



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Jeff Marootian
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District Department of Transportation
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RE: The Georgetown BID's Rock Creek Parkway Access Study

Dear Director Marootian,

On July 2, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Roadway connections to and from Rock Creek Parkway in the area between K Street and Virginia Avenue NW have contributed to significant traffic congestion in single member district 2E05 and have been a source of concern and focus for the Georgetown and Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhoods and their respective ANCs.

In an attempt to address this serious and longstanding traffic congestion along K Street and Water Street NW, transportation planners from the Georgetown BID, working with the transportation consulting firm Kittelson & Associates, have identified potential modifications to the operations and engineering of the ramps to Rock Creek Parkway from K Street NW, which could provide meaningful relief and improve roadway operations during or approximately during evening rush hour on weekdays. The Georgetown BID thus wishes to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to conduct a live study of the impact of these alterations. As such, ANC 2E encourages DDOT and the National Park Service to conduct a pilot study of these operational changes.

Furthermore, ANCs 2A and 2E have been instrumental in obtaining funding for a follow-on study to the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment to examine the possibility of improving the connection between Rock Creek Parkway and

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the Potomac River Freeway in this same area so as to improve traffic flow and permit the development of a pedestrian park along the Potomac River waterfront to connect Georgetown to the National Mall. The study area for these two projects overlaps and it is the intention of the neighboring ANC's to foster a climate of cooperation and the development of integrated solutions to area transportation challenges. With this in mind, ANC 2E encourages any study of operational changes for access to Rock Creek Parkway to be integrated with longer term planning related to the connection between Rock Creek Parkway and I-66 included in the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment.

As such, ANC 2E resolves to support the conduct of a traffic study along the lines proposed by the Georgetown BID. ANC 2E further resolves that the traffic flow study, and any successor activities, should not be included in the scope of work for updating the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment and the creation of a waterfront park in Foggy Bottom. Additionally, ANC 2E strongly requests additional study of operational changes for access to Rock Creek Parkway during other dayparts, including, specifically, after rush hour and during weekends to address non-PM rush hour congestion in single member district 2E05.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E