



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Request for the District Department of Transportation and the Office of Public-Private Partnerships to Consider the Need for a Section 106 Review of the Smart Lighting Project

Dear Interim Director Marootian and Director Gabriel,

On October 2, 2017 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:

WHEREAS, the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3), in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), are proposing the Smart Lighting Project to install Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology in our community's streetlights, to expand broadband WiFi to citywide coverage in outdoor areas across the District, and to foster other technological innovations for our community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E applauds Mayor Bowser for utilizing new technology to lower costs, provide every District resident with powerful technology, and make our community safer,

WHEREAS, the new LED streetlight proposal, as part Smart Lighting Project, will convert approximately 75,000 streetlights in the District to LED streetlights, including in ANC 2E's federally-protected Georgetown Historic District,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lightning Project will "Introduce functionality for the streetlight system to serve as a platform for ancillary uses commonly referred to as Smart City

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technology, including (but not limited to): expanded broadband coverage, augmented cell coverage, sensors and other intra-District services.”

WHEREAS, ANC 2E respectfully asks the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation if federal permitting is going to be required to carry out the stated uses of this project in order to implement the new WiFi and cellular services technology,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project, in its published information, states that its financing and funding sources will be a combination of energy savings, locally-appropriated funds, and federal funds,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project states that it is seeking federal funding for the project through the “Buy America” financing program,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project specifically states that it will include a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E understands that the timeline of the Smart Lighting Project is dynamic and that the project is now seeking qualified bidders,

WHEREAS, information must be gathered concerning the new LED streetlights’ effects on our streets, alleys, walkways, and parks, and on the National Register of Historic Places-listed properties of the Georgetown Historic District. There must be a determination to avoid or reduce any harmful effects of the new LED streetlights. The unknown characteristics of the new and powerful LED streetlights must be analyzed before any decisions are made,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E would like to be involved as soon as possible as a consulting party before any decisions are made concerning standards of the new LED streetlights, and

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project states that “All proposals will require consultation with the District’s Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and with the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA).”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation consult with DC’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding the Smart Lighting Project in order to prevent harm to our historic Georgetown community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation identify all the federal agencies involved in the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E asks for assistance in order to request the implementation of a Section 106 review of the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the ANC and the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) be named as consulting parties for a Section 106 review of the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E asks that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation protect the ANC's rights to preserve our values of historic preservation, to have timely input on the selection of possible LED streetlights, and to provide our Georgetown Historic District with its rights to have a voice in the complete decision-making process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E