



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

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Re: 2012 ANC2B Resolution on Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Safety Improvements

Dear Acting Director Brown,

In December 2012, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B adopted a resolution, recommending action on safety improvements to pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure within the ANC. A copy of these requests is attached.

The ANC never received a formal response to these requests. In revisiting these requests, the ANC 2B Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee finds these action items still require attention from DDOT.

The specific actions requested were:

- 1) Modify the timing of pedestrian signals at the intersections of Dupont Circle in order to assure that pedestrians who follow the signals are not stranded on the median between two lanes of moving traffic.
- 2) Repave and repaint the 15th St Cycle Track from U St. to H St. and add additional signage for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians making it more clear who has the right of way at all times.
- 3) Better maintain the surface and visibility of all the bike lanes in the neighborhood to keep them attractive and safe options for bikers.
- 4) Paint clearly visible symbols on the ground near or on the curb ramps at intersections on the northern border of the Downtown Business District indicating that it is against city regulation to bike on sidewalks.

At the present time, only points one and two have been addressed, either partially or in full. Points three and four have received little to no attention since the ANC's request for

action, to the point where existing bike lanes have faded striping, and the sidewalks of the Downtown Business District continue to lack any signage indicating the bicycle riding ban, resulting in poor and often dangerous interaction between cyclists and pedestrians. As evidence, we point you to a recent Washington Post column on the potential dangers of biking on sidewalks downtown: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/please-stop-riding-your-bike-on-the-sidewalk-in-dcs-central-business-district/2014/07/07/e7e582ee-fe3c-11e3-932c-0a55b81f48ce_story.html.

The ANC 2B Transportation and Public Infrastructure Committee is working on solutions to these and other ongoing issues, but it needs support and commitment from DDOT in order to move forward or show any tangible progress to the ANC's resident constituents.

The committee is happy to assist in working on solutions that will bring positive benefits throughout the District of Columbia. In particular, we are willing to advise on international standard signage that will provide clear messages to all mode users of the ANC's transportation infrastructure, be it pedestrians, cyclists, or motorists.

We urge DDOT to revisit and commit to fulfilling our requests from December 2012 so that the Dupont Circle neighborhood, Ward 2, and the entire District can put its best foot forward in presenting a cohesive and coherent transportation infrastructure to both residents and visitors.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens, Chair

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Enclosures

Cc: Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Mary Cheh