



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

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RE: Pepco's Capital Grid Project Along T Street Between 14th Street and 16th Street NW

Dear Ms. Greenan and Mr. Marcou,

At its regular meeting on November 13, 2019, 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, Pepco is about to commence construction of an underground transmission line facility to improve capacity and resiliency in the distribution network within the District, also known as the Capital Grid Project,

WHEREAS, construction will take place in ANC 2B on T Street between 14th Street and 16th Street NW and on 16th Street between T Street and U Street NW,

WHEREAS, Pepco has stated that construction will generally take place between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on weekdays (excluding holidays), and that steel plates will cover trenches to permit parking and regular travel lane use outside those hours,

WHEREAS, there is an unprotected bike lane on T Street NW that could be adversely affected by the placement of maintenance holes and construction, in general, and

WHEREAS, in spite of legal requirements that construction projects and contractors provide safe accommodation for pedestrians and cyclists for the entirety of a construction project there remain numerous instances where safe accommodation is deficient or non-existent.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that Pepco and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT):

- locate maintenance holes so that they in no way encroach upon the established bike lane anywhere along the length of the corridor, including beyond ANC 2B's boundaries,
- consider using the north side of T Street NW for construction activity, while temporarily exchanging the positions of the bike and parking lanes along the south side while construction is active on a block to prevent disruption of the road surface of the bike lane,
- present the Safe Accommodation plan for review and support by all affected ANCs,
- impose strict contractual compliance conditions with the Safe Accommodation plan with the applicant and its contractors,
- place the Safe Accommodation plan, compliance requirements, and 24-hour live contact information on Pepco's public project information website for reference by members of the public and enforcement personnel should it be needed,
- promptly remedy any contractor failure that does not comply with the Safe Accommodation plan, including issuing on-the-spot stop-work orders if necessary to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists,
- install durable interim crosswalk and bike lane markings in construction areas and ensure that they are adequately maintained until permanent replacement markings are restored, and
- conduct a robust awareness campaign for residents and businesses, notifying them at least two weeks in advance of when work will commence of that affected block.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests and expects that Pepco, its contractors, and DDOT will be timely, transparent, and accountable to the community concerning issues that arise during the project.

Commissioners Ed Hanlon (2B09@anc.dc.gov), 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