



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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RE: Proposed Traffic Safety Improvements Within ANC 2B

Dear Commander Gresham, and Commander Emerman, and Mr. Dey:

At its regular meeting on June 13, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, Ross Elementary School, located in single-member district 2B03, is a DC Public Schools (DCPS) school located at 1730 R Street NW that serves approximately 180 students in grades PK3-5,

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, located in single-member district 2B06, is a DCPS school located at 2425 N Street NW that serves approximately 500 students in grades PK3–8,

WHEREAS, Stead Park, Francis Field, and Francis Pool, all located in ANC 2B, are prominent parks and playgrounds that are popular with children,

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the children of the District of Columbia is of highest concern to the citizens and Commissioners of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, DC’s Vision Zero goal is to achieve zero road deaths by 2024,

WHEREAS, according to the Sustainable DC Plan, DC aims to “increase public transit, biking, and walking to 75% of all commuter trips; reduce car trips to 25%; and achieve zero unhealthy air quality days” by 2032,

WHEREAS, the District has adopted the Safe Routes to Schools initiative to promote walking and biking to school in areas adjacent to schools where school bus transportation is not generally available,

WHEREAS, being able to walk or bike to school and playgrounds along safe routes offers an opportunity to build healthy physical activity into students’ daily routine,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that physical activity has a positive effect on student achievement,

WHEREAS, more children walking and biking to school will reduce traffic congestion in school zones, resulting in improved air quality and reduced fuel consumption, and

WHEREAS, physical infrastructure improvements and increased community attention to pedestrians, primarily aimed at helping students walk to school safely, will benefit the entire community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department support initiatives, and improve the built environment through permanent tactical urbanism interventions, for children to safely walk and bike to school and playgrounds by and not limited to:

- Enhancing traffic enforcement, engineering, education, and encouragement strategies,
- Identifying and creating school and playground walking and biking route maps for distribution and future District Department of Transportation planning use,
- Identifying and regulating the school and playground zones with reduced vehicle speeds, enhanced signs and roadway markings, and vehicle bollards,
- Providing and maintaining protected bike and pedestrian facilities along the school routes, including sidewalks, on-street bike facilities, paths, curb ramps, and accessible pedestrian signals,
- Providing safe street crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians, and
- Calming traffic near and along school and playground travel routes.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Warwick
Chair