



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

July 17, 2020

Ms. Cynthia Lin
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RE: District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Installation of the 20th Street NW and 21st Street NW Protected Bike Lanes (NOI #20-70 PSD)

Dear Ms. Lin:

At its regular meeting on July 8, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Notice of Intent (NOI) 20-70-PSD refers to the installation of protected bike lanes on 20th Street NW between G Street NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW and protected bike lanes between G Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW on 21st Street NW, within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) 2B and 2A,

WHEREAS, there currently is no protected north-south bicycle infrastructure connecting Dupont Circle with the National Mall,

WHEREAS, a protected bicycle connection between Foggy Bottom, the George Washington University, and Dupont Circle will enable students and residents to safely access the many businesses in greater Dupont,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) launched a project in 2018 to evaluate and select 20th Street NW, 21st Street NW, or 22nd Street NW as the route for protected two-way bike lanes,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supported a further study concept earlier in the design process which would utilize 20th Street NW in West Dupont,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understood at the time that this would require agreement between DDOT, FRESHFARM, and the Dupont Circle BID for appropriate infrastructure on the segment of 20th Street NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that progress was made towards a memorandum of understanding between DDOT, FRESHFARM, and the Dupont Circle BID for protected bike lane infrastructure which is moveable on Sundays in order to not impede market operations, however this process was ended by DDOT due to concerns about interim programmatic and feasibility constraints,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that protected bike lanes are most useful when connected to the broader bike lane network,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is disappointed that the protected bike lanes proposed in the NOI fall short of connecting to the Q Street NW and R Street NW bike lanes and the planned bike lanes in the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Project, which is at 65% design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the NOI provided that:

- A pick up / drop off / loading zone is added to the north side of O Street NW at 20th Street NW in order to provide a dedicated area for pick up / drop off / loading at the Bristol House apartment building which currently has an entrance loading zone on 20th Street NW.
- DDOT continues to work with FRESHFARM, ANC 2B, and the Dupont Circle BID to determine the timing and circumstances for the extension of the protected bike lanes to Connecticut Avenue NW.
- DDOT expeditiously provides an interim connection from the proposed terminus of the protected bike lane at Massachusetts Avenue NW to the existing bike lane network on Q Street NW and R Street NW and the proposed Connecticut Avenue NW protected bike lanes in coordination and conjunction with the proposed design reflected in the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Project, including a protected two-way bike lane on the westside of Connecticut Avenue NW between R Street NW and Hillyer Place NW. A potential conceptual design for the interim connection is available in Appendix 1, however ANC 2B expects that the bike planners at DDOT are best equipped to design the connection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT expedites the consultation and design timeline of the project, completing the installation by the end of 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges and expects that DDOT and the project team will continue to engage and consult with the ANC, residents, merchants, business workers, business distributors, and other community stakeholders on the continued development of the project.

Commissioners Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Mike Silverstein (2B06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

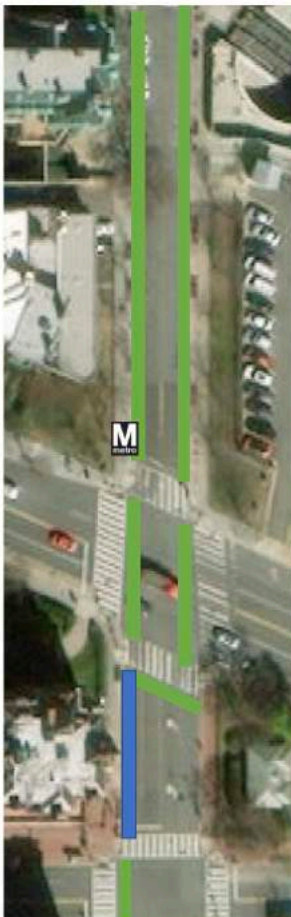
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Daniel Warwick
Chair

APPENDIX 1

- Paint crossings denoting a bike lane on the south side of the Massachusetts NW and 20th Street NW intersection.
- Painted one-way bike lane crossing of the Massachusetts Avenue NW intersection.
- One-way painted bike lanes between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Q Street NW along 20th Street NW following the flow of traffic.
- One-way painted bike lanes between Q Street NW and Hillyer Place NW along Massachusetts Avenue NW. The northbound contraflow bike lane should be heavily buffered.
- One-way painted bike lane crossing at the intersection of 20th Street NW and Connecticut Avenue NW.
- Two-way painted bike lane crossing the intersection of Hillyer Place NW and Connecticut Avenue NW.
- Two-way protected bike lane between Hillyer Place NW and R Street NW as anticipated in the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Project, currently at 65% design.
- Painted crossings denoting a bike lane at the intersection of R Street NW and Connecticut Avenue NW in preparation for one-way protected bike lanes on either side as anticipated in the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Project.
- Due to the limited frequency of the peak-only L1 and H1 Metrobus routes which stop along the route, ANC 2B anticipates no protection for these painted bike lanes.
- ANC 2B understands this will result in a loss of metered parking spaces.

**Massachusetts Avenue
to Q Street**



**Q Street to Hillyer
Place**



**Hillyer Place to R
Street**

