



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
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RE: Use of Mopeds on Neighborhood Sidewalks

Dear Director Marootian,

On September 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 frequently collaborates with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to support the city's goal to grow sustainable, efficient, and safe urban transportation options. A key component of tying these goals together is the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative. In relation to these goals, the ANC has pursued actions such as shepherding in the addition of bike lanes and Capital Bikeshare stations in Georgetown and asking for solutions to high-crash intersections.

It has been over two years since DDOT began its pilot demonstration for dockless vehicles. One high level interim report on the program status was issued in December of 2018. In May of 2019, permits for over 1,000 new dockless vehicles were announced, bringing the total in DC to nearly 6,000. In August of 2019, 2,400 motorized mopeds were added to the dockless fleet, bringing the total to 8,400. Dockless bikes, mopeds, and scooters can be seen on every street in Georgetown.

Given this growth of dockless vehicles, ANC 2E commissioners are receiving a large volume of constituent inquiries regarding the dockless pilot demonstration. Currently the ANC does not have access to information to respond to many of these inquiries or to prioritize constituent input. In June of 2019, the ANC requested that DDOT Director Jeff Marootian and his appropriate colleagues attend an upcoming ANC public meeting to speak to DDOT's strategic vision for micromobility with respect to how the Georgetown

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community can manage the influx of dockless vehicles. As of September 3rd, the ANC has not yet heard back from DDOT and thus the ANC is resubmitting its request, which has been slightly amended to note the addition of 2,400 mopeds.

If possible, ANC 2E asks Director Marootian to address the following constituent inquiries regarding the status of the ongoing pilot demonstration and long-term strategic plans: (Please separate by motorized scooters, electric-assist bikes, mopeds, and manual bikes)

- Revenue generated to date from the entire pilot demonstration program
 - Total revenue collected by DC-permitted operators from riders and the portion of that revenue shared with DC
 - Total monetary penalties collected by DC due to operator and rider fines
- Key enforcement issues
 - Issues DC has had with operators abiding by DDOT's pilot demonstration guidelines
 - Issues operators and DDOT have had with riders
 - 311 reports
- Number and type of vehicles left within ANC 2E boundaries for more than three hours during the hours from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - Engagement of residents to use 311 to report inappropriately placed dockless vehicles
- Community engagement by city-approved operators
 - Interaction with ANCs
 - Regular issuance of neighborhood-specific data
 - Community service work or other contributions
- Aligning with the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative with regards to safety, including:
 - Use of helmets on motorized scooter riders
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance on narrow historic sidewalks that are already, in many cases, not ADA compliant. The ANC understands, per the December of 2018 interim report, that DDOT conducted visual inspections that showed only three percent of dockless vehicles are blocking pedestrian access, however the ANC would like to know the specifics for Georgetown. ANC 2E notes that the ANC issued a resolution in 2018 stating that the ANC did not believe that the use of motorized dockless vehicles on the neighborhood's sidewalks was safe and increased issues with ADA compliance.
 - Number and location of accidents in Georgetown (The ANC has seen the high-level accident data issued by DDOT but would like data specific to ANC 2E)

- Where does DDOT believe that motorized vehicles will be most safely used? Bike lanes, car lanes, sidewalks — and recommendations that operators make to users regarding these options?
- How to align the impact to Georgetown residents of DDOT's dockless vehicle pilot demonstration with DDOT's on-street car sharing program.

ANC 2E supports alternative transportation options. The ANC asks DDOT that the ANC and its constituents be included in the testing and evolution of their use within the ANC's neighborhood.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@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