



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
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Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Resolution in Support for the Concept for the K St., NW Complete Street Project and Request that the Department of Transportation (DDOT) Move Forward Quickly Into and Through the Design Stage

Dear Director Marootian:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L St., NW, to consider the following resolution in support for the concept for the K St., NW Complete Streets Project and to request that DDOT move forward quickly into and through the design stage. At the Commission's meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to support the following:

WHEREAS, the Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1975 grants ANC 6E the responsibility to advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards, and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of District government policy, including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the ANC 6E area;

WHEREAS, the segment of K St., NW stretching from 6th St., NW to North Capitol St., NW lies within the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E;

WHEREAS, the NoMA / Mount Vernon Triangle Bicycle Network Study of 2010 identifies K St., between 6th St., NW and First St., NE as a priority bicycle corridor connecting the NoMA and Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhoods and recommends the installation of a two-way protected bicycle lane along this same corridor;

WHEREAS, east-west bicycle travel in the mid-city is impeded by several barriers, including New York Avenue NW, Massachusetts Avenue NW, the Center Leg Freeway (I-395), the North Capitol St., underpass, and the Amtrak railway departing Union Station;

WHEREAS, K St., NW and K St., NE is the only east-west St., in mid-city that directly crosses each of these barriers and is therefore a preferred bicycle route;

WHEREAS, protected bike lanes provide several critical benefits to bicyclists, including improved comfort and safety; elimination of the risk and fear of collisions from over-taking vehicles; reduction of the risk of “dooring” compared to unprotected bike lanes; and prevention of motor vehicle parking and standing in the bike lane;

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) presented conceptual plans for a K St., NW Complete St., project to the Commission at its meeting on May 7, 2019, and that these conceptual plans included a design for protected bike lanes between 6th St., NW and First St., NW;

WHEREAS, the conceptual plans presented by DDOT included two options: one eliminating parking on the Unit Block and 400 Block of K St., NW and one preserving parking on the south sides of the Unit Block and 400 Block of K St., NW;

WHEREAS, the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed the K St., NW Complete St.,s plans provided by DDOT and provided several recommendations for how the plans might be improved in the design phase.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E supports the concept plans for the K St., NW Complete St., project because it provides a critical east-west bicycle corridor connecting the Mount Vernon Square and NoM neighborhoods and will improve the safety and vibrancy of these transportation corridors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ANC urges DDOT to move expeditiously and without delay into and through the design phase for this project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 6E requests that DDOT continue to consult with the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee and the Commission as it moves the K St., NW Complete St., project into and through the design phase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 6E requests that DDOT contemplate the following list of recommendations from the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee on the concept designs as the project moves into the design phase:

- Plan for a safe route for bicyclists to get around Mount Vernon Square, which may include extension of the protected bike lane to 7th St., NW or a dogleg around the Square from 6th St., NW;
- Plan for connections from the K St., NW Complete Streets Project to adjacent bike lanes (existing and planned), including:
 - New York Ave., NW from 9th St., NW to 15th St., NW;
 - 5th St., NW from L St., NW to Rhode Island Ave., NW;
 - K St., NE between 2nd St., NE and 6th St., NE (NOI issued);
 - Eastern Downtown Protected Bike Lanes on 6th St., NW and/or 9th St., NW (planned); and
 - 7th St., NW between N St., NW and Florida Avenue NW.
- Protected bike lanes must be physically separated from general traffic lanes and/or parking lanes by solid barriers, such as a raised curb;
- Add a bike box is missing from the 200 Block of K St., NW westbound (turning onto 3rd St., southbound);
- The parking zone on the 400 Block of K St., NW requires pavement hash marks to demarcate the beginning and ending of the parking zone;
- Explore options for dedicated pick-up and drop-off zones on the 400 Block of K St.;
- Program traffic signals with leading pedestrian intervals at each intersection within this project scope;
- Install one additional Capital Bikeshare dock on K St., NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and 6th St., NE; and
- Maintain the crosswalk across K St., NW at 4½ St., NW.

Respectfully submitted,



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 Chair, ANC 6E

cc: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
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