



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

October 17, 2020

Ms. Linda Bailey
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District Department of Transportation
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Removal of Parking on the North Side of the 1800 Block of M Street NW (NOI #20-78-VZD)

Dear Ms. Bailey:

At its regular meeting on October 14, 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 (DDOT) plans to remove the on-street parking on the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW, modifications that are proposed as part of DDOT's sidewalk extension program in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk extension program responds to requests from ANC commissioners, as well as business improvement districts (BIDs), community improvement districts (CIDs), and main street organization representatives, to temporarily extend sidewalks near grocery stores and other essential retailers to allow pedestrians enough space to practice physical distancing,

WHEREAS, there are portions of the sidewalk on the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW that are only four feet wide, making social distancing impossible,

WHEREAS, the extreme narrowness of the sidewalk currently leads to the dangerous situation where pedestrians currently often step into the protected bicycle lane, and

WHEREAS, loading and deliveries for the restaurants and stores located on the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW must be done from the street because the alley system behind those stores is small and already seriously overworked.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the temporary removal of parking on the north side of the 1800 block of M Street NW and a widening of the pedestrian passageway onto the street during the public health emergency, to allow the free flow of pedestrians and social distancing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to monitor this block during the public health emergency to ensure that deliveries and loading can be done safely and efficiently, without forcing delivery persons to cross the busy street to make their deliveries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to consider the public health emergency to be a test period for this sidewalk extension, and consider making the extension permanent at the end of the emergency if the program is deemed a success, or to make any modification at that time if modifications are needed in order to accommodate deliveries and loading.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair