic control officers (TCOs) to mitigate the effects of these changes and to provide a safer experience for all roadway users on Saturdays and Sundays until at least the end of October of 2021. The ANC specifically requests coverage from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays to coincide with the busiest time at the intersection. The ANC

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also notes that Saturday at 3:00 pm continues to be the busiest time for traffic and pedestrians at this intersection and requests that DDOT ensures that coverage is at least provided for the time leading up to and after this time on a weekly basis.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E