

# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

## **RESOLUTION #4B-22-XXXX**

Requesting Completion of Bike Lanes on Kansas Avenue NW between Chillum Place NW and Blair Road NW

### Adopted February 28, 2022

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B takes note of the following:

- Kansas Avenue includes bike lanes on its length through ANC 4B, except approximately 1,000 feet between Chillum Place NW and Blair Road NW.
- This gap in the bike lanes forces individuals using bicycles on Kansas Avenue NW to suddenly merge into vehicle traffic on a four-lane road.
- Individuals using bicycles are considered vulnerable road users, and on Kansas Avenue, may include a significant number of children traveling to schools, parks, and recreation centers in the area.
- In 2019 and 2020, two individuals using bicycles were injured in crashes at this location, according to the Fatal and Injury Crashes Dashboard.
- The Metrorail Red Line and CSX tracks are a significant barrier to east-west travel in ANC 4B, particularly for individuals using bicycles.
- Due to the current gap in the bike lanes on Kansas Avenue NW, no existing bike facilities provide an east-west crossing for more than 3 miles between Piney Branch Road NW and Monroe Street NE.
- The Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT), Fort Totten to Takoma segment, is expected to complete construction in 2024 and will intersect with Kansas Avenue NW in this area, potentially increasing conflicts between bicycle and automobile users on Kansas Avenue NW if adequate bicycle facilities are not provided.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B previously has recommended closing this gap and "connecting the bike lanes on Kansas Avenue directly to the MBT;" see <u>Resolution 4B-20-0702</u>, ANC 4B Additional Recommendations on the Metropolitan Branch Trail (July 27, 2020).

• MoveDC, the District of Columbia's Long Range Transportation Plan, adopted in January 2022, includes plans to close the bike lane gap on Kansas Avenue between Chillum Place NW and Blair Road NW.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ➤ That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports the MoveDC plans to complete the bike lane on Kansas Avenue NW by closing the gap between Chillum Place NW and Blair Road NW.
- ➤ That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to expeditiously complete the bike lanes on Kansas Avenue NW, if possible in time for the expected opening of the Metropolitan Branch Trail, Fort Totten to Takoma segment, in 2024.
- ➤ That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the District Department of Transportation to also include installation of lighting improvements for the Kansas Avenue underpass of the Metrorail/CSX rail corridor, which would further enhance the comfort and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians that use this important east-west crossing.
- ➤ That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia to provide necessary funding and direction in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the District Department of Transportation to expeditiously complete the bike lanes on Kansas Avenue NW.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioners Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06 and Geoff Bromaghim, ANC 4B07 to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The

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actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of [NUMBER] members was present) on [DATE], 2022, by a vote of X yes, X no, X abstentions.

