

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

August 18, 2015

Matthew Marcou, Chair Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation Public Space Permit Branch Third Floor 1100 4th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Urging DDOT to Monitor Traffic Pattern Changes for Construction at 15 Dupont Circle NW

Dear Chairman Marcou.

At its regular meeting on August 12, 2015, 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):

Whereas, the renovation and repurposing of the historic Patterson Mansion at 15 Dupont Circle will require the closure of the current north sidewalk on P Street between 18th Street and Dupont Circle, with that closure expected to begin this month. and

Whereas, DDOT's approved plan for this would close P Street to vehicular traffic westbound between 18th Street and Dupont Circle for approximately one year, detouring westbound P Street traffic left on 18th Street and then right onto Massachusetts Avenue, and would also requiring moving a bus stop from P Street into Dupont Circle itself, and

Whereas, the approved DDOT plan will certainly have an impact on vehicular traffic in an area already highly congested, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours, and

Whereas, the developer had presented an alternative traffic plan that would have allowed P Street to remain open in both directions, but would have limited pedestrian traffic to the south side of P Street between 18th Street and Dupont Circle,

Be it resolved that ANC 2B takes no position DDOT's choice of traffic plans, but requests that DDOT closely monitor vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the first month of construction, to ensure that the current traffic plan works as planned and does

not lead to unacceptable problems for emergency vehicles and buses, and does not result in gridlock.

Commissioners Noah Smith (noah.smith@anc.dc.gov) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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