



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

November 10, 2023

Ms. Regina Arlotto  
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RE: Safe Routes to School Remedies for Ross Elementary School

Dear Ms. Arlotto,

At its regular meeting on November 8, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 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, Ross Elementary School is located at 1730 R Street NW, between 17th Street NW and New Hampshire Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, many young children walk or ride bicycles to and from the school in a walk shed and school zone that provides insufficient protection from drivers who are traveling too fast or are otherwise not obeying traffic control,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has been actively engaged for the last two ANC terms with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Ross Elementary School, and Councilmember Brooke Pinto to obtain safety improvements for those commuting to and from the school,

WHEREAS, in 2020 DDOT commissioned a study of the school area and proposed the Ross Elementary School Action Plan (RESAP) as part of DC’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which validated the previously identified safety concerns,

WHEREAS, implementation of the RESAP has been delayed due to the pandemic and other factors,

WHEREAS, a boy was struck by a speeding driver in a clearly marked crosswalk at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and S Street NW in 2021,

WHEREAS, a girl was struck in a clearly marked crosswalk at the intersection of 17th Street and R Street NW in September 2023 by a driver turning from R Street to 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, while it is very fortunate that the children who were hit were not seriously injured, great concern remains that it is only a matter of time before current conditions lead to a tragic outcome, and

WHEREAS, at ANC 2B's November 2023 Mobility Committee meeting, parents from Ross Elementary School met with members of DDOT's SRTS team to discuss the deficiencies and devise a number of safety improvements that can be implemented in a short time frame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Ross Elementary School Action Plan, the efforts of DDOT's Safe Routes to School team, and the parents of Ross Elementary School students seeking safer conditions for their children to commute to and from school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT's Safe Route to School team prioritizes implementation of the following safety improvements from the RESAP:

- Placing a flashing electronic "School Zone – Your Speed Is" device on the 1600 block of R Street NW,
- Improving placement and visibility of "School Zone – Speed Limit" and related signage on the 1600 and 1700 blocks of R Street NW,
- Relocating the "Speed Limit 30" sign from the 1700 block of R Street NW to beyond the school zone,
- Placing flexpost bulb outs at all four corners of the intersections of 17th Street and R Street NW and New Hampshire Avenue and R Street NW,
- Ensuring that there is always a crossing guard or traffic control officer at the intersection of 17th Street and R Street NW during school arrival and dismissal periods,
- Implementing traffic calming on the 1700 block of R Street NW, in particular through the installation of a raised crosswalk or speed table at or close to the school entrance,
- Considering making the school zone all times,
- Ensuring that other streets used by students such as S Street NW and Corcoran Street NW have signage and safety measures consistent with the R Street NW measures,
- Daylighting (removing parking spaces) at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and R Street NW, and
- Daylighting (removing parking spaces) at the intersection of 17th Street and R Street NW.

Commissioners Vincent Slatt ([2B03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B03@anc.dc.gov)), Jeffrey Rueckgauer ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)), and Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto: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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Meg Roggensack  
Chair