



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Everett Lott
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RE: Electric Car Charging on Residential Streets in Georgetown

Dear Director Lott,

On August 29, 2022 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 applauds the city's efforts to combat climate change. The District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) role in promoting green transportation, meaning any kind of transportation that does not have a negative impact on the environment, is critical to reducing our city's greenhouse gas emissions.

Electric vehicle (EV) usage, including EV cars, is an important green transportation option. ANC 2E is beginning to see an uptick of EVs on Georgetown's residential streets. The ANC expects to see this trend increase as EV incentives grow. Given our residential streets are busy, our historic sidewalks are narrow, and most homes use street parking since they do not have garages or parking, any EV charging on residential streets should be thoughtfully planned regarding location and related infrastructure needs.

In 2020, ANC 2E urged the city to conduct a future-focused Georgetown transportation study (now called the *Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study*). In 2021, Councilmember Pinto secured funding for the study. Planning for the study is underway and the study will be conducted in 2022-2023. A few phases of implementation are expected thereafter, with the initial phase of implementation already funded per the ANC's understanding. One of the key reasons the ANC requested this forward-thinking transportation study was to determine how best to promote and integrate green transportation into Georgetown's federal historic district.

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Earlier this year, ANC 2E was informed by DDOT staff that residential EV charging will not be a direct part of the Georgetown-specific study. Rather, the city's EV planning effort will work in parallel with the Georgetown study. Detailed analysis and recommendations for EV locations in Georgetown will be deferred from the Georgetown study so that the citywide EV effort can address EVs holistically. While the ANC understands the need for a holistic citywide view on EVs, the ANC believes that the *Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study* should directly address the potential need of residential EV charging on residential streets. Space on Georgetown's narrow residential streets is a commodity with many competing demands. Like other green transportation needs, any potential EV charging stations on residential streets will require space.

Separately from the above long term planning needs, residential EV needs are emerging now. ANC 2E hopes to coordinate on interim needs as we work together on longer term plans. In sum, the ANC requests:

- First, that DDOT considers more alignment between the 2022-2023 *Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study* and the citywide planning underway for EV charging. Beyond overarching policies, potential use of Georgetown residential streets for EV charging requires space and related infrastructure, and thus coordinated planning is essential to our community.
- Second, that DDOT (or other city agencies) attends a fall 2022 ANC 2E meeting to discuss citywide trends on residential EV charging at both residential and public stations. Given Georgetown is a federally designated historic district, DDOT should coordinate public space dialog with the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) and share how city-designated historic districts are incorporating residential EV charging.

ANC 2E looks forward to working with the city on integrating green transportation into our community.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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