



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

November 3, 2017

Mr. Wasim Raja
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RE: DDOT's High Crash Site Review Summary Memo for the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW

Dear Mr. Raja:

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) shared a "High Crash Site Review Summary Memo" regarding the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW and the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW on September 8, 2017,

WHEREAS, these locations are all (Connecticut Avenue, R Street, and 20th Street NW) or largely (Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW) within ANC 2B, a diverse neighborhood of businesses, visitors, residents, and those who transit the area via bus, cars, bicycles, and by foot,

WHEREAS, the memo followed a field review of the intersections in June 2017, convened by DDOT and which included DDOT representatives, organizations engaged in vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, commissioners from ANC 2B, and members of the community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the attention to these locations given the daily volume of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B acknowledges the short- and long-term recommendations in the memo seeking to improve overall safety, including those that call for adjusting signage,

improving pavement markings, reviewing timing on pedestrian crossing signals and vehicle clearance intervals, and extending medians,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B notes the concern regarding northbound vehicular traffic from where the tunnel under Dupont Circle re-emerges onto Connecticut Avenue NW and intersects with S Street NW, though has substantial questions about the recommendation to install flexible delineator posts to restrict traffic turning onto 20th Street NW as this will a) cause vehicles emerging from the tunnel whose destination is in the 1700 block of 20th Street to continue north to S Street NW and make four right turns to reach this block and b) lead to, we believe, a greater danger to vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety,

WHEREAS, Metrobus stop #1001535, marked as Connecticut Avenue and 20th Street NW, is serviced solely by the Route 42 bus,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B notes that there are additional opportunities to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the “High Crash Site Review Summary Memo” in principle and requests that DDOT engage in further discussions with ANC 2B, as well as through community outreach, regarding the following:

- the full extent of pavement markings on R Street NW to address the 1900 and 2000 blocks of R Street, including the bicycle lane, as noted in ANC 2B’s resolution dated October 4, 2017,
- alternative solutions to addressing concerns about northbound vehicular traffic emerging from the tunnel under Dupont Circle that do not involve installation of delineator posts or barriers,
- potential consolidation of Metrobus stop #1001535 and removal of the bus zone at Connecticut Avenue and 20th Street NW,
- potential installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of Florida Avenue to cross Connecticut Avenue from the existing pedestrian refuge to the southeast corner of the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Florida Avenue NW,
- potential installation of a traffic camera at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue, S Street, and Florida Avenue NW to assist with enforcement of compliance with traffic signals and speed limits, the latter with particular regard to southbound Connecticut Avenue traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B is fully supportive of the following recommendations included in the memo and requests expedited DDOT review of them:

- an extended median on the north side of Connecticut Avenue at R Street NW that would enhance bicycle safety and provide an ADA-compliant pedestrian refuge,
- a pedestrian crosswalk on Florida Avenue at 21st Street NW that would enhance safety,

- synchronized pedestrian crossings of S Street and Florida Ave NW on the west of Connecticut Avenue NW.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net), Amy Johnson (amy.johnson@dupontcircleanc.net), and Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair