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Department of Transportation



d. Planning & Sustainability Division

March 21, 2022

Commissioner Corey Holman
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
926 14th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Via Email: 6B06@anc.dc.gov

NOI # 22-103-PSD

Re: Notification for the Installation of protected bikeways and peak-period, peak-direction bus-only lanes in the 200 through 1300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue SE

Dear Chair Holman,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to install one-way protected bikeways and peak-period, peak-direction bus-only lanes in the 200 through 1300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue SE. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

DDOT proposes to:

- Install one-way protected bikeways on the 200 through 1300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue SE
- Install peak-period, peak-direction bus-only lanes on the 200 through 1300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue SE
- Construct shared bus platforms in the 300, 500, 600, 700, 1100, and 1300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue SE
- Remove WMATA bus stops in both directions in the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue SE
- Relocate WMATA bus stops and corresponding Metrobus zones from the 100 block to the 300 block, the 700 block to the 600 block, the 800 block to the 700

block, the 1000 block to the 1100 block, and the 1200 block to the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue SE

- Reduce the speed limit from 30 to 25 miles per hour

The existing condition of Pennsylvania Avenue SE in this area is three travel lanes and curbside parking on both sides of the street. Adding protected bicycle lanes on this corridor will help people on bicycles stay safe while riding along the corridor and provide safe bicycle routes for those heading to and from the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Peak-period, peak-direction bus-only lanes will speed up bus service for riders by providing a dedicated lane for buses from 7:00 a.m. through 9:30 a.m. in the westbound, or inbound, direction and from 4:00 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. in the eastbound, or outbound, direction. Metered parking and loading will be available outside of these hours. The existing curb-to-curb width of Pennsylvania Avenue SE allows DDOT to add these protected bikeways and peak-period, peak-direction bus-only lanes while retaining most parking spaces in the off-peak hours, though an estimated 35 metered parking spaces along the corridor will be removed to accommodate right-turn lanes and clear zones at intersections.

This design will improve safety along the entire Pennsylvania Avenue SE corridor by reducing instances of speeding, shortening the effective crossing distance for pedestrians, providing physical and spatial separation between people on bicycles and general motor traffic on the corridor from 2nd Street to just past 13th Street SE, and providing a dedicated bus-only lane during peak travel hours in the peak direction.

DDOT anticipates the following benefits:

- Slower vehicular speeds and improved compliance with traffic control devices
- Comfortable bicycling facilities for people traveling in and through the corridor
- Faster, more reliable bus service for bus riders
- Improved safety due to reduction of existing conflicts
- Streamlined loading due to consolidation, enlarging, and addition of commercial loading zones
- Reduction in motor vehicle trips due to faster and safer alternatives

This segment is an important step in expanding the protected bicycle lane network, now also used by scooters and other personal mobility devices, as well as the transit priority network in the District of Columbia. Adding these facilities is an important part of DDOT's work to improve safety for all roadway users. The Pennsylvania Avenue SE corridor is a popular destination for cycling to and from businesses on the corridor and the nearby businesses and residences in Capitol Hill and will connect to painted bikeways on 4th Street, 6th Street, and 11th Street SE. Phase II of this project will continue the protected bikeways and bus-only lanes from 14th Street through Barney Circle SE in 2025 after completion of the Pennsylvania & Potomac Avenue SE project.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than May 3, 2022, thirty (30) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 250 M Street SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC, 20003 or via

email at greg.matlesky@dc.gov. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI>. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-497-5086.

Sincerely,



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Planning & Sustainability Division

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