



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Ms. Tanya Mitchell
Mayor's Special Event Task Group
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
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RE: Special Event Application for the DC Bike Ride on Saturday, May 16th, 2020

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On February 3, 2020 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 remains very pleased that only the Whitehurst Freeway will be closed for the 2020 DC Bike Ride within the ANC and appreciates that no amplified music will be played as part of the event. However, the ANC remains concerned that for 2020, as it was for 2018 and 2019, the date of the event coincides with Georgetown University's graduation weekend. Graduation weekend typically includes a significant uptick in traffic and any road closures in the area complicate traffic mobility. As a result, the ANC supports the special event application provided that the event organizers develop solutions that maximize traffic flow, minimize traffic disruptions on neighborhood streets, and protect public safety.

ANC 2E understands and appreciates that the DC Bike Ride has verbally committed to, at minimum, the mitigation strategies implemented in 2018 and 2019. Furthermore, the ANC appreciates that these strategies will be paid for by the event organizers and not by the DC Government. The strategies to be implemented include:

- Dedicating ten District Department of Transportation (DDOT) traffic control officers (TCOs) to the Georgetown area for the duration of the road closures,
- Activating message boards at the intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road NW, inbound on the Key Bridge, and inbound on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to advise of heavy traffic and to urge alternative routes,

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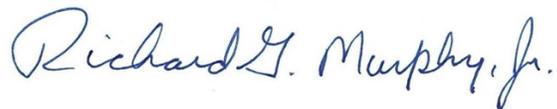
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- Securing commitments that any roadway construction work on the Key Bridge or on Canal Road NW would either be suspended or avoid requiring any closures for the duration of the road closures for this event,
- Ensuring DDOT's signal tech engineers will actively monitor the area and modify signal timing if necessary,
- Engaging the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to notify Waze and Google Maps about the DC Bike Ride's resulting road closures and traffic issues, and
- Creating “day of” points of contact for direct communication between DDOT, MPD, and Georgetown University.

Finally, in preparation for the DC Bike Ride's 2021 event, ANC 2E once again strongly requests that the DC Bike Ride coordinate its schedule with Georgetown University and not hold its event on the same weekend as Georgetown University's 2021 graduation.

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