



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

February 21, 2019

Mr. Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20003
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RE: District Department of Transportation's Proposal to Ban Turns on Red at Select Intersections in ANC 2B (NOI #18-227-TOA)

Dear Director Marootian:

At its special meeting on February 5, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" DC LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of intent to modify traffic and/or parking requirements,

WHEREAS, on December 21st, 2018, DDOT issued a Notice of Intent (NOI# 18-227-TOA) letter regarding the establishment of "No Turn on Red" restrictions at selected signalized intersections in the District, including numerous locations within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, in support of the District's commitment to the Vision Zero goal, DDOT will be prohibiting right turns on red at 101 signalized intersections across the city,

WHEREAS, intersections were identified based on factors and criteria identified in the federally-mandated Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR §18-4013), including the complexity and geometrics of the intersection, the level of pedestrian activity and potential for significant conflicts, the proximity to pedestrian generators (such as schools or Metrorail stations), as well as crash history,

WHEREAS, left turns from a one-way street onto another one-way street on red are illegal under District law,

WHEREAS, compliance with this law is very lax,

WHEREAS, “No Turn On Red” signs would educate drivers as to the existing law,

WHEREAS, those locations within ANC 2B include:

- 17th Street and H Street NW
- 17th Street, Connecticut Avenue, K Street, and the K Street NW service road
- 16th Street and K Street NW
- 19th Street and K Street NW
- Vermont Avenue, H Street, and Madison Place NW
- 14th Street and U Street NW
- 14th Street and T Street NW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT’s establishment of “No Turn on Red” restrictions at the selected signalized intersections within ANC 2B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that the following locations be added:

- 19th Street and L Street NW
- 21st Street and L Street NW
- 23rd Street and L Street NW
- 16th Street and Q Street NW
- 17th Street and Q Street NW
- 17th Street and R Street NW
- 17th Street and R Street NW (Left turn on red)
- 22nd Street and N Street NW (Left turn on red)
- 21st Street and N Street NW (Left turn on red)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and DDOT to enforce the restrictions with ticketing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT and the DC Council strongly consider a District-wide ban on turning on red for the purposes of safety and clarity of the law.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Warwick
Chair