



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

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Mr. Wayne Wilson
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RE: Temporarily Changing the 1600 Block of 19th Street NW to One-Way Traffic During Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project Construction

Dear Mr. Wilson,

At its regular meeting on July 12, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, construction work for the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project, expected to begin late 2023 to early 2024, will cause closures of the 1500 block of Connecticut Avenue NW for periods of time until completion,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to implement traffic detours around construction,

WHEREAS, one detour pattern will temporarily reconfigure the 1900 block of Q Street NW to handle two-way (east-west) traffic, with traffic to and from Dupont Circle using the 1500 block of 19th Street NW to reach Q Street NW, where it will continue,

WHEREAS, residents of 19th Street NW raised concerns about detoured northbound traffic using their street to continue travel toward Florida Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, suggestions were made to DDOT to advertise New Hampshire Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW as official detours; work with navigation app providers to declare 19th Street NW between Q Street NW and Florida Avenue NW as closed (though remaining open to local traffic); and to place a barrier and signage at Q Street NW directing northbound motorists to return to Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, it was further suggested to DDOT that, to enforce drivers not ignoring signs and continuing up 19th Street NW, the 1600 block of 19th Street NW (between Q Street NW and R Street NW) be temporarily converted to one-way southbound only travel,

WHEREAS, DDOT's Traffic Engineering and Safety Division studied the area and determined that the temporary one-way reconfiguration was feasible,

WHEREAS, it is understood that no construction project is without its inconveniences and that unforeseen situations can, and likely will, arise, and

WHEREAS, the temporary reconfiguration of the 1600 block of 19th Street NW to one-way southbound travel is the most effective and least difficult solution that addresses the residents' concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's temporary reconfiguration of the 1600 block of 19th Street NW to be one-way southbound vehicular traffic during construction of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project, to be restored to its original configuration by the end of the construction of the deckover, with adequate advance public notice of the change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that signage indicates two-way bicycle and street-running scooter use of the 1600 block of 19th Street NW continues to be permitted during the northbound vehicular restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the scope of this work is limited solely to detouring northbound vehicular travel from the 1600 block of 19th Street NW between Q Street NW and R Street NW; review of any previously identified traffic concerns in the corridor will be deferred until after completion of the full streetscape project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B and residents of the 19th Street NW corridor understand that there could be unforeseen issues that arise once the change has been implemented that may not be possible to address before the end of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B and residents will review conditions of the block to identify any obstacles or other concerns about the conversion plan before giving final consent to proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT assists with managing vehicular access in the alleys, such as designating specific times of day for trash collectors, clearly marking no-parking and fire lane access to avoid traffic fouling or conflicts during construction hours, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when it is determined that the conversion can proceed, consent will be issued by letter from ANC 2B without further review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents have indicated that they are amenable to the one-way southbound reconfiguration being implemented as early as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT examines the effects of the loss of on-street parking spaces during construction, identifies possible alternative locations for parking, and considers temporary resident-only parking to alleviate congestion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT advertises New Hampshire Avenue NW, 20th Street NW, and Massachusetts Avenue NW as official detour routes for Connecticut Avenue NW traffic heading to or from Dupont Circle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT works with navigation app providers (such as Waze, Google, Apple, Uber, Lyft, etc.) to declare 19th Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and Q Street NW as closed and unavailable for route plans.

Commissioners Vincent Slatt (2B03@anc.dc.gov) and Meg Roggensack (2B01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Roggensack
Chair