

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

July 25, 2019

Mr. DeAngelo Baynes Curbside Manager District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003 deangelo.baynes@dc.gov

RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Installation of Parking Restrictions for Pick-Up and Drop-Off (PUDO) Research and Data Collection (NOI #19-06-12-PGTD)

Dear Mr. Baynes:

At its regular meeting on July 10, 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 (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements,

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2019, DDOT issued a Notice of Intent (NOI #19-06-12-PGTD) regarding the installation of parking restrictions for pick-up and drop-off (PUDO) research and data collection, including a location within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, DDOT is experiencing increasing congestion from a growing number of commercial vehicle operators on its streets, and the rapid growth of commercial operators, which include ridesharing, parcel delivery, on-demand delivery, microtransit, e-bikes and scooters, and others, has created significant demand for access to the city's curbsides.

WHEREAS, the supply of DC's curbs is largely fixed, creating a supply and demand imbalance leading to increased congestion, unsafe operating environments, lower productivity, inequitable access, and unnecessary emissions,

WHEREAS, the primary changes are part of ParkDC's #AccessMatters policy to reprogram the curbside to safely convey people and goods from the street to the curb. These improvements will also improve DDOT's goals for Vision Zero by taking loading activities out of travel and bike lanes,

WHEREAS, in October of 2017, DDOT launched a pilot nightlife pick-up and drop-off (PUDO) zone in the "Club Central" section of Connecticut Avenue NW in Dupont Circle which has improved pedestrian safety and traffic flow,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B was proud to be part of the initial pilot and is excited about the possibility of expanding this program,

WHEREAS, in October of 2018, DDOT expanded the pilot to five additional 24-hour passenger PUDO locations, including one located in ANC 2B on the 1900 block of 14th Street NW,

WHEREAS, DDOT's Parking and Ground Transportation Division has decided to install new signs designating nine commercial PUDO areas (including the 1400 block of 20th Street NW, which is located within ANC 2B) as "No Parking / Loading Zone" for the period of August 1, 2019 to October 30, 2019 to do the following:

- Gather relevant data on DDOT's PUDO zones for future advancements,
- Evaluate opportunities for DDOT to reduce congestion, improve curb productivity and utilization, improve driver and pedestrian safety, and improve equity, and
- Identify and communicate to DDOT and other stakeholders' learnings, methods, and technology that can be applied more broadly.

WHEREAS, one of the nine locations chosen for research is located in ANC 2B on the 1400 block of 20th Street NW, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is very supportive of the goals of this NOI and this DDOT project, however the ANC is concerned that the selected location of the 1400 block of 20th Street NW may not provide quality and relevant data as this location is not believed to have high commercial or passenger loading and unloading traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not object to DDOT's selection and use of the 1400 block of 20th Street NW as a pilot PUDO zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to work with the ANC, the Dupont Circle BID, the Golden Triangle BID, and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets to identify and explore additional PUDO zones within ANC 2B.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Dame Warnick

Chair