



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Will Handsfield
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Proposed Installation of a Crosswalk on the 1000 Block of Wisconsin Avenue NW (NOI #19-99-PSD)

Dear Mr. Handsfield,

On June 3, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E continues to have serious concerns regarding pedestrian safety on the 1000 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW. Constituents have been hit by vehicles in the half-erased crosswalk by Blues Alley on Wisconsin Avenue NW and neither cars nor pedestrians have clarity as to whether or not it is permissible – or safe – to cross the street in that area of Wisconsin Avenue NW. Furthermore, the traffic light which guides northbound traffic only in this area provides space for northbound access to vehicles exiting the Georgetown Park garage but this access is both unsafe – as the light does not control southbound traffic – and is not expedient – as vehicles must cross southbound uncontrolled traffic to ease into perhaps one or two car lengths distance, at most, to enter into the northbound traffic pattern.

Furthermore, southbound tour busses, trolleys, and delivery trucks frequently double park or park in such a way that vehicles cannot pass adjacent to the Georgetown Park garage, blocking visibility for vehicles exiting the garage and backing traffic up behind them. With these concerns in mind, ANC 2E supports the removal of the existing half-erased crosswalk and the installation of a new crosswalk at the north side of the bridge provided for in Notice of Intent (NOI) #19-99-PSD. However, the ANC remains concerned that

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addressing the crosswalks is insufficient to create a safer, and more efficient, environment for all users.

ANC 2E encourages DDOT to continue to assess the gridlock conditions along Wisconsin Avenue NW in order to develop effective solutions for managing safety and traffic in this area. The ANC continues to believe that the traffic light controlling northbound traffic is confusing and, in many cases, unsafe for drivers and backs up traffic unnecessarily. Within this context, the ANC supports the installation of the new crosswalk, paired with a detailed review of the safety and efficiency conditions related to the convergence of Georgetown Park garage traffic, drop off and pick up-related traffic, a light directing northbound traffic only, and significant numbers of pedestrians on this minor arterial roadway.

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." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E