



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
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RE: Proposed Temporary Closure of Cady's Alley NW

Dear Director Marootian,

On July 1, 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 welcomes the temporary closure of Cady's Alley NW to vehicular traffic as a test to determine if this could or should be closed to vehicular traffic moving forward. Please find below a list of concerns that the ANC would like to see addressed, though, before such closures are enacted:

- The ANC would like to ensure that emergency vehicles and delivery trucks can reach their intended destinations during this closure and notes that the applicant has confirmed that the closure will be actively managed, providing access to such vehicles as necessary.
- The ANC notes that 35th Street at M Street NW experiences significant traffic, particularly on weekends, as people leave the city through the Key Bridge or Canal Road. As such, the ANC requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) confirms that closing Cady's Alley NW does not cause any unintended consequences which worsen the existing poor traffic. Additionally, the ANC strongly recommends that DDOT ensures that all lights on M Street NW leading to the Key Bridge are synchronized as intended before this change in traffic is implemented. The ANC believes that the lights are currently out of synchronization.

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- The ANC requests that a significant sign package be included as part of this temporary closure so that drivers are aware, before reaching 35th Street, that Cady's Alley NW may not be used as a cut through street. The ANC notes that 34th Street and Cady's Alley NW are the last blocks within Georgetown to turn around on before entering the Key Bridge and/or Canal Road and drivers seeking parking or visiting the commercial locations west of 35th Street at times use Cady's Alley NW as an opportunity to drive back into Georgetown if they are unable to find parking. The ANC recommends that such signs be installed east of Bank Alley NW at a minimum.
- Nonetheless, the ANC supports the general idea of developing pedestrian-friendly zones and believes that implementing this as a trial is a good first step in determining how this lovely nook in Georgetown can be best utilized.

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' and 'M'.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E